

42 LOST IN SHIPWRECK

Steamer Walla Walla Sunk in Collision With French Vessel.

MANY KILLED IN THE CRASH

French Ship Disappeared in Darkness and Offered No Assistance. Passengers Were Asleep When the Accident Occurred.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—The collision at sea early on Thursday morning between the steamship Walla Walla and the French bark Max, resulted in the sinking of the steamship and the probable loss of 42 lives. The Walla Walla, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, sailed from San Francisco January 1 for Puget Sound ports. She carried 35 first class passengers, 28 second class and a crew of 80 men. When off Cape Mendocino, on the California coast, at 4:10 o'clock Thursday morning, the bark loomed up in the haze and crashed into the Walla Walla's bow. Then the sailing vessel slid off into the darkness and was seen no more. All the passengers and crew of the Walla Walla, except the few on watch, were asleep, but were aroused by the crash. The steering quarters were in the bow, and it is believed that some of the steering passengers and crew were crushed to death. A big hole was made in the steamer's bow, and she sank in 35 minutes. The officers and crew maintained strict discipline, and boats and life rafts were lowered. A choppy sea was running, and the small boats could not make a landing on the shore, a few miles distant. They drifted about all day, and finally 65 people were picked up by the steamer Dispatch, which took them to Eureka. Another boat, under command of Engineer Brown, and containing 13 passengers, attempted to land at Trinidad, and was swamped. John Wilkinson, quartermaster; William Martel, fireman; L. Drube, a passenger, and three unknown men were drowned.

Word has been received from Trinidad of a boat which put in there. The survivors had a terrible experience, and only five or six are left out of a boatload. The dispatch states that 18 were lost. The boat was capsized several times in rough weather Thursday morning, and each time several persons lost their lives. A citizens' committee has arranged for a patrol system covering 45 miles of the coast, both north and south of Eureka, so that should any survivors come ashore they will be taken care of.

Captain Johnson, of the steamer Dispatch, was loud in his praise of the bravery displayed by women whom he rescued, two in particular to whom he gives much credit for the calmness they displayed. According to Captain Johnson, the women were far more nervous than the men and gave valuable assistance in caring for the survivors, as each succeeding raft was picked up. In most instances it was with great difficulty that the survivors were got aboard, owing to the heavy sea running.

The captain and the crew of the Dispatch gave every attention to the wants of the passengers. In many instances their wardrobes were entirely depleted. While many of the passengers had ample time to robe themselves after the alarm had been given many failed to do so, and as a result not a few were thinly clad, while those more fortunate were drenched to the skin and suffered equally with the others.

Captain's Account of Disaster.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 4.—Captain A. L. Hall, master of the wrecked steamship, says:

"About 4:10 a. m. I was suddenly awakened by an awful crash on the port side, well forward. The housing, especially in the vicinity of my cabin, was badly shattered, the main force of the collision striking her just forward of my stateroom. After the crash the vessel, which I think was a French bark, judging from the language used by her sailors, rebounded and groped alongside. I called to her to stand by. She drifted away and was lost to view. The vessel began to fill immediately and she sank in 35 minutes.

"There was no confusion on board. The officers and crew kept the passengers from becoming panic-stricken. The crew was immediately ordered to man the lifeboats and rafts, and an effort was made to save the baggage. This was given up, however, the vessel filling at such an alarming rate that no thought was given but for the safety of the passengers. I gave orders to have the port boilers blown out, it being necessary to give the vessel a list to keep the gaping hole in her side out of the water. In a few moments all the lifeboats and rafts were out, with the exception of two, which were smashed. It was very dark at the time, and the uncertain light interfered to a great extent with the rescue of the passengers. I remained on board, assisting them in every way possible. I went down with the ship. After I had been down, I don't know how long, the social hall deck broke off and I floated to the surface with it. Sighting a life raft, I commenced swimming, and succeeded in reaching it after a hard struggle, and was pulled on board by the three occupants.

"From the information I have concerning the rescue of the passengers and crew, I am not able to state how large the death list will be, but in my opinion it will not be less than 42, and possibly may reach 50. It is almost certain that a number of the steering passengers were crushed by falling timbers."

