

HUNDRED OR MORE PERISH WHEN SHIP BURNS

Terrible Scenes Follow Fire on Board Steamer off the Island of Malta.

CAPTAIN CREMATED AT HELM

Majority of Those Dead Are Arab Pilgrims - Survivor Tells Story of Disaster.

Valletta Island of Malta.—A terrible disaster, in which more than 100 persons lost their lives, occurred at the entrance to this port on the morning of November 25, within sight of the whole population of the city who were powerless to give aid. The British steamer Sardinia of the Ellerman line, from Liverpool for Alexandria, with a crew of 44 Englishmen, 11 first and six second-cabin pilgrims aboard, caught fire and within a few minutes was a roaring furnace.

Safety lay only in the sea, for no one could save himself except by jumping overboard and taking chances of being picked up. Assistance was hurried to the burning vessel from the warships in the harbor and from shore, but the work of rescue was greatly impeded by the strong tide that was running. Even the naval launches were unable to go along side. Among the Arabs there was a panic that could not be controlled. Many of them were too terrified to jump and they were burned to death. Others were drowned. The crew behaved with admirable courage, serving out life preservers to the last and working the pumps. When the pumps became useless, Captain Charles Little, commander of the Sardinia, took the helm and directed his ship towards the shore so long as it could be navigated. He perished at his post. First Officer Frank Watson, all three engineers, Seagraves, Hislop and Neel, 18 of the ship's company and two first-class passengers, one of them a boy named Grant, are missing.

ANARCHY IN HAITI

Wholesale Butcheries by Both Sides Privately Reported.

New Orleans.—Private cable advices from Port-au-Prince say the constant dispatches from Haiti give only a faint idea of the reign of terror now existing on that island. Anarchy reigns throughout Haiti; the country is literally running with blood and foreigners are making frantic appeals to their government for protection. French and German representatives are said to have called their governments for ships.

WRECKED BY CYCLONE

Sweeps Through Wisconsin Town. Damage Estimated at \$150,000.

Stevens Point, Wis.—A cyclone which passed through this city killed one man, made 20 families homeless, partially wrecked the plants of the Polish Brewing Company, the Coys Furniture Manufacturing Company and the Joerns Manufacturing Company, unroofed more than 25 houses and leveled almost two score of barns. The damage is estimated at \$150,000.

\$3,000 Is Secured by Bank Robbers.

El Dodaro, Kan.—Robbers blew the vault of the State bank of Towanda, a town near here and secured \$3,000. The men escaped on a hard-car going toward Wichita. Posses are in pursuit.

Washington.—Argentina took action which the officials of the State department here believe will bring about a crisis in the relations between that republic and Brazil. Her senate passed a bill appropriating \$55,000,000 for naval armament.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS HUNDREDS

Terrible Loss of Life in Works of Pittsburg-Buffalo Company.

Monongahela, Pa.—An explosion took place in the Marianna mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company in Washington county in which all the men in mine except one were killed. The number of workmen is not known, but the highest estimate is two hundred and forty.

The explosion occurred at 10:55 o'clock Saturday. The cause is not definitely known, but it is believed that a pocket of gas was struck by a miner, inducing the explosion. The explosion came just as a big force of men were completing the connection between the two 500-foot shafts of the mine. One of these shafts was intended as the fan or air shaft, but the fans were not working, the shaft being filled with heavy timber. The connection of the two shafts was practically the last thing to be done before starting mining operations.

NATION'S WILL ACT TOGETHER.

Will Respect Each Other's Possessions, Maintain Open Door by Peaceful Means.

Washington, D. C.—Despite official reticence information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement between the United States and Japan, covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.

Five Articles in Agreement.

The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles, of which the following is an accurate and faithful description:

The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific.

The second is a mutual disclaimer of any aggressive design, and contains also a definition of the policy of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

The third article contains a statement of the consequent "firm" reciprocal resolution of each government, each to respect the territorial possessions in the Pacific of the other.

100 DROWN WHEN SHIP HITS ROCK

Philippine Coasting Steamer Comes to Grief in a Storm. Bodies Float Ashore.

Manilla.—The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvacon to the rice fields in Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank during a storm off the town of San Fernando in Union province.

Immigration Fund Short.

