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IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE

Half a Million Aliens Arrive in the United States from Foreign Lands Yearly.

ITALY SENDS LARGE ARMY

Annual Report of Commissioner General Powderly—He Would Have Congress Regulate the Distribution of Immigrants—A Better Character of Citizens Came Last Year—Over Three Thousand Refused Landing.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The annual report of Commissioner General Powderly, of the immigration bureau, shows the total steerage arrivals in the United States during the year to have been 487,918, an increase over the preceding year of 39,346, or, approximately, nine per cent. Of this increase, 2,020 came through Canadian ports and the rest through ports of this country. There were also 74,959 alien passengers who came in the cabin, making a total for the year of 562,868.

The ratio of increase of Italian immigration, as compared with last year, is, approximately, thirty-six per cent., or more than threefold the ratio of increase from all Europe, and the increase numerically from all other countries of Europe aggregate scarcely one-fourth of that from Italy.

Steerage immigration was distributed as to sex between 331,055 men and 156,863 women; as to age, between 62,562 under fourteen years, 396,516 from fourteen to forty-five, and 28,840 of forty-five and older. It is shown that 117,587 were unable to read or write and 3,058 could read but not write. Of the whole, 29,860 brought each less than $30, and 56,312 had more than $30 each.

Better Character of Immigrants.

Three hundred and sixty-three were returned to their respective countries, having become public charges within one year after landing. The number refused a landing was 3,516 against 4,246 for last year.

The character of immigration was decidedly superior to that of last year, the rejections being 730 less, although the arrivals were 39,346 more.

The principal countries from which the steerage arrivals for the year came were: Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, 135,496; Austria-Hungary, 113,390; Russian empire and Finland, 85,257; Ireland, 30,561; Sweden, 23,331; German empire, 21,851; Norway, 12,248; England, 12,214.

The larger number of immigrants were destined to Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The bureau reiterates the views expressed in its last annual report as to the necessity of amending the laws in relation to the punishment of persons who induce aliens to come to the United States to engage in labor or service of any kind.

To Distribute Aliens.

"It seems indispensable," says the commissioner, "to remove as far as possible those conditions which conflict with the incorporation of the alien element into the social system of the country, so that by actual experience the former may learn as soon as possible that the basis and foundation of the American polity is a respect and affection for and a willing obedience to the laws and customs of the land, because the maintenance of those laws is the best safeguard of individual liberty.

"It is therefore recommended that congress enact suitable legislation, either with or, if necessary, without the co-operation of the states, for the purpose of distributing the alien population with some reference to the industrial law of supply and demand."

WALKED INTO HIS OWN TRAP.

Man Who Fixed Gun to Shoot Thieves Is Badly Hurt.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sharon, Pa., November 17.—Walking into a trap he had prepared for others, Abel T. Baker, of Winnington township, was perhaps fatally injured. Thieves have repeatedly raided his chicken coops, and in order to shoot one of them he placed a shotgun in such a position that the opening of the chicken coop door would discharge it. Baker forgot about the contrivance and opened the door last night. It worked according to his plan and he received the contents of the gun in the abdomen.

KISSED HIS RESCUERS' HANDS.

Man Entombed in Mine Is Taken Out Alive.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Girardville, Pa., Nov. 17.—Late last night a rescuing party reached Stephen Casper, who was entombed in Packer No. 5 colliery by a fall of rock yesterday morning. The prisoner was still alive, but was badly frightened by his terrible experience.

After dragging himself through the small opening made by the party, he kissed the hands of the men who saved his life.

Looking for a Dynamiter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

York, Pa., Nov. 17.—The detectives are making a vigorous search for the persons who attempted to blow up with dynamite, Friday night, the western express train on the Northern Central railroad. As yet no arrests have been made, but it is understood developments can be expected in a very few days.

Bonner Signs with Cleveland.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, Nov. 17.—Manager Armour, of the Cleveland American league team, has signed Bonner, of the Montreal team of the Eastern league to play second base for the Clevelands for the season of 1902. Bonner will replace Beck.