LONG JUSTIFIES HIS ACTION

In a Circular Letter He Says He Did Nothing But His Duty.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary Long, in replying to persons who have recently sought information regarding the department's position in the Schley case and in answer to those who have addressed him criticizing the findings of the court and the action of the department, has mailed a copy of a letter which he has prepared on the subject. The secretary's explanation is that he simply adopted this convenient form to meet the inquiries addressed him, but that there was no purpose of giving circulation to any statement, and that it was in no sense intended as a public circular. The letter, bearing date of December 19, ends with these words: "I regret the occasion for the whole matter as much as you can do. I would have been glad if he (Schley) and the navy could have been saved from this reproach. But I am conscious of having from first to last had no other feeling than that of disinterestedness and having done nothing but my duty."

FISHING STEAMER MISSING

It Is Feared the Sparta Has Gone Down With All Hands.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 6.—The families of Captain J. Albert Sooy and the crew of the fishing steamer Sparta, who left here on Thursday morning, last night declared that they have lost all hope of ever hearing from their missing ones. Every effort was made by searching parties by telegraph and telephone, but no news of the whereabouts of the missing vessel or men can be obtained. The steamer Sparta was known to be in a damaged condition off this city on Thursday, and it is now feared that she has gone down with all hands on board. The last report gives those in the crew as John Hackett, Edward Breckett, Wilson Brown, John Stewart, Theodore Vansant and Engineer Cummings. Searching parties are still at work, but only in the vain hope that the vessel may have been driven or drifted ashore along the coast at some isolated point.

WAR COST ENGLAND 24,299 MEN

Of This Number 19,430 Were Actually Killed Or Died.

London, Jan. 6.—The total reduction of Great Britain's military forces in South Africa from the beginning of the war to December, including deaths from disease, men reported missing, etc., amounts to 24,299 men. Of this number 19,430 were actually killed or died. A total of 64,330 men were invalided home, the majority of whom recovered and rejoined their commands.

Pretoria, Jan. 6.—The Boers ambushed a party of the Scots Greys last Saturday near Bronkhorst Spruit, about 40 miles east of Pretoria, on the railroad. The British casualties were six men killed and 33 wounded.

"Carnegie Institute" Incorporated.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Apparently Andrew Carnegie has changed his plans respecting his \$10,000,000 gift for an institution of higher learning in Washington so as to provide its incorporation and management without action by congress. At Mr. Carnegie's suggestion the "Carnegie Institution" was incorporated on Saturday under the general laws of the District of Columbia by Secretary Hay, Justice White, of the supreme court; Daniel C. Gilman, of Baltimore; Chas. D. Walcott, of the geological survey; John S. Billings, of New York, and Carroll D. Wright, declaring the purposes of the institution to be those which Mr. Carnegie outlined in his letter to the president when he first made his offer to the nation.

Killed Cattle to Prevent Starvation.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 6.—On account of the almost total failure of grass and the high price of foodstuffs in this section over 100 head of horses and milch cows have been killed in San Antonio during the past 60 days to prevent them from dying of starvation, their owners, who are of the poorer class, being unable to buy feed for the animals. There has been a drought in this section for twelve months or more, and there is no present prospect for an improvement.

Mormon Missionaries in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The German Mormon conference has assembled here, under the leadership of Hugh J. Cannon, son of the late George Q. Cannon, the well-known Mormon apostle. One hundred and twenty-five Mormon missionaries are now working in Germany and have secured 2,000 followers. The present conference is attended by more than 100 German missionaries.

Workman's Head Blown Off.

Sharon, Pa., Jan. 6.—By an explosion, Peter Alto, employed at the Hillsville limestone quarries, was decapitated. While blasting he touched a match to the fuse and retired, but as no explosion followed he went back to investigate and the blast exploded in his face. His head was taken off close to his shoulders and landed in a tree top 200 feet away.

A Princess Insane.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—Princess Louise, the eccentric daughter of King Leopold, of Belgium, who was divorced from her husband, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and who has been held practically a prisoner in retreat near Dresden for the last two years, has been pronounced hopelessly insane.

