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DEAD IN ICE BLOCKS

Larchmont Went Down With Nearly Two Hundred.

CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF DESERTION.

Survivors Tell of Horrors Almost Beyond Belief—New York Runaway Boy Says McVey Left Passengers to Perish.

BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Feb. 14.—Just how many persons lost their lives in the sinking in Block Island sound of the Joy line steamer Larchmont through a collision with the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton may never be accurately known.

Nearly fifty bodies have been washed ashore on the same beach where the survivors had landed, but the list of passengers on the boat was lost, and the company has only the hazy recollection of its purser, whose mind showed plainly the effects of the awful experience through which he passed. That any one should have been able to have gone through these terrible hours when the temperature was



CAPTAIN GEORGE W. McVEY.

at zero and a northwest gale was hurling frozen spray into the little boats was perhaps one of the most surprising features of the disaster.

In the boat morgues lay fifty bodies covered with ice from head to foot. Although these victims were dead, their bodies told a silent story of the disaster. In death they looked as they must have looked as they stood on the deck of the wind swept and sinking steamer. Hands were frozen to ears as though in death the victim was attempting to protect them from a piercing wind.

One man's hands were plunged deep into his pockets. Another man died with his arms upraised and frozen above his head. To remove this covering of ice the life-savers worked slowly and patiently, always with the hope that anxious relatives would have no difficulty in identifying their loved ones.

In the sleeping rooms the delirious, the restless and the pain racked survivors were given every attention. A statement made by Fred Hergesell, an eighteen-year-old New York boy, contained the first direct charges against Captain McVey and his crew. Hergesell asserts that Captain McVey's boat was the first one which left the sinking steamer.

He said that he saw many women on the hurricane deck rushing about helplessly and begging for life preservers. Many of these women pleaded with the panic stricken passengers and crew to direct them to the life-boats, but their prayers were unheeded.

The Larchmont left Providence well laden with freight and a crew estimated at about fifty and a passenger list which even the officials of the company, by the most careful calculation, was unable to place accurately, the figures ranging from seventy-five to 200. Cities and towns in southern New England have already contributed a list of missing inhabitants thought to have been on the steamer that totals nearly seventy, and it is believed that later reports will bring material additions to the list. A conservative estimate therefore of the number who lost their lives is placed at 150.

The following is a list of the known dead:

Steward James B. Harrison, Brooklyn; First Assistant Engineer Jasper Hest, Albany, N. Y.; Second Assistant Engineer Logan, Providence; Watchman Jacob Zadurus, Paterson, N. J.; Walter George Smith, Providence; J. H. Eckles, passenger, Block Island; Erik Nelson Elm street, Providence; — Hall, colored waiter, residence unknown; Moses Fountain, colored waiter, residence unknown; Harry Apple, farmer, Block Island; — Puffer, wearing badge 925 of Protective Otisability Insurance company, either of Block Island or Providence.

The survivors number only two women, Mrs. Harris Feldman of New York and Miss Sadie Gallup of Boston.

The passengers awakened from their slumbers in comfortably heated rooms, were at the mercy of the storm. Many, it is believed, went down with the ship. Others, thankful at first that they had escaped drowning prayed that they might be relieved of the terrible pain caused by their frozen bodies, and one man, a passenger whose name could not be learned, cut his throat.

The few who survived were in a pitiful condition. In almost every case their arms and legs hung helpless as they were lifted out of the boats in which they reached shore. Their condition is still wretched, but two physicians who are attending the sufferers express confidence that none of the rescued are likely to succumb. During the day forty-eight bodies came ashore either in boats or thrown up by the sea. Only six of the forty-eight bodies were identified. They were those of

Harry Eckles, Block Island; James B. Harrison, Brooklyn; Jasper Hest, Albany, first assistant engineer; Edward Logan, Providence, assistant engineer; George Smith, Providence, waiter, and Jacob Zadurus, Paterson, N. J., watchman.

An investigation of the wreck will be instituted by the United States steamboat inspectors of the Providence district.

That portion of Block Island sound where the collision occurred is a familiar one to coastwise skippers. The commanders of the two vessels, Captain George W. McVey of the Larchmont and Captain John F. Haley of the Knowlton, had navigated the waters for many years. The night was cold and windy, but clear. The Larchmont rounded Point Judith and headed straight to the westward up the sound in the direction of New York. The Knowlton, well laden with coal, came through the outer entrance of the sound before a strong but favorable breeze. The vessels approached each other rapidly, and six miles southeast of Watch Hill they were nearly together.

The officers of both boats declare that their lights were burning, while those of the schooner were particularly emphatic in their statements that they saw the Larchmont a considerable distance away.

Although with plenty of sea room, the vessels headed almost directly at each other. When they were abreast the Knowlton for some reason luffed up and plunged into the port side of the Larchmont, striking the steamer a little forward of the paddle box. The result to the Knowlton can be soon told. She sheered off immediately after the accident and then, hauling up into the wind, was able to reach the Rhode Island shore, four or five miles away. There the entire crew was taken off in safety by the life savers.

