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STEAMER SINKS WITH 51 ABOARD

BRITISH STEAMER CAUGHT IN TYPHOON OFF CHINA

SANK ALMOST INSTANTLY

ONLY TWO MEN ESCAPE OF CREW OF FIFTY-THREE.

Dispatch From China Relates Disaster at Sea When Steamer of British Ownership, Sank Almost Instantly—Water Rushed in on Boilers—Crew Was Caught Beneath the Deck and Drowned Like Rats—Typhoon of Terrific Force.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—Fifty-one members of the crew of 53 went down with the British steamer Duncrine, which was caught in a typhoon off the coast of China, according to a cablegram received at the Merchant's Exchange today. She sank so quickly the men below deck were caught on their way up and drowned.

The Duncrine was from Nikolaoski, for Saigon, Indo-China, and was off Porto Gato on the Kay Shiu shore, when the barometer began to fall. Everything movable was lashed tight.

According to the story of Engineer Hardy who escaped with one seaman, the typhoon came with such terrific force that the water rushed to the engine room and put out the fires.

Medford Fruit.

Ten cars of prunes and pears passed through the city this morning from Medford, en route for eastern and middle west point.

COURT RAPS MAYOR.

Supreme Court Favors Independence League in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—Members of the Independence league are elated over the decision of the supreme court awarding that party the right to have two representatives on the board of election commissioners. The opinion scores Mayor Taylor, who refused to seat the Independence commissioners at the request of the county committee.

REPUBLICANS PROTECT NEGRO

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

CONVENED THIS MORNING

Draft of Republican Platform in California Adopted Early This Morning—It Calls for Protection of Negroes, Condemns Springfield