THE COLOMBIAN WAR.

General Carlos Alban Has Resolved to Lead Attacking Force.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 17.—The Colombian gunboat General Pinzon arrived here today from Savanilla with 300 troops.

In view of the unchanged conditions on the isthmus this evidence of the government's policy to reinforce its forces here gives credence to the presumption that General Carlos Alban, military commander of this district, has finally resolved to lead a strong attacking force against the insurgents within his jurisdiction and attempt to terminate the present wearisome deadlock between the Colombian rebels and their government.

The commander and officers of the United States steamship Iowa were tendered a ball last night at Panama by the Colombia officials and elite society of that place.

MARSHALS KILLED BY MOONSHINERS

Two Men Who Attempted to Arrest Will Mathis Are Found Dead in a Burned House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Oxford, Miss., Nov. 17.—John R. Montgomery, deputy United States marshal pro tem, a respected citizen of Oxford, and deputy United States marshal Hugh Montgomery, of Pontotoc, left here yesterday for the purpose of arresting Will Mathis, an alleged counterfeiter and moonshiner, who lives twelve miles east of this place. Early this morning Montgomery's horse was found standing at the gate of Curdy Hall, a neighbor of Mathis, and Mathis' house burned to the ground. Upon further investigation, two partially burned bodies were found in the ashes of the burned building, which have been identified as the remains of the deputy marshal's. John R. Montgomery's horse has not been found, and it is supposed that Mathis made his escape on him after the men had been killed and the house set on fire. Mathis' wife was at her father's a few miles from her burned home, and she says her husband left home yesterday, and that he was leaving the country.

Mathis was indicted last summer for making and passing counterfeit money and was out on a $2,000 bond. The principal witness against him was a negro living in the same neighborhood, and a month ago he was assassinated. The two Montgomerys went out to arrest Mathis for making illicit whiskey, and it is supposed that they were prevailed upon to remain for the night and were shot while guarding their prisoner.

A posse of thirty or forty of the leading men of Oxford went out to the scene of the murder today and every effort will be made to capture Mathis.

CHAFFEE COMMUTES BEPOSERI'S SENTENCE

The Filipino Cutthroat Will Pay Twenty Years in Prison.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Nov. 17.—The Filipino priest Beposeri has been sentenced by court martial to the penalty of death for the murder of certain of his countrymen who favored the Americans. Out of respect, however, to the condemned man's calling and the great religious body to which he belonged and most unworthily represented, General Chaffee has commuted his sentence to 20 years imprisonment. General Chaffee desires it to be understand that the leniency exercised in the case cannot be taken as a precedent and that no person in the islands can be permitted to plead his office, however sacred and exalted this may be as protection against crimes committed.

The municipal authorities have decided to enlarge the city of Manila and to incorporate within its limits the suburb of Santa Ana.

HONORING LI'S MEMORY.

Empress Dowager Issues Edict, Conferring Titles Upon Descendants.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, Nov. 17.—The empress dowager has issued another edict, eulogizing the late Li Hung Chang and ordering the erection of a memorial arch near his birthplace.

The edict also directs that the rank of marquis, conferred upon the eldest son of the late Chinese statesman in his own right, shall descend through twenty-three generations. It confers high rank upon the other sons of Earl Li, upon whom the posthumous rank of marquis has been bestowed, and confers dignities upon his grandsons, together with lucrative offices.

SCARED TO DEATH BY A HORSE

Animal Being Driven by a Woman Became Unmanageable.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hanover, Pa., Nov. 17.—While Mrs. Emanuel P. Mummert, aged 34 years, was driving along the Hanover and Littlestown pike yesterday, the horse became unmanageable.

In her efforts to control the animal she became so excited and scared that she died. A little daughter, who was with Mrs. Mummert, stopped the horse and then informed a nearby farmer that her mother was dead in the buggy.

DROWNED IN HIS BATHTUB.

Altoona Man Fell in Faint in Six Inches of Water.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 17.—While bathing, this morning, John M. Wilson was drowned in six inches of water. He fainted and fell face downward in the bathtub, where he strangled to death.