Washington.—Congress will face a deficit in the Immigration fund by reason of the extraordinary expenditures by the immigration commission, which has been carrying on its work under an indefinite appropriation. The fund already has been overdrawn and the shortage will amount, it is said, to about \$169,000. Immigration commissioners at the principal ports of the United States are being hampered seriously in the conduct of the regular business of their stations. It is asserted, on account of the money shortage,

LAMPHERE FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON

Sentenced to Prison for Burning House of Mrs. Gunness,

NEW TRIAL WILL BE ASKED FOR

Some Members of the Jury Held Out for Murder in the First Degree.

La Porte, Ind.—Ray Lamphere, charged with arson and the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children by setting fire to the Gunness house April 28, was found guilty of arson by the jury, which had the case under consideration for 24 hours.

Previous to the handing of the verdict to Judge Richter Foreman Hill said he wished to make a statement to the court, but Judge Richter informed him he could not hear any statement until after the verdict had been received and read. After it had been read Judge Richter asked him to be careful to make the statement, but he said it would do no good now. Following the withdrawal of the jury Judge Richter bade Lamphere to stand up. The prisoner's face looked haggard and his eyes were downcast. He held his hands before him as if his wrists were still shackled and then, just as the church bells of the city were ringing out, Judge Richter asked him if he had any reason to state why sentence should not be pronounced. He replied slowly but distinctly: "I have none."

MAN SHOULD LIVE 150 YEARS

Prof. Metchnikoff Will Devote His Noble Prize Money to Furthering Longevity.

Paris.—Prof Metchnikoff, the famous sub-director of the Pasteur institute, who will receive half the Noble prize this year for medico-physiological research, said that he will devote the sum, \$19,000, to further study of means to promote longevity.

Uncle Joe and the Tariff.

Washington.—Declaring that there will be an honest revision of the tariff and that there is no present need of "frettings" about the selection of a speaker for the House in the Sixty-first Congress, Speaker Cannon arrived here from his home in Illinois for the approaching session of Congress. He added to the newspaper men who greeted him that he believed that the people would get the sort of tariff revision that they voted for.

Catholics Demand Liberty.

London.—The House of Commons by a vote of 255 to 48, agreed to the first reading of the bill introduced by William Rendell to remove the existing Catholic disabilities, including the prohibition of street processions, and to abolish the anti-Catholic clause in the oath taken by the sovereign. This bill has practically no chance of further consideration during the present session.

Persian Shah Backs Down.

Teheran, Persia.—The Shah already has repented of his proclamation, refusing to revise the constitution. He sent out urgent orders to withdraw this proclamation from circulation and to destroy all copies of it, which was done. This sudden change of front is attributed here to vigorous representations by the British and Russian legations.

Mound Builders' Bones Found.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Human bones believed to be those of 16 mound builders were found in East St. Louis by workmen digging an excavation. Despite efforts to keep the bones together most of them were carried away by persons living nearby. In the bottom of the chief's tomb were found five pottery bowls, two flint arrow heads and stone hatchet.

Cannon Favors Revision.

Chicago.—Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives, while in Chicago en route to Washington, placed himself on record in favor of a revision of the tariff in accordance with the promise of the Republican party platform.

Richards, Ala.—The home of Tom Richardson, at Woodland Mills, 17 miles east of here, was burned to the ground at night, and Richardson's wife, mother and three children were burned to death.

NO JAPANESE TREATY

Secretary Root Declares None Has Been Signed and None is Contemplated.

Washington.—Secretary Root denied that a treaty has been signed by the United States and Japan regarding the protection of the principle of Chinese independence and the regulation of immigration between the two countries, as stated by the Hawaii Shipper in a recent issue, and he added that no such treaty was in contemplation.

IOWA'S NEW SENATOR

Governor Cummins Will Fill Vacancy Caused by William B. Allison's Death.

Des Moines, Ia.—By a strict vote of 109 to 35, Governor Albert B. Cummins was elected United States Senator to fill the vacancy by the death of Senator William B. Allison, whose term would have expired on March 4, 1909.

STOLE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS

Friends Fail to Save Chicago Letter-Thief, Superintendent of Sunday School.

Chicago.—The most severe sentence ever given by the Federal court in Chicago to a letter thief was meted out to Robert F. Palmer, Palmer, who was president of the City Letter Carriers' Association of Illinois, and superintendent of a Sunday school at Joliet, Ill., admitted that he had been pilfering money from letters entrusted to him during the last 17 years.

FLOOD DROWNS MANY

Thousands of Houses in Costa Rica Destroyed—Rain Pours for Thirty Days.

San Francisco, Cal.—According to C. C. Smith, a mining engineer who returned from South America, floods of a terrific nature have done great damage in the interior of Costa Rica, compelling many mines to suspend operations.

