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A FIRE ON BOARD THE TRANSPORT

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Fire which broke out in the United States transport Meade, lying at the dock at the foot of Folsome street, shortly before midnight caused the death of three men by suffocation and a score of others, mostly firemen were injured.

The dead are Fire Captain, Charles Daken, of engine No. 4, Thomas Hennessey of the same company and third officer G. Walbos of the Meade. All were suffocated while fighting fire in the hold. The fire started in the forward hold and spread rapidly to the cargo which consisted of 5,000 tons of commissary and quartermaster supplies, consigned for the Philippines.

The Meade was scheduled to sail for Manila today with 1,000 soldiers. The city firemen responded to the alarm and aided the crew in fighting flames which threatened to destroy the ship, and it was only by heroic effort that they succeeded in keeping the fire in the coal bunkers and ammunition stores. In quick succession the bodies of the bodies of the suffocated men were carried from the hold, where they had gone at the risk of their lives and it was only by prompt action of their comrades that many lives were saved from death. Captain Dakin was found at the foot of the ladder leading to the smoke filled hold. In an effort to rescue Dakin Fireman McGroarty fell unconscious and his body was carried out with Dakin.

The loss as yet has not been ascertained. The forepart of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the officers of the 2d infantry and battalion of light artillery. Many thrilling and heroic rescues marked the fire. Capt. Geo. Wilson, of the Meade, fell down the hatchway and lay unconscious within reach of the flames when Chief Officer Lassack and others of the crew rushed into the hold and brought back his limp form. Lassack, himself was overcome by the fumes and was rescued by Fireman Cook.

Eighteen thousand dollars in gold, military treasure, destined for the Philippines, was carried by the soldiers to a place of safety on the dock. Captain Gilgirt, of the fire department, was overcome three times by smoke, returning time and time again to his work, until

finally carried away unconscious. The damage to the transport Meade will amount to less than one hundred thousand dollars. The damage to the cargo is very small. Major Dovol, superintendent of the transport service has appointed a board of inquiry to investigate the cause of the fire and to fix the responsibility of the deaths.

The bodies of fireman Dakin and Hennessey were found in the hold after the smoke had cleared away. Hennessey was still alive but died in a few minutes. In the aft hold of the ship there were thousands of pounds of ammunition, had this ignited, the ship and all of the occupants would have been blown to pieces. The fire is believed to have started from the lime in the cargo.

Many of the firemen and crew were overcome by smoke and are now in the hospital. The reported missing firemen have now all been located.

EXPLANATION DEMANDED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The Quartermaster General has started an investigation as to the cargo aboard of the transport Meade, at San Francisco, wherein it is stated that lime of which it is reported the vessel had 800 barrels in her hold, which is in the list of prohibited freight on transports carrying soldiers. Dovol has been asked to explain.

SHORT OF VOTES

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—It is unofficially claimed in advance by the Democratic leaders in the senate that the San Domingo treaty cannot be ratified. It is generally admitted that six Democratic votes must be secured in order to secure its ratification.

MIDSHIPMAN DISMISSED

(Scripps News Association)
Annapolis, Feb. 1.—An order of dismissal was read Midshipman Chapin in the presence of the full brigade at the dinner formation. Chapin was a member of the class that was to graduate the 12th of this month.

THE NEW DENVER MINT

(Scripps News Association)
Denver, Feb. 1.—The new United States mint began operations today with thirty million dollars worth of gold bars on hand awaiting coinage.

SOLD TO SAN FRANCISCO

(Scripps News Association)
Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—Charles Street, the catcher for the "Reds" has been sold to the San Francisco club.

MARINE KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Norfolk Va. Feb. 1.—The body of W. D. Dodson, a marine, was found murdered in a trunk in the Lexington house this afternoon. The police are working but as yet they have no clue.

CAPTAIN COUSINS CHARGED WITH WILFUL NEGLIGENCE

(Scripps News Association)

Seattle, Feb. 1.—A great sensation was caused this morning in the court room when Captain Wallace Langley, who has been a pilot in Vancouver waters for many years, and who was on board the Quisen when she was sent to the rescue, testified that no effort was made to save the passengers of the wrecked steamer Valencia. He said that there was no question but that life boats could have reached the wreck, and the steamer too, could have gotten much nearer, had the proper effort been made. It was his opinion that many lives could have been saved had the proper effort been made. He says that he saved a vessel not many months ago which was wrecked not two hundred yards from the Valencia, during worse weather. He also removed much heavy machinery and dismantled the vessel. Captain Beacher, a pilot of the Pacific Coast, took the side of the company in the investigation. Captain Langley severely criticized the tug Coar for not having gone nearer the distressed vessel, and stated that had she acted in the proper spirit she could have saved the lives of those in the rigging.