He screamed as he fell, but when his wife arrived he was dead.

CONSPIRACY AT DAWSON

Startling Story Published by Yesterday's San Francisco Call.

SCHEME FOR A REPUBLIC

Plan to Overthrow the Local Government of the Northwest and Make Dawson the Capital of a New Republic—Prominent Americans Said to Be at the Bottom of the Conspiracy—The British and American Officials Alarmed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The Call today prints an unconfirmed story from Skagway, Alaska, under date of Nov. 6, telling of the discovery of what is alleged to be a huge conspiracy existing in Dawson City and ramifying to Skagway, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle, for the overthrow of the local government of the Northwest territory, and for the establishment of a republic, with Dawson as its capital. According to the details of the story, arms, ammunition and provisions have been taken in over the railroad and cached at strategic points. Prominent American residents of Skagway are said to be leaders in the conspiracy. Miners to the number of 5,000 are said to await the summons to arms, ready to fight for the independence from Dominion rule of the gold fields, camps and towns. The plan is to overpower the mounted police, arrest the civil authorities and take the government into their own hands. The rigors of the arctic winters would give the insurgents six months immunity from attack by Canadian or British troops and the adventurous arch-conspirators hope for intervention or outside assistance by the time the melting of ice and snow will permit the invasion of their isolated republic.

Conference at Skagway.

It is further related that a hurried conference, lasting until midnight, was held at Skagway Nov. 5, at which were present Captain Corrigan, of the Northwest mounted police, who had arrived from across the Canadian border late that evening; Judge Brown, of the United States district court; United States Marshal Shoup, United States Attorney Frederick and Major Hovey, commanding the United States troops at Skagway, attended the meeting. This was the last of several hasty consultations between the civil and military representatives of the two powers in relation to the mysterious transportation of supplies into the interior and rumors of a conspiracy to lead the miners in a revolt against the Canadian government in the Northwest territory. Those present maintained subsequently the strictest silence concerning the new evidence laid before them and their evident anxiety helped to confirm the rumors of conspiracy.

Captain Corrigan took a train back across the border the next morning, while United States Marshal Shoup embarked on the first steamer for Seattle, which port he reached several days ago. The object of his visit was presumably to confer by telegraph with the authorities at Washington. He sailed yesterday afternoon on the Dolphin on his way back to Skagway.

POCAHONTAS DISASTER.

Two or Three Miners Still Unaccounted For—The Mine Still Burning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 17.—Up to this time no other dead bodies have been recovered from the Pocahontas mine disaster, but several may be added to the death list which now numbers nine, as there are two or three miners unaccounted for. The mine is still burning fiercely and for the past twenty-four hours very little has been accomplished in the way of searching the mine for those that are still missing. It was supposed last night that the fire would have been under control by this afternoon but it was found this morning that a large amount of pipe and hose was yet needed in order to reach the fire. This morning the wholesale hardware establishments of this place were called on for all the pipe and hose available and passenger trains were held here for the purpose of rushing the material to the scene of the disaster.

The mine officials are sparing neither effort nor expense in caring for the injured, burying the dead and extinguishing the flames. It is now hoped with the relief gangs from other mines, operations to get the fire under control by tomorrow afternoon though it is hardly probable that it will be entirely extinguished for possibly a week, as it is a drift mine and it will be impossible to flood it.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 17.—Arrived: La Bretagne, Havre; Patricia, Hamburg; Boulogne and Plymouth; Statendam, Rotterdam and Boulogne. Liverpool—Arrived: Umbria, New York via Queenstown. Gibraltar—Sailed: Lahn (from Genoa and Naples), New York. Queenstown—Sailed: Campania (from Liverpool), New York (detained by fog.)

South African Casualty List.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 18.—The South African casualty list shows that in the affair at Brakespruit, Nov. 13, which Lord Kitchener reported last Friday, fifty-eight yeomanry were captured by the Boers and afterward released.

OVERHAULING THE RECORDS.

