

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1901.

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MILL OWNERS MAKE GAINS

Properties Grippled by Strikers of Amalgamated Men Are Again in Operation.

SKILLED LABOR IN PLENTY

At the Clark Mill More Men Offer to Work Than Can Be Accommodated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Aug. 19.—The United States Steel corporation made a series of gains today in the restoration of properties gripped by the strike of the Amalgamated association and its sympathizers.

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THE LOSS OF A GOLD SHIP

Steamer Islander Sailing From Skagway August 14 Strikes An Iceberg and Sinks.

67 PASSENGERS PERISH

It is Estimated That About \$275,000 in Gold Was Lost When the Vessel Went Down—A Wild Scramble for the Life Boats Results in the Drowning of Many Who Ought Otherwise Have Been Saved.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 19.—The steamer Islander has just arrived from the north bringing news of one of the most appalling marine disasters on the Pacific coast.

The steamer Islander, sailing from Skagway August 14, when nearing the southwest end of Douglas island at 2 a. m. August 15, and running at full speed, struck a floating iceberg and in less than twenty minutes went to the bottom of the deep channel, carrying men, women and children to watery graves.

The Islander had 103 passengers and all were in bed when the vessel struck. The shock was so severe that many were thrown from their berths and the wildest excitement prevailed.

Word was soon passed that the vessel was doomed, and a general scramble for the life boats ensued, many jumping overboard and attempting to swim to the shore, the distance being short.

In the scramble to get into the boats many were hurled headlong into the chilly water, which, according to passengers arriving from the scene seemed alive with human beings.

Before all the passengers had left the vessel she gave a lurch and went down, bow first.

It is known that sixty-seven lives were lost. It will be some time before their names can be definitely learned, as the pursuer lost his passenger list.

The Gold Lost. About \$275,000 in gold was in the lost steamer; \$100,000 of it was carried by passengers.

M. M. Brumbauer, of Portland, Ore., had \$14,000 in gold dust in his satchel, but promptly abandoned it, tumbled into the water and was rescued.

D. H. Hart, of Klondike, had \$40,000 in gold dust, which he abandoned when he jumped into the last boat and reached shore safely.

M. M. Manlin, of Winnipeg, dropped his satchel containing \$4,000. A friend of his left \$3,000 behind.

Another Klondiker, whose name is not given, is reported to have taken his portmanteau, containing \$9,000 in gold dust from the pursuer and jumped from the sinking steamer to a boat, which he failed to reach.

Some of the survivors say that Captain Foote reached a raft, but when he saw the extent of the disaster he jumped overboard.

The Islander was the flagship of the Canadian Pacific Navigation company's fleet. When she struck the iceberg early last Thursday morning and sank off Douglas Island, Alaska, she was on her way south with the largest number of passengers that she had carried this season.

Most passengers were asleep when the collision occurred. The force of the impact with the large iceberg was so great that the cabin doors were jammed and the inmates locked in.

To add to the horror of the disaster, the vessel's boilers exploded as she went down. That caused the death of many of those who were struggling in the water.

The Islander left Skagway in the evening of Wednesday last. It was in making her way out of Lynn Canal that she met her fate. Some of the survivors arrived here last evening by the steamer which passed over the scene of the disaster on the following evening, and picked them up at Juneau, to which city they had been taken.

BATHER'S COSTUME TOO AIRY

Narragansett Vetoes Pink Tights and White Brilliantine.

FATAL FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA

Several Firemen Are Burned to Death In An Explosion of Benzine.

BODIES BADLY SCARRED

While the Firemen Were Endeavoring to Check a Blaze at the Atlantic Oil Refinery Three or Four Are Known to Have Been Killed and Many Others Are Injured—Their Bodies Horribly Burned—The Conflagration Still Raging.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—During a severe electric storm today, lightning struck a benzine tank at the Atlantic Oil Refining company's works at Point Breeze in the southeastern section of the city.

Four oil tanks were ignited by the blaze from the benzine tank and the five were destroyed with their contents, 62,000 barrels of oil and 15,000 barrels of benzine.

The loss on the oil is estimated at \$100,000, but the loss to the company through lack of storage facilities and the expense of rebuilding the tanks, will, it is estimated, amount to about \$150,000.

The fire at a late hour tonight is still burning and as there are numerous other tanks in the vicinity it is feared they may become prey to the flames.

While a large force of firemen were endeavoring to check the fire, about 12:30 o'clock this morning, an immense tank of benzine suddenly exploded.

Many firemen were in close proximity to the tank and fell victims to the blazing oil and flying pieces of iron.

Three or four were killed and many were badly burned before they could be rescued by their more fortunate companions.