Bunker is here and sticks by every charge which he has made and demands a rigid investigation by the federal board of inquiry. He charges Captain Cousins with wilful neglect, saying he could have

saved the lives of the passengers on board the Valencia if he had tried. He says many passengers were still in the rigging when the steamer Quisen left on order of Pharo. Many damage suits will be filed in the federal court this week.

The Topeka today brought six survivors of the wrecked Valencia. They are: F. Lehn, freight clerk; P. Fluhrne, baker; William Raymond, messman; J. Primer, fireman; J. Welsh, waiter; P. O'Brien, waiter. Each survivor had a graphic story to tell of the awful tragedy. They were of the same opinion as Captain Cann, that the rough sea made it impossible for either the Quisen or the Topeka to save any more than they did.

Frank Lehn, the freight clerk, was affectionately greeted by the members of his family. He praises Captain Cann of the work of picking up the life raft with the nineteen passengers aboard. Lehn says he and the others of the Valencia crew begged the women to go aboard the life raft when the steamer Quisen first came in sight. "As we pulled away," he said, "we could see the poor souls huddled together on the after deck. How I pitied them as I realized that theirs was a lingering death. We had little hope of saving our own lives but there was a chance."

The other survivors say the life preservers were in good condition.

WITNESSES HAVE FILED

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Ore. Feb. 1.—Government officials today admit that Horace McKinley and S. A. D. Pater, the principal witnesses for the government in the coming land fraud prosecution have fled to foreign lands. Pater is reported to be in Honduras and that McKinley is in China, with the son of a prominent eastern millionaire floating a railroad scheme.

WAR MAY END

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 1.—There is every probability that the copper war was between the Rogers and Heinze is on the way to a settlement. Wall street has given out this information today, when the nature of some of the negotiations were allowed to leak.

APPOINTS SMITH

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The president has sent the senate the nominations of James F. Smith, of California to be governor general of the Philippines.

CLAIMS HE DID ALL HE COULD

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Captain Cann of the city of Topeka, which arrived here this morning emphatically denies that it was impossible for him to have done anything toward saving the lives of the Valencia passengers. He said: "The Valencia was in behind a reef and it was impossible for the Topeka to get close enough to do anything at all. I was not going to run my own boat in the reef and break it up. As far as launching a boat is concerned it would have been impossible."

SENATOR HEPBURN ILL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—United States Senator Hepburn of the state of Idaho was taken suddenly ill this afternoon with symptoms of appendicitis. The senate this afternoon passed a bill providing for the election of a delegate to congress from Alaska. Congressman Knapp, of New York was the first speaker on the Hepburn railroad bill to favor its passage.

Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, acting under orders of the President today appointed the members of the General Slocum investigating committee to review the testimony in the Valencia investigation.

MANY LEAVING REGIMENT

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 1.—Between February 1st and 3d, about 150 enlisted men of the Fourteenth Cavalry will be discharged, having finished their terms of service. About 50 will re-enlist, but the remainder will return to their homes in the east. It is expected that it will take several months to supply new recruits to fill up the ranks in this regiment, and calls have been made on the recruiting stations in the United States for men.

REBUILD FLAT CARS

The La Grande Iron Works are turning out a large number of castings for the Grande Ronde Lumber Company to be used for rebuilding railroad cars for use on the logging road near Hilgard. The company purchased a number of O. R. & N. flat cars and is re-building them. The foundry of the Iron Works is turning out brake shoes and axle boxes, just as good as a regular car foundry.

HARRIMAN SYSTEM NEXT

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The Harriman railroad system, involving the Southern Pacific and tributaries may be soon under congressional fire, just as the Pennsylvania system has been, although the movement can scarcely be said to have passed the tentative stage. Williams, Democrat, from Mississippi, received a call from an unnamed man who is said to have charge of the merging of the Harriman interests on the floor among the Democratic leaders, which advises the informant to lay his subject before the Democratic members of the House committee of the Pacific railroads. This he did. The committee is looking into the matter and as yet has reached no conclusion.