Col. Charles Chaille-Long Prepares Documents for Sons of Revolution.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 17.—Colonel Charles Chaille-Long, of Baltimore, Md., who is known as an African explorer and who, upon the death of Moses P. Handy, became diplomatic representative of the special United States commissioner at the recent Paris exposition, returned home today on the steamship La Bretagne. After spending some days with friends at Philadelphia, he will go to Baltimore.

Colonel Chaille-Long has been abroad since 1897 and during the last year, under an appointment from General Horace Porter, American ambassador to France, he has been overhauling the musty record of the war and navy departments of that country for the purpose of preparing lists of the officers, soldiers and sailors of that nation who fought for the independence of the American colonies. The names of over 1,000 of these have been listed and the French government has promised to publish them in book form, with all the data regarding the battles in which the sea and land forces took part during the American Revolution.

General Porter is the president of the society of the Sons of the American Revolution in France and Colonel Chaille-Long was registrar to the commission, which was composed of Henry Merou, French consul at Chicago; Mr. McLean, deputy United States consul general at Paris, and Major Huntington, United states army, and the French war and navy department being deeply interested in the search, appointed soldiers and ship writers to assist the colonel and his associates in the search of the records.

MRS. GREENWOOD'S SERMON ON POLITICS

She Beholds the Hand of Providence in the Destiny of President Roosevelt.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 17.—Today the greatest religious feature of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was presented. Thirty-four members of the union occupied as many pulpits in different churches in this city, preaching in most instances morning and evening. The topics covered were the whole common ground of religious thought of the world. Doctrinal discourse was tabooed, Methodists occupied Presbyterian pulpits, Unitarians talked to a Methodist Episcopal church, South Congregation and Baptists and Congregationalists fraternized under the white banner of temperance. Some of the most prominent pulpit orators preached to appreciative and overflowing congregations.

Chief interest centered in the annual sermon preached in the Christian tabernacle by Elizabeth Greenwood, of New York, world and national evangelist superintendent.

The texts were 1st Corinthians, 1:17: "For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel;" Matthew 5-17: "I am not come to destroy but to fulfill."

The supreme thought in the discourse was preaching the gospel. She said that all history teaches wisdom of right doing and folly of wrong-doing. The speaker instanced Robespierre, Lord Jeffries, Louis Fourteenth and Czolgosz. Here is a notable quotation:

"Politicians strive to make Theodore Roosevelt vice-president that they may remove him as governor of New York and no longer be hindred in their wicked schemes and behold a most signal and disastrous reversal of their plans. Roosevelt, a man of destiny, becomes president, while his successor, Governor Odell, develops ability to rise above aims and standards of machine politics. History emphasizes the exactness of God's justice."

She pleaded for the objects of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and pledged its 300,000 membership to right living. This afternoon a grand Philippine rally was held at the opera house, which was overflowed. The question of evangelizing the islands was discussed from the light of the personal relation of one who had been there and pledges were secured to maintain a missionary for a year.

BABY MINE DISASTER.

Excursion Trains Carrying More Than 2,000 People to the Coal Field of Pocahontas.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pocahontas, Va., Nov. 17.—Excursion trains carried more than 2,000 people from the coal fields of Pocahontas, Flat Top and Elkins, to the scene of the Baby mine disaster today, and all day long the grounds about the entrance to the mine shaft were a mass of humanity. The fire in the mine has been extinguished and three lines of hose were withdrawn today. In some of the lower places in the mine water stands two feet deep. No bodies have been recovered since yesterday, but the work will continue as long as there is hope of recovering any of the unfortunates. Many of the miners familiar with those employed there still assert that at least eight bodies are yet within the mine. The fallen slate, with various intervals throughout the long shaft, is being removed, but the work is necessarily slow.

The three bodies taken out yesterday were badly burned, but they were supposed to be Hungarians and were interred this afternoon.

Money for relief is being raised by popular subscription. The state mine inspector is on the scene, but as yet has given out no statement regarding the supposed cause of the disaster.

Spain Prohibits Silver.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Madrid, Nov. 17.—The Spanish senate has passed a bill prohibiting silver coinage.