A general call was telegraphed for ambulances and patrol wagons and the injured were hurried to the hospitals in the lower end of the city.

At this writing the names of the dead firemen cannot be learned. They were horribly burned and their bodies badly mutilated.

The bodies were hardly recognizable when brought to the morgue at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Some of the injuries will die.

Ten or twelve tanks of benzine and petroleum have already been destroyed and the fire has not yet been checked.

The fire, it is thought, will not burn itself out for several days. The loss will, it is estimated, reach probably a half million dollars.

Caused by Lightning. The fire began about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a benzine tank was struck by lightning during a severe electrical storm.

In spite of the vigorous efforts of the firemen the flames spread to another benzine tank, which exploded, and as a result the oil had to be left in the big tanks to burn. A general alarm was transmitted and engines were called from every section of the city.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 19.—At this afternoon's session of the board of return judges of Saturday's Republican county primary for congressman, the Brecht faction objected to the vote of twenty-six districts on the ground that more votes were returned from those districts than McKinley received for president, which under the rules of the Republican party is prima facie evidence of fraud and must be investigated.

THE GUARDSMEN ARE THREATENED

Anonymous Letters Have Been Received by Regimental Commanders of the Second Brigade.

TROUBLE AT LANCASTER

Evidence of Fraud Discovered in Primary Election Returns.

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The board sustained the objection in fifteen districts, thirteen from the city, the third ward, Manheim and Conoy. Comparison shows that the vote at this primary exceeds that of the general election last November by 357 votes.

The objection of the districts objected to will be investigated at a meeting of the committee on contest next Friday. The official result of the primary is: Cassel, 9,569; Casel majority, 922. This return will not be approved until the contest committee reports on the objections.

CRESCENT WORKS OPERATING. Strikers Keep Pickets About Mills, But Allow No Disorder.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, Aug. 19.—According to the statement of District Manager Barfield, of the American Fur company, satisfactory progress is being made toward resuming full operations at the Crescent works in this city.

Telephone Combine. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoona, Pa., Aug. 19.—The Crescent Telephone company has purchased the stock and franchises of the Northern Cambria Telephone company, operating in the same county.

Rebels at Emperor. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Colon, Cuba, Aug. 19.—A force of rebels appeared at Emperor Sunday night. The station happened to be without a garrison at the time and so they looted the Chinese stores. The rebels are avoiding the garrisoned stations.

Yacht Race Called Off. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Aug. 19.—The yacht race between the Constitution and Columbia was called off on account of the thick weather. There will be no more races at Larchmont and the next race of the Constitution and Columbia will be at Great Bay, L. I., next Thursday, under the auspices of the Senanisha Yacht club.

Mosquito Investigator Dies. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Havana, Aug. 19.—The second man who was bitten by infected mosquito that had been sent here for experiments by Dr. Caldas, the Brazilian expert, died of yellow fever today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: UNSETTLED AND THREATENING

EXCITING EVENTS AT GRAND CIRCUIT

Country Jay, the Kentucky Gelding, Wins Blue Hill Stake of \$5,000. Other Races Pretty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Roadville, Mass., Aug. 19.—The grand circuit flyers gave an auspicious opening today at the annual meet under the patronage of the New England Trotting Horse Breeders' association.

The 233 pace was taken handsly by Junero, the black mare from Albany, who badly defeated the favorites.

A drizzly rain prevented the finishing of the 235 class trot. Four heats were held, however, with two for Alberta D., who held high place in the pool from the first, with Easter second and the field against both of them.

The Summaries. 233 pace, two in three, purse, \$1,000: Junero, Albert (Baltimore), by Alyson (McDonald) 1 1 1.

Q. H. Moody (G. Paige) 2 3 3. Bell Cannon (Bugs) 3 2 2. Ira Lee (Hudson) 4 2 2.

Special Hot (Seeling) 7 4 4. Beauty Spot (Shockey) 5 4 4. Belle T. M. (Paige) 6 4 4.

Cubs (Fryman) 6 4 4. Time—2:04, 2:05. 235 class, trot, three in five, purse, \$5,000: Country Jay, Jay Hawk, designer of Parkville (Macy) 1 1 1.

Point Dexter (Gatcomb) 2 2 2. Roy (Lockwood) 3 2 2. Ira Lee (Hudson) 4 2 2.

George Smith (Weigle) 4 2 4. Sonora (Shank) 4 2 4. Belle T. M. (Paige) 5 2 4.

Miss McDonald (Shelton) 7 2 4. The King (Mason) 8 2 4. Time—2:14, 2:15. 236 class, pace, two in three, purse, \$5,000: Shorty, Scotts-Michigan, Belle, by Purdie (Reynolds) 1 1 1.