Hobson Will Resign From Navy.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—A special from Montgomery says Captain Richmond P. Hobson will soon resign from the navy and enter politics. It is said he will oppose Hon. John H. Bankhead as congressman from the Sixth district.

BALL AT WHITE HOUSE

Miss Alice Roosevelt Formally Presented to Society.

FIRST DEBUTANTE SINCE 1873

Decorations at the White House Were Never More Elaborate or Beautiful. The President Heartily Enjoyed the Occasion.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, the oldest daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, was formally presented to Washington society last night at a ball given in her honor at the White House. About 500 guests in all were present, many of whom either were connections of the Roosevelt family or well-known society people living outside of Washington. Miss Roosevelt is the first White House debutante since 1873, when Miss Nellie Grant, the daughter of President and Mrs. Grant, was presented to society at a ball which was the gayest social event of the decade. Last night's entertainment was given a personal rather than an official character by Mrs. Roosevelt, whose wish was that Miss Roosevelt should make her debut much as though it had taken place in her own private home rather than in the White House. There was no cotillion, and consequently no favors.

When the ball was opened the interior of the White House was most attractive. The massive mirrors, chandeliers, columns and ceiling of the east room, where the dancing occurred, were festooned and garlanded with smilax, maiden hair fern and asparagus, trimmed with bouquets of carnations, more than a mile of green festooning being used in this way. The window recesses were filled with palms rising out of banks of variegated foliage. The mantels were banked with roses and azaleas set in tropical crotons and crowned above with screw pines. English holly was used in profusion in the decorations. The red, green and blue parlors were also adorned on the same lavish scale.

When the guests arrived at the White House they were conducted to the blue parlor, where the presentations were made. Mrs. Roosevelt introducing her daughter, Miss Roosevelt was the recipient of many floral pieces of beautiful design, sent to her in honor of her "coming out" day. The president enjoyed the occasion heartily and mingled freely among the young folks. The dancing, which began shortly after 10 o'clock, and included a program of 20 numbers, was held in the large east room, the scene of so many brilliant functions in the past. The Marine Band, under the leadership of Lieutenant Santelmann, and the Artillery Corps Band, from Washington Barracks, alternated in furnishing the music.

REED MAY ENTER CABINET

Rumored That He May Succeed Secretary of State Hay.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Thomas B. Reed may return to political life again, as a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet, if there is truth in rumors now afloat here. It is said that in the early days, when Roosevelt was less of a national figure than he now is, Reed and he were very friendly, and Reed is credited with having brought his influence to bear in securing for Roosevelt the assistant secretaryship of the navy, a post he much desired. Now that rumor has it that another cabinet portfolio is to be surrendered, rumor also connects Reed's name with the place which is none less than that of secretary of state.

When Mr. Reed retired as speaker of the house he gave, among other reasons, the fact that he was a poor man, and said that he purposed practicing law to amass a little of this world's goods. Since his retirement Mr. Reed is credited with accumulating a fair little nestegg. Now it is said he would not be unwilling to return to public life.

Lodge Funds Short \$26,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—Officers of the Order of B'Rith Abraham, which had a stormy session at the Grand Central Palace last Sunday while trying to fix the responsibility for an alleged short age in the lodge's fund, decided yesterday that the laws governing life insurance in the order had been violated. It was therefore determined to draft resolutions requesting that the commissioner of insurance investigate the alleged embezzlement with a view to the punishment of the guilty parties. It was stated that the shortage might prove to be \$26,000 upon further investigation.

Two Drowned While Skating.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Three men, Bert Cooper, Arthur Snyder, of Mount Vernon, Va., and Daniel Leary, of Barrytown, skated into an air hole while skating yesterday. Cooper and Snyder came up under the solid ice and were drowned. Leary came up in open water and after a terrible struggle managed to pull himself out.

\$13,000 For Race Horses.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Enoch Wishard arrived here yesterday from Memphis and concluded arrangements with T. H. Hays for the purchase of the three-year-old colt Rumm is, by Charade, dam Zingara II. The price is \$13,000, and the colt will race next season in the colors of John A. Drake, of Chicago.