IGLESIAS TO BE RELEASED

Friends of the Porto Rico Labor Agitator Will Furnish Bail.

GOMPERS RESPONSIBLE

He Will Not Stand for Anything Unlawfully Done by Mr. Iglesias, but Believes That the Charge Upon Which the Agitator Was Arrested Was Without Foundation—He Believes That Iglesias Was Not Responsible for the Rioting That Followed His Efforts to Benefit Labor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The release of Santiago Iglesias, the agent of the American Federation of Labor, who on arriving, about a week ago, at San Juan, Porto Rico, to organize the workingmen of the island into trades unions, was arrested on a charge of conspiracy, probably will be effected tomorrow. A cablegram was sent this afternoon giving the following authority to furnish bail:

Washington, Nov. 17.

Sidney McKee, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Request you furnish bail five hundred dollars for the release of Iglesias pending his trial. The Federation and myself will be responsible.

Samuel Gompers.

Another cablegram, sent direct to Iglesias in jail, announced this action and requested him to cable directly a report as to the real cause of his arrest. Mr. Iglesias has not yet cabled a word direct to the federation since his arrest. The dispatches sent from here today follow information received through the Associated Press and other sources that Iglesias is still in jail; that through intervention of influential friends the bail had been reduced from $2,000 to $500, and that McKee stood ready to furnish the bail if the organization requested it, and would be responsible. Mr. Gompers also received private word that as the incident had become a public question it was deemed inadvisable for any one on his own account in Porto Rico to furnish the bail.

The executive council of the federation, which Mr. Gompers did not have time to consult in advance, doubtless will approve his action. Otherwise, he himself will have to stand for the amount. Mr. Gompers said today:

"Neither the federation nor myself will stand for anything unlawfully done by any one, but Mr. Iglesias was arrested upon a charge which can be easily proven to be without any foundation in fact. He was engaged in protecting the workingmen of Porto Rico from being paid in greatly depreciated money, it being tantamount to a 25 per cent. reduction in their wages. A man was killed and many hurt in a scuffle at the time of the strike, but that Mr. Iglesias was not even remotely connected with this I am perfectly satisfied, and he will no doubt be able to demonstrate this at the trial. For this reason bail will be furnished."

AUTOMOBILE GOES MILE IN 51 4-5 SECS.

Henri Fournier Drives His Racer at the Rate of 70 Miles an Hour. Smashes All Records.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

New York, Nov. 17.—Henri Fournier yesterday traveled a mile faster than the same distance was ever before traveled by man on any vehicle not running on tracks. The French demon cut fourteen and three-fifths seconds off the world's record as it stood yesterday morning, making the mile in 51 4-5s seconds with his gasolene motor.

Before he made that mark the record had been three times cut, once by himself, once by Albert C. Bostwick and once by Foxhall P. Keene. Fournier drove his machine at a rate that would have carried it little less than seventy miles an hour.

In the electric and steam classes all previous records were also put out of service. A. L. Riker drove his electric racing machine a mile in 1 minute and 3 seconds. S. T. Davis, with his steam locomobile, cut the record for that class from 1m. 39s. to 1m. 15s.

All the contests were run under the supervision of the Long Island Automobile club, and, though accidents interfered to delay the sport, the races were the most successful ever held in any country. Along the course—the most perfect racing course open to events of the kind—hundreds of horseless vehicles were gathered. In the parade were one hundred and ten carriages of various sorts. Entered for the races were the greatest number of fine vehicles ever put into a contest at one time.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 18.—Baron Hood, of Avalon, admiral on the retired list, is dead. He was born July 14, 1824.

New York, Nov. 17.—Dr. Albert L. Gihon, about 70 years of age, a former medical director of the United States navy, who came to this city from the south three weeks ago to meet his wife, who has been in Europe, and who is expected back next Tuesday, died in Roosevelt hospital today. Dr. Gihon suffered a stroke of apoplexy last Thursday at his hotel. He never regained consciousness after he was stricken. He was a native of Philadelphia.

Norwegian Steamer Lost.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—It is reported here tonight that the Norwegian steamer Ella has been lost off the New Foundland coast, with all hands.

BURIED UNDER MOLTEN SLAG.

One Man Dead and Two Seriously Burned at Homestead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Homestead, Pa., Nov. 17.—One man dead and two seriously burned is the result of a party of workmen being buried under a mass of molten slag at the Howard Axle works today.

The dead: John Ruska, aged 50 years, Homestead; leaves wife and four children.

The injured: Andrew Hulsi, aged 33 years, Homestead, compound fracture of the right leg, body badly burned and bruised; George Siski, aged 50 years, Homestead, a contused foot and bad scalp wounds, also severe burns all over the body.

The accident occurred on the cinder dump back of the company's plant. The victims were engaged in collecting scrap, when a party of workmen at the top of the dump, about twenty feet above, dumped their car over the edge, not knowing that the men were directly beneath them. The car contained about eight tons of slag, a great part of which was red hot and much of it in a molten state. Before he could reach the unfortunates, Ruska was dead and Hulsi so badly burned that he can hardly recover.

NO PROGRESS IN MISS STONE'S CASE

The Brigands Have Not Replied to the Latest Proposals of Mr. Dickinson—Danger of Delay.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sofia, Nov. 17.—The brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary and Mme. Tsilka, her companion, have not yet replied to the latest proposals of Mr. Dickinson, diplomatic agent of the United States in Sofia. This is believed to be due to the fact that the band has many leaders and that the latter are unable to agree among themselves.

There is a general impression here that time is being frittered away while waiting for the brigands to reduce their demands. It is felt that the only means by which matters can be brought to a head is to inform them as to the sum available for ransom to declare that this cannot be increased for any consideration whatever. Such an ultimatum might endanger the life of Miss Stone, but it is more probable that the brigands will accept this condition.

Besides every day's delay imperils her life, not so much on the score of the brigands themselves but by reason of the exposure and strain she is undergoing.

TURF OUTLAW REINSTATED

William Brannon Is Pardoned for "Ringing" of a Noted Horse Under an Assumed Name.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—William Brannon, who for nearly a decade has suffered ostracism from the American turf, has been reinstated at Latonia.

The offense which made Brannon a turf outlaw was the alleged "ringing" of the noted horse Tanner, under the name of Polk Badget, at Latonia, on which he won something like $30,000. Brannon trained the horse on the pike outside of Latonia and nobody knew anything about him until after the coup had been made. Polk Badget opened at 40 to 1 and was backed down to 8 to 5. Jockey Keith had the mount and tried to make a close finish but the horse got his head and finished away out in front.

Brannon never claimed the purse. The horse was taken to a stable in this city and that night he was hidden behind some freight in a baggage car, painted to prevent recognition by the officials and was shipped direct to Jersey City. The trail grew so hot that he had scarcely reached the stable there when he was taken out and shipped to Hopkinsville, Tenn. The horse is dead, also the jockey who rode him. Judge Perkins said he thought Brannon had suffered punishment enough and gave him reinstatement in the nature of a pardon.

LONDON AGAIN IN FOG.

Many Accidents and Fatalities Are the Result.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 17.—Saturday's fog, which was general throughout the United Kingdom, was responsible for many accidents and fatalities. The driver of a London omnibus was found dead on his box while the vehicle was still running. He was a victim of cold and fog.

Several collisions occurred in the Mersey. The Dominion liner Roman, Captain Ingraham, from Portland, Nov. 2, ran down and sank the British steamer Sapphire, Captain Luke, of the Dundee Gem line. There was no loss of life.

A Norwegian brigantine has been seen drifting helpless off Hull and it is feared that several have been drowned.

General Wood Visits Jamaica.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Santiago De Cuba, Nov. 17.—Governor General Wood and his party returned tonight from Jamaica on the government yacht Kanawha. While at Kingston the governor general was received with much honor by the governor of Jamaica, Sir August Hemming, and the military officers, and he remained a day longer than he had originally intended in consequence of the brilliant social functions. Tomorrow night General Wood will probably go to Guantanamo to inspect the troops.

Fake Small Pox Story.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washburne, Wis., Nov. 17.—State Senator O'Neil today emphatically denied the published report emanating from Ashland, that he had ordered all logging operations suspended on the Bad river Indian reservation, because of the prevalence of smallpox. He said there is not the slightest foundation for the story.

LARGE AMOUNTS ARE FORGED

O. B. Wheeler, Jr., Is Arrested on Charge of Floating Bogus Paper.

CONTAINED NAMES OF CHICAGO CAPITALISTS

The Accused, When Taken Before a Police Judge, Shows Signs of Illness and Appears to Be Suffering from the Excessive Use of Some Drug—The Notes Passed Amounted to $103,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 17.—O. B. Wheeler, jr., who was arrested yesterday on charges of forging the names of Chicago business men to notes aggregating $103,000, was arraigned in police court today. An attorney who appeared for him told the magistrate that his client was, in his opinion, suffering from the excessive use of some drug and that he was now mentally unbalanced.

Wheeler had the air of a prosperous business man. He is small of stature, quite bald and wears a beard. While waiting to be arraigned, he walked nervously about the court room. His hands and head shook perceptibly, and when before the bar he had to hold on to the railing to steady himself. The attorney called the attention of the court to Wheeler's condition and requested that he be sent to Bellevue hospital, where he could be under the care of his private physician. He further said that for a month past Wheeler had been constantly attended by a private nurse, who knew much about the alleged attempts on his part to raise money on the notes. Magistrate Cornell said that he felt sorry for the prisoner and thought he was in need of medical care, and on the statement of the detective that he could be attended to by his doctor at police headquarters, he sent him back there.

Sergeant Price said that the Chicago police had been communicated with and that Mr. Purington was now on his way east and would be on hand at the court on Tuesday to tell what he knows of the case. Dr. Ward will also be on hand, according to counsel, and state to the court that, in his opinion, Wheeler is mentally unbalanced and not responsible for his actions.

The Fraud Discovered.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—When the alleged forged notes signed by Potter Palmer, P. V. Purington, and other Chicago capitalists, in connection with which the New York police have arrested a man named Wheeler, the following is learned:

The Purington paper was offered to a local capitalist before a bank had agreed to buy it. This capitalist knew Mr. Purington well and chanced to meet him on the street a few hours after talking with the brokers.

"I have been offered some of your personal paper and some issued by your brick company," the capitalist remarked.

"What do you mean?" Mr. Purington asked.

The capitalist explained. "I have no notes out, and neither has the company," said Mr. Purington. "In fact, we have $40,000 in the bank drawing 2½ per cent. interest, and we would not be so foolish as to put out paper calling for 5 per cent." Mr. Purington went at once to the brokers and there learned of the $125,000 in notes offered for sale through the New York house. He at once denounced the notes as forgeries. One of the members of the Chicago brokerage firm, which was planning to handle the paper, said that he did not believe there was any such man as Duffy.

STORM OFF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Terrible Gale Carries Destruction in Its Track.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—The terrible gale which has been raging on the Newfoundland coast during the past three days has carried death and destruction in its track. Shipping has suffered severely as a result of the storm, and many lives have been lost.

A private dispatch, which reached Louisburg, C. B., tonight, states that the Norwegian steamer Ella, under charter to the Black Diamond Line company, had been lost on the Newfoundland coast, in the vicinity of Belle Isle, with all hands. The steamer left Montreal on Friday with a general cargo for St. Johns, N. F. The Ella carried a crew of about twenty men.

Death of a Somnambulist.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lewistown, Pa., Nov. 17.—The body of Miss Emma Heister, aged 45 years, clad only in her night dress, was found this morning along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near her home at Hyde. Miss Heister was subject to walking in her sleep, and it is believed that she wandered from her home while in a somnambulistic state and was struck by a train.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Nov. 17, 1901:

Highest temperature ..... 36 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 34 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 59 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 64 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Monday and Tuesday; light to fresh winds, mostly northerly.