The Larchmont's experience, however, was entirely different. The blow from the schooner was delivered in her most vital part. It smashed a big hole in the water line and at the same time broke the main steam pipe, which at once rendered the steamer absolutely helpless. Captain McVey said that a greater portion of the boat was filled with escaping steam and that it was his belief that many of those on board were suffocated or scalded to death before the steamer went down.

Such survivors of the wreck of the Larchmont as could talk had terrible tales of privation to tell.

Oliver Janliver, twenty-one years old, of 343 Montgomery avenue, Providence, came ashore with nine dead men in a small boat. He was more dead than alive when he landed waist deep in the surf near the Sandy Point light. He managed to reach the life saving station on the shore.

"I was going to New York," said he, "to get a job. On the boat I met an Indian named Henry Rock, who is a member of Payne's Bill's Wild West show. We engaged a stateroom and went to bed rather late. I can't tell what time it was.

"Rock was going to Jersey City to see his wife. He had fallen asleep when I heard a crash. I got up and put all my clothes on. When I got into the saloon deck I found that it was filled with steam, and men and women were rushing about, shouting and screaming and fighting each other and begging God to save them. They all seemed to be rushing to the rail, where the officers of the boat were calmly directing the work of getting them into the lifeboats.

"Finally with eight of us, all men, on board we got into the water and rowed away from the Larchmont. Two men grabbed the side of the boat, and I hauled them in with a rope tackle.

"After that a woman floated by and said, 'For God's sake save me.' I asked the two men that I had saved to help her. They were the nearest to help. They refused to do so, and I continued to row on. Pretty soon one of the men fell over with a groan and

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Dr. Evans Makes Startling Answers at Murder Trial.

"NEVER BEFORE SAW SUCH A HEAD"

Judge Rebukes Witness For Protecting on Stand—Mrs. Thaw to Be Next Witness and to Finish Her Testimony.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—In the effort to discredit statements made by Stanford White to Evelyn Nesbit, Lawyer Delmas obtained from Dr. Britton D. Evans a definite statement that Thaw showed no evidence of a drug habit. It was also declared by the expert that Thaw showed a strangely fluttering heart.

It was stated that today's session will be largely occupied with the last of Mrs. Evelyn Thaw's testimony and the introduction of Thaw's will.

By consent of both sides it was agreed to allow Juror Bolton to spend the night at the bedside of his sick wife. A court officer was designated by Justice Fitzgerald to accompany him.

The trial was limited to a short session of less than two hours' duration, the morning sitting of court having been abandoned because of the illness of the wife of Juror Joseph B. Bolton, No. 11. His wife is suffering from double pneumonia, and two eminent physicians certified before District Attorney Jerome that her condition was very serious.

It is hoped that the trial will go on, although Juror Bolton appeared distraught, apparently taking little interest in the proceedings. If Mrs. Bolton's condition should continue so critical that her husband cannot be expected to give proper consideration to his duties as a juror there may be an indefinite postponement—all the other jurors meanwhile remaining locked up—or possibly a mistrial.

Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the State Hospital For the Insane at Morris Plains, N. J., was the only witness examined. He concluded his direct examination, and District Attorney Jerome reserved the right to cross question the expert at a later stage of the trial. Dr. John T. Deenar of Kittanning, Pa., was recalled to the stand just before adjournment and asked to state what he knew of the mental condition of John Ross, a first cousin of Harry Thaw. It is claimed by Thaw's counsel that young Ross, the son of Mrs. William Thaw's sister, is or was insane. Mr. Jerome objected to the question on the ground that the relationship was too remote to permit the drawing of deductions as to hereditary insanity. Both question and witness were withdrawn temporarily.

Dr. Evans detailed the results of his various examinations and physical tests in his visits to the defendant following the tragedy. He declared that there was a depression in the back of Thaw's head of a most unusual character.

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With this colt out of the way Elvira M., owned by Bob Tucker, had an easy time getting home first. Grimes was second, several lengths ahead of Geneva S. This filly was making her first appearance in a race. Summaries:

First Race.—Elvira M., first; Grimes, second; Geneva S., third. Second Race.—Family Talk, first; Eatin, second; Skimmer, third. Third Race.—Goldway, first; Heart of Hyacinth, second; Kara, third. Fourth Race.—Duchess of Montbello, first; Royal River, second; Adela II., third. Fifth Race.—Quinn Brady, first; Goldie, second; Reticut, third. Sixth Race.—Toboggan, first; Sir Toddington, second; Lena, third. Seventh Race.—Reform, first; Plannute, second; Western, third.

St. Valentine's Golf Tournament. PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 14.—A field of 110 players started in the third annual St. Valentine's golf tournament here. Close scores were the rule. Rev. A. L. Squier and C. S. Cook, both of Brae Burn; C. T. Crocker, Jr., of the Alpha club, Fitchburg, and Harold C. Richard of the Princeton university golf team lead those who qualified.

Edwin Gum in Fiercer Drive. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—There was a good attendance at Oakland, and the Logistilla handicap was cleanly captured by Edwin Gum, winning in a fierce drive from St. Elmwood. Three horses were nose and nose at the wire, Dusty Miller getting show honors.