Killed While Blasting.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 6.—The premature discharge of a mine blast at the Cameron colliery on Saturday afternoon, caused an explosion of gas which instantly killed John Witt and Stanislaus Yesmith.

WAR BEST PEACE METHOD

General Bell's Sharp Answer to Manila Advocates.

SAYS THEY AIDED INSURGENTS

Peace Emissaries Had Their Opportunity, and Now Rigorous Warfare Will Be Made—Filipino Arsenal and Cartridge Plant Captured.

Manila, Jan. 6.—General J. Franklin Bell is conducting a vigorous campaign in Batangas province. Every available soldier is in the field. A number of the Filipinos are fleeing to Tayabas province, where the native constabulary are rendering valuable assistance in capturing men and rifles. The advocates of peace at Manila depreciate the stern measures employed by General Bell. General Bell says that these peace advocates have had numerous opportunities to use their influence, as they have been given passes through the American lines almost for the asking, and that it had been afterwards proved that they often only went through the lines for the purpose of assisting the insurrection. General Bell says that the best peace method now is a rigorous warfare until the insurrection is completely subdued.

The arrest of members of the wealthy Lopez family and the confiscation of their steamers and rice, as well as the arrest of three members of the religious corporations, who were known to be instigators of the insurrection, has had an excellent effect upon the natives.

Conditions on the island of Samar are still unsatisfactory, owing to the difficulty of finding the insurgents. Captain Schoeffel, of the Ninth Infantry, who was wounded in a severe hand-to-hand fight last month at Dapdap, Samar island, has practically recovered from the effects of his wound. In an official report of the encounter in which Captain Schoeffel was hurt, it is said that Schoeffel killed three men before he received his wound, and that the remnants of the detachment of 18 men with him were saved by his personal courage and daring.

GUNNER FOUND DEAD IN FIELD

Was Killed By Gunshot Wound Behind Left Ear.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 6.—The body of Samuel Venerable, of Essington, who has been missing for several weeks, was found in a field near that place yesterday, with a gunshot wound behind the left ear. The coroner, who made a partial investigation, says that the nature of the wound and the position of the body when found indicate murder. One of the pockets of the coat had been turned inside out. Across the body lay a shotgun, with one barrel empty. The body was attired in a gunner's outfit.

Bursting Boiler Wrecked Residence.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The explosion of a boiler connected with the heating apparatus in the basement of the handsome five-story residence of Beale R. Howard, at 1410 Sixteenth street, yesterday seriously damaged the house and may result in loss of life. The shock of the explosion was felt throughout the immediate neighborhood, and the house was so badly wrecked as to be unfit for occupancy. William Foegus, the colored butler, who was attending the fires under the boiler at the time of the explosion, was frightfully scalded and badly cut about the hands and face. His condition is critical.

Fright Restores Speech.

Susquehanna, Pa., Jan. 6.—Twenty years ago Albert Van Warren, of Daraville, then 10 years old, suffered a severe attack of scarlet fever. Since then he has been practically speechless, and in conversation was compelled to make use of the sign language. While crossing the Susquehanna river with a team he broke through the ice and narrowly escaped drowning. While being drawn from the chilly water he uttered an exclamation of fright, and his speech was almost completely restored. Physicians say that in a few weeks he will speak as well as ever.

Liberty Bell at Charleston Exposition.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 6.—This week will be a notable one at the exposition. The stock show opened today, with 1,010 entries, under the supervision of George F. Weston, of Baltimore, N. C. On Thursday the Liberty Bell will arrive from Philadelphia and be placed in the beautiful structure specially built for it. On Friday the International League of Press Clubs and the Pen and Pencil Club of Philadelphia will assemble here, and the great musical festival conducted by Innes' Band will open.

Pauper Left a Fortune.

Canton, O., Jan. 6.—Philip Yoder, aged 72, died recently as a pensioner of Pennsylvania county. It was found that he had been left an estate worth \$30,100. Of this \$16,000 in cash was in a Chicago safety deposit vault, and some of the bills were so old that they crumbled when handled.

Gas Plant Wrecked.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 6.—The Pennsylvania Gas company's plant at Ludlow was wrecked last night by an explosion. One man is missing and another was blown through the side of the building and fatally injured.

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
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