Can Get Drinks on Boat.

Ripley.—Thirsty citizens in dry counties along the Ohio river are now afforded relief by a newly started line of boats. The large gasoline boat Kitty Southgate has been chartered and licensed to ply between Cincinnati and Rome, a hamlet on the Ohio river in Adams county. She is loaded with whisky and beer. Drinks can be obtained on board.

Missouri Clergymen Send Up Petition for Duty on Zinc.

Joplin, Mo.—The Rev. Dean C. Dutton of Webb City and the Rev. C. M. Davenport of Joplin, both in the Union, thanksgiving services held by the churches in the two towns petitioned the Almighty to grant a tariff on zinc and to direct the actions of the representatives of the mine owners and means committee at Washington.

Austrians Are Denounced.

Rome.—About 20,000 people gathered in a mass meeting held for the purpose of expressing disapproval of the attitude of Austria. Three deputations delivered violent speeches, denouncing the Austrian policy. After the meeting rioters attempted to storm the Austrian embassy, but were prevented by troops, who are guarding all the territory near the embassy.

Balloon Travels 250 Miles.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The balloon "United States," which ascended from Los Angeles for test of the coast air currents, landed safely next day at Ehrensbreg, Ariz., nearly 250 miles from Los Angeles. The balloon was in the air six hours.

Republicans Gain in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn.—Tennessee's official vote in the recent national election follows. For President, Bryan, 135,630; Taft, 118,287; Watson, 1,081; Debs, 1,878; Hisgen, 332; Chaffin, 360.

TWO COLORED MEN MEET SWIFT JUSTICE

Hastily Instituted Court Passes the Sentence Wanted.

TROOPS ARRIVE TOO LATE

Governor Was Advised of Situation and Ordered Militia to Proceed at Once to Scene.

Union City, Tenn.—Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot lake, which recently has been the scene of many stirring incidents, witnessed the "legalized" lynching of three negroes who were arrested for murdering on Saturday Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burruss and wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff.

HOW CONGRESS STANDS

Republicans Lost 10 Votes on the Full Number.

The Republicans in the lower house of congress will lose 10 votes on full roll call at the next term. Now the majority is 57; then it will be 47. The full number of congressmen now is 389; next congress it will be 391, consisting of 219 Republicans and 172 Democrats. This is a net loss of four Republicans and a net gain of six Democrats. In the last election the Democrats gained 17 districts and the Republicans 12. The most Republican slaughter was over in Indiana, where before, there were eight Republicans and three Democrats; now there are two of the former and 11 of the latter. Colorado changed the political character of its delegation entirely—from three Republicans to three Democrats. The most interesting Republican gains were in North Carolina, where three were elected, and in Oklahoma which transferred two from the Democratic to the Republican column.

BRYAN CAMPAIGN FUND

Report Says It Was \$620,000 and There Was \$1,000 Over.

Chicago.—The Democratic National Committee received in all \$926,544.77, and spent \$619,410.66 during the recent Presidential campaign, leaving a balance in hand of \$1,234,711. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee, and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the Secretary of State of New York in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee at Lincoln, Neb., in July.

Rockefeller is Modest.

New York.—Credit for the creation of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was given by John D. Rockefeller, as a witness under cross-examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard, to two men—Henry M. Flagler and Samuel C. T. Todd. Mr. Rockefeller gives them full credit, saying he was sure it was not himself as he did not possess the ability for so progressive a move.

Woman Operated in Chicago.

Denver, Col.—Through the medium of a photograph and her handwriting on the hotel register of the Auditorium Annex in Chicago, Mrs. Allen F. Read, who attempted to blackmail Mrs. Geneva Phipps for \$20,000, has been positively identified as the woman who went under the name of Alice Cheney Brown and procured from a brokerage firm in Chicago, on November 2, \$20,000 worth of bonds.

Post Office Report.

Washington.—In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$191,478,633, and the expenditures as \$208,351,386, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,872,753. The largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,056. The deficit of 1909 it is estimated again will exceed \$16,000,000.

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Mr. Bryan Shies at Jaguar.

Monterey, Mex.—William J. Bryan has balked on the proposition of going on a jaguar hunt in the mountains southeast of Monterey. The tentative plans which had been made for this character of entertainment for him have been abandoned and we will confine his sport to duck shooting while in Mexico.

Berlin.—An official census of Berlin and its suburbs shows that there are in this territory 40,124 persons without employment.