

ONLY FOUR PERSONS RESCUED.

THIRTY-THREE WERE LOST. Horrible Fate of the Crew and Passengers Aboard an Atlantic Coast Steamer.

The steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, belonging to the French line to the West Indies, sailed from New York on March 6 for Port-au-Prince, with 37 persons on board and has not since been reported. She was a bark-rigged screw steamer of 2,640 tons register.

The schooner Hilda, that plies along the coast between Perth Amboy and Savannah, came into port Wednesday night bearing with her a story horrible even in the annals of the Atlantic ocean. She carried in her cabin four passengers whom she picked up in a boat Monday, ten miles off shore.

At the prow of the boat and apparently in charge of the party was an old man wearing the uniform of a ship officer. The mate presently recognized in the face, hollow and sunken with the cold and want of many days.

Behind him, on the center seat, were two half-dressed, motionless men, hugging themselves and gibbering at the startled faces of the Hilda's sailors. At their feet was a fourth man. The old man at the prow opened his lips as if to speak, but no sound came from them.

One by one the four men were lifted in. In the stern of the craft was a fifth man. One of the sailors touched him on the arm and began to draw him gently forward, when he slid quickly off the seat and settled a lifeless heap on the bottom of the boat. Three more corpses were in the boat. Then the sailors towed the dreadful freight back to the Hilda. Nothing could be done but consign the dead to the sea.

DESOLATED BY THE WATERS. Many Miles of Country Covered in the Flooded Mississippi.

The valley of the lower Mississippi from Birds Point, Mo., to below Helena, Ark., is a vast inland sea. For miles west of Memphis every home has been abandoned, but only two persons are known to have drowned.

From refugees arriving from back of Marion it was learned that many were unable to get to that section, were in the water and are without means to escape. A steamer was pushed in that direction as far as possible and skiffs penetrated further. The result was the rescue of scores of sufferers.

EXPOSITION AT GUATEMALA. Great Show of the Central American States Opened Officially.

The Central American Exposition was officially opened on the 15th, and will remain open four months. It comprises not only an exhibit of Central American products, but a general exposition of foreign goods as well.

THE STARVING FED. Two Thousand Homeless Helped at Memphis.

Nearly 2,000 homeless and half starved persons rescued from the overflowed districts of Eastern Arkansas are being cared for in Memphis, Tenn. The refugees are mostly negroes of the lower classes, who show scant appreciation of the charity extended to them.

Salisbury Confirms It. He Says Orders Were Issued to Blockade Crete Immediately.

In the house of lords, the marquis of Salisbury, replying to the earl of Kimberley, the Liberal leader, said that instructions had been given to the admirals in command of the foreign fleets in Crete waters to commence the blockade of the island of Crete without any further delay.

DAMAGE BY FLOOD.

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Islands Nos. 40, 37, 36 and 34, in the Mississippi river, are completely submerged, and the inhabitants to the number of about 600, have abandoned their homes.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL. Duties on Wool, Live Stock, Grain and Iron.

The wool schedule provides duties of 11 and 12 cents per pound; roving from 15 cents upwards; manufactured wool, the raw wool duties plus from 5 cents and 15 per cent.

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AWFUL SACRIFICE OF CATTLE. It is believed generally among the cattlemen of North Dakota that 75 per cent of range animals have already succumbed to the winter.

RUSSIA ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOSE BOTH CRETAN AND GREEK PORTS.

The following semi-official statement was published in Vienna: Russia instructed the commander of the Russian squadron in Crete waters to take steps, in conjunction with his colleagues, to blockade the Cretan and Greek ports.

WOOL TRADE. Great Amount of Raw Goods Sold Within Six Weeks.

More wool has been sold out of Chicago for western mills during the last sixty days than during the previous six months, said R. E. Street of the R. E. Street & Co., agents for an eastern mill machinery and woolen mill supply house.

THESE TELLOGRAMS. Grave news has been received in London with respect to the health of Emperor William of Germany and certain constitutional possibilities are being discussed.

SHIP BURNED AT SEA. The Carthaginian, arriving at New York from Glasgow brings with her the entire crew of the steamer Bialo, which took fire and burned to the water's edge March 5 in latitude 51.25, longitude 23.45.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS CONVENES.

EXTRA SESSION. The Public Galleries Were Packed and 88 Senators Were in Attendance.

There was an abundance of flowers on the desks of senators when at 12 o'clock Monday Mr. Hobart called the Senate to order. There was an exceptionally full attendance of senators.

A TRAIN BLOWN UP. Over 300 Spanish Troops Killed by the Cubans.

The news that Spanish forces have met with a serious disaster in the west is confirmed. It is learned through a reliable channel that the train carrying 600 troops, while going from Artemisa to some southern point, was blown up by Cubans, more than 300 troops were killed or wounded.

APPEALED TO BULLETS. Prominent West Virginians Settle a Grudge With Pistols.

A shooting affray occurred at Parsons, county seat of Tucker county, W. Va., which may result in the death of Frank E. Thompson. A criminal case was being tried. Judge Holt did not get through with it in time for the regular train, so a special was made ready, and about 12 o'clock Parsons when Colonel R. Eastham and Frank E. Thompson, manager of the Black Water Lumber company, became engaged in an altercation.

NEARLY \$2,000,000 LOSS. Fireproof Buildings that Burned Like a Straw Stack.

Three negroes, Jim Gilmore, Jim Miley and Otis Miller, were taken from the sheriff of Orange county, Florida, by 50 armed men, strung up to trees and bodies riddled with bullets.

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THE LATEST FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

GLADSTONE PRAISES GREECE. It Has Done Europe a Service—Criticisms of the Concert.

A sixteen page pamphlet in the form of a letter from the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, dated Cannes, March 13, to the Duke of Westminster has been published. It furnishes remarkable evidence of Mr. Gladstone's mental activity and interest in the political situation.

THEY BREATHE AGAIN. Democratic Postmasters Will Be Allowed to Serve Four Years.

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