BANK STATEMENT CALLED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The comptroller of the treasury to a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks on January 29.

FIRE AT PANAMA

(Observer Special)
Panama Feb. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed twenty-eight buildings including the Concordia hotel and fifteen stores. The loss will approach a half million.

CONSIDER WHIPPING POST

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The House committee in the District of Columbia has decided to report on a bill providing for a whipping post for wife beaters in that district.

WITNESS HAD POOR MEMORY

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 1.—The examination of the beef pickers was resumed this morning. Edward F. Swift was examined by District Attorney Morrison. Swift did not remember, of having refused to give information about sheep and hogs because the Martin resolution did not include them but only mentioned the "beef industry." He was not prepared to answer questions whether or not he was present at the meeting of his company when the matter of private cars was discussed. Neither did he remember having refused information concerning the National Packers Company, nor did he remember how much stock his company held in the National Packers Company. He said that he did not yield everything demanded by Garfield because Garfield restrained certain things. Swift referred Morrison to his counsel regarding a number of questions including the alleged concealment by him of the fact that he is a holder of stock in the Aetna Trust Company.

EXECUTION COMMON IN RUSSIA

(Scripps News Association)
Warsaw, Feb. 1.—Four Jewish members of the band were executed at the Citadel and six were held awaiting execution. Many casualties are reported as a result of the anti semitic riots. Advisors of the Baltic provinces say atrocities by the soldiers on the Pacific coast are indescribable. On an average at least fifty men are executed daily and the people are swearing vengeance.

GERMANY WELL SATISFIED

(Scripps News Association)
Berlin, Feb. 1.—The foreign office declares that Germany has gained the upper hand in the Algerian conference. All the powers with the exception of those bonded by special agreement have come over to the German position. France's isolation in the conference was complete.

BONAPARTE APPROVES

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C. Feb. 1.—Secretary of War Charles J. Bonaparte has approved the recommendation of Supt. Sands of the naval academy, for the pardon of Midshipman Miller of Kentucky, who was convicted by the court martial of hazarding.

MORE DISMISSED

(Scripps News Association)
Annapolis, Feb. 1.—Midshipman Edwin Leroy Chapin, of Pasadena, California, was today dismissed from the naval service for hazarding. This makes the sixth dismissal. The navy department is determined to stamp out this pernicious practice.

MORE BODIES

(Scripps News Association)
Victoria, Feb. 1.—The Lorne has just returned to Camfield with two more bodies. There are seven more on the beach to be brought over tomorrow. The provincial province is offering the Indians \$10 for every body brought in.

OHIO RATES

(Scripps News Association)
Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1.—The committee in the House has decided to report favorably on the two cent railroad fare bill, which has already passed the Senate.

TOGO TO VISIT AMERICA

(Scripps News Association)
Tokio, Feb. 1.—Admiral Togo will visit America some time next April. He will come with two armored cruisers.

SUCCEEDS BATES

(Scripps News Association)
Washington Feb. 1.—Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell was today selected to succeed Bates as chief of the staff in April.

NEW DRESS GOODS

We have just opened a large shipment of novelty dress goods, which includes all the new grays and the seasons first and choicest showings in the most popular shades and patterns. When down town stop in and look them over. We shall be pleased to show you through and assure you, you will not regret the time spent.

Price 50c the yard and up

New Shoes

New Shoes

For Men, Boys, Women, and Children. With a very few exceptions all our spring shoes are here. The styles are snappy, and what is better still, we are able to sell you this shipment at the old prices—You probable know there is a heavy advance in shoe leather, in many instances as much as 50 cents a pair. Remember all new shoes at old prices.

Royal Tailors New Spring Samples are Here

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Something to Remember

When you are in need of medicines or sick-room supplies or anything usually found in the stock of a first class drug store please remember that we have the goods and everything is of the best quality. Special attention is paid to compounding of medicines, especially physicians prescriptions. Only experienced pharmacists are entrusted with this work here. But the important matter we would like you to remember is that we deliver goods without extra charges. Telephone or drop us a postal, stating what you want and we'll send the goods immediately. You'll find our free delivery service a great convenience in case of sudden illness or accident or when you have nobody to send for some special article you would like at once. We await your orders.

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