Ellie (Garth) 2 2 2. The Judge (McDonald) 3 2 2. Agnes (E. May) 4 2 2.

Midget (Byrant) 4 2 2. Time—2:12, 2:13. 235 class, trot, three in five, purse, \$5,000: Albert D., Shenango-Holliman, by Colonel Merrill (McHenry) 4 1 1.

Ringer, Jr. (Garth) 4 1 1. Marjorie (Henny) 5 1 1. Easter (Golden) 6 1 1.

Laureta (Middleton) 2 2 2. Mabel, John Hooper, Captain Hall, Swann, Mills, Nantz, Business and Lovers also started. The last named four were discarded in the third heat.

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By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Pa., Aug. 19.—Reports from sections of York county, south and west, indicate that the storm today was very severe. Railroad washouts, broken dams, bridges moved and other damage are reported from all quarters.

Northern Central railroad traffic suffered most by reason of flooded tracks and washed bridges near Paction and Glen Rock. Not a train has got through since before noon. At Glen Rock a number of houses and factories were damaged by water.

VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA WAR

In Case of Serious Trouble the United States Must Protect the Isthmus.

DUTY CANNOT BE SHIRKED

It Seems to the Department That the Sovereignty of Colombia and the Rights of Americans Must Be Guarded—South American Revolutionists Not Particular Whose Property They Seize.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 19.—In the absence of definite advice the state department continues to hope that there will be no open hostilities between Colombia and Venezuela. Such a condition would complicate the situation; but, in any event, the duty of the United States government to protect the isthmus and the sovereignty of Colombia seems clear to the department.

South American revolutionists are not particular whose property they seize. The local governments are always ready to deny responsibility for revolutionary acts. The state department has ample evidence of that in its own experience. Guzman Blanco, while at the head of a revolution in Venezuela some years ago, seized several American vessels and used them in his attacks.

When he became president of Venezuela by such methods and the claims for damages were presented, he replied calmly that the ships were seized by a rebel against the Venezuelan government, and the government could not be held responsible for his acts.

It made no difference that the rebel who seized the ships and the president who denied the responsibility of the government for the seizure were one and the same individual.

The department has another claim against Ecuador which is similar. The Remington company sold arms to President Alfaro when he was at the head of a revolution. By the use of those arms Alfaro was successful and made himself president. He never paid the bill. When it was presented to him as president he replied that a government could not pay the bills of a revolutionist, he admitted that he individually was responsible for the debt and the company could collect it if possible, but as president of Ecuador he could not give any recognition of the claim.

To Protect Property. In dealing with such governments the best way is to protect property and the United States, with treaty obligations as well as immense property interests at stake, will take precautions. Not will it stand on technicalities in fulfilling its obligations. The navy will protect not only the property interests of Americans in the Isthmus of Panama, but will protect the isthmus itself. Whether or not war is declared between Venezuela and Colombia, there is little doubt that President Castro, of Venezuela, is giving support to Gen. Uribe, the leader of the Colombian revolution, and that their common purpose is to gain control of the isthmus and the Panama railroad and the canal.

The state department does not expect any embarrasment from England, Germany or France, notwithstanding the hostile tone of the European press. The United States is clearly within its international rights in all it has done or proposes to do in Panama. It is expected that she will have a treaty that has stood for more than fifty years without objection from the European powers.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—The battleship Iowa has taken on coal and ammunition today and will sail today direct for Panama. The Ranger is en route to that port, but on account of her slowness she will not reach Panama until after the Iowa arrives there.

NEGRO LYNCHED

A Mob Batters Down the Door and Takes Out Prisoner. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pine City, Wis., Aug. 18.—Will Bradley, a negro, was lynched by the mob composed of armed citizens shortly after dark tonight for the murder of Miss Carrie Wild, whose dead body was found today in the woods near here. The mob went to the jail, battered down the door and threw ropes around the necks of Gofley and Jean Carter, another suspect. Gofley was hanged in front of the Lawrence hotel and his body riddled with bullets. Carter's guilt was not clearly established and he was taken back to jail.

Prize Winner Dead

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—Little Wonder, the celebrated harness team owned by A. J. Cassatt and backed by him in 1885, is dead from peritonitis. Little Wonder was the best hackney stallion imported to this country, since coming here he had been exhibited at all the principal horse shows, winning many prizes. Many of his get were also prize winners.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Local data for August 19, 1901: Highest temperature 77 degrees. Lowest temperature 59 degrees. Relative humidity 80 per cent. S. W. wind, 5 to 10 m. per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., trace.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Aug. 19.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled and threatening weather Tuesday and probably Wednesday, with occasional showers; light to east winds.