Thistledown, at 20 to 1. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 14.—Favorable won four events at Oakland, Form players lost heavily on the sixth race, which was won by Thistledown, at 20 to 1, and almost overlooked in the betting.

Cigar Lighter at Ascot. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 14.—The Elks special was the feature at Ascot, Cigar Lighter, with Koerner up, had no difficulty in winning by a length.

Battleship Patterns Burned. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—An almost irreparable loss was sustained by the William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building company in a fire at their yards, which destroyed the pattern shops and two storage rooms. At least 75 per cent of the company's patterns were destroyed, among them being those of the United States battleships Pennsylvania, Colorado, Tennessee, Maine, Alabama, Iowa, Massachusetts and Indiana. Patterns for a number of vessels in course of construction were also lost, and work on them will be delayed. The fire also destroyed the headquarters of the Ship Carriers' association and the home of Julius Gausch and damaged many small dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Home Rule Bill the Remedy. LONDON, Feb. 14.—In the course of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the house of commons Walter Hume Long, who was at one time chief secretary for Ireland, raised the Irish question, and Augustine Birrell, the present chief secretary, replied that he, like Premier Campbell-Bannerman, was perfectly satisfied that the only solution of the Irish people was what is generally called the home rule bill and that neither he nor the premier would assume responsibility for any measure likely to obstruct or interfere with the fulfillment of these hopes. This statement was greeted with loud ministerial and Nationalist cheers.

A Sun Spot That May Disturb Us. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Professor John A. Brashear of the Allegheny observatory announced the discovery of one of the greatest sun spots ever called to the attention of astronomers. He says as a result electrical disturbances will be experienced throughout the country this evening. These disturbances, he further declares, may take the form of a display of the aurora borealis, and telegraph and telephone communication may be seriously affected. The present spot is so large it can be seen through smoked glass and, the scientist adds, is one of the most active of solar spots.

Roosevelt the Peacemaker. SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Feb. 14.—The presidents of Honduras and Nicaragua have received a telegram from President Roosevelt setting forth the desire of the chief executive of the United States for the reconvening of the court of arbitration that recently was in session here or the calling of another court to meet under stipulated conditions that shall be fulfilled by the contending countries. The purpose of President Roosevelt is that peace and all its benefits be preserved not only to Honduras and Nicaragua, but to all American states.

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NOW WITH CONGRESS

President and Californians Agree as to "Japanese."

ROOT'S BILL TO KEEP COOLIES OUT

Immigration Bill Amendment Will Satisfy Westerners—Japan May Agree to Separate Schools.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Mayor Schmitz and the members of the California school board had a conference with President Roosevelt, and on leaving the White House Mayor Schmitz stated that he had no doubt the president and the California delegation would reach a complete agreement on the Japanese question.

He stated that the action of the conference on the immigration bill went very far toward satisfying the Californians, but that there were two or three other matters they had in mind which he thought would be satisfactorily cleared up.

The Japanese school controversy is thus settled in so far as President Roosevelt, Mayor Schmitz and the members of the San Francisco school board are concerned, and an amicable adjustment of the question now rests with congress.

If the amendment to the immigration bill proposed by Secretary Root excluding foreigners who use their passports to secure admission to the United States "to the detriment of labor conditions in this country" is accepted by the senate and house and the immigration bill is passed at this session of congress the San Francisco board of education will rescind its order establishing the oriental schools unless the Japanese government agrees to a proposition for separate facilities for the Japanese children.

Mayor Schmitz and his associates at the conference assured the president that the amendment to the immigration bill was entirely satisfactory to them. Secretary Root participated in the conference and made a report on his negotiations with the Republican leaders in congress and the Japanese ambassador. While Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board are still hopeful that Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, will agree to separate schools in California that stand willing to rescind the order establishing the oriental schools and again admit Japanese children to the white schools.

Mayor Schmitz pointed out to President Roosevelt and Secretary Root the advantages that will be gained by the Japanese children if the oriental schools are maintained and expressed a willingness to give the Japanese equal educational facilities to those given to the white children of San Francisco.

If the Japanese government will agree to this proposition the school board will establish a sufficient number of oriental schoolhouses to accommodate the Japanese and will give the children individual instruction. Mayor Schmitz says that the Japanese make faster progress in the oriental schools than they do in the white schools and that in the mixed schools the Japanese only retard the progress of the white children.

Saloon Business Is Not Legal. LEBANON, Ind., Feb. 14.—Judge Samuel R. Artman of the Boone county circuit court held that the saloon business has no legal existence and therefore cannot be licensed by the state. He quoted many authorities to show that the citizen has no inherent right to engage in the selling of intoxicants, because, as has been decided by the courts, it is attended by danger to the welfare of the community. Judge Artman was speaker of the house of representatives of Indiana two years ago.

Voorhees May Be State Treasurer. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 14.—The republican members of the house and senate held a conference and decided to caucus this morning to decide upon a candidate for state treasurer to succeed Frank O. Briggs, who was recently chosen United States senator to succeed John F. Dryden. Former Senator Charles A. Reed has announced his withdrawal from the race, and it seems assured that County Clerk Daniel S. Voorhees of Morris county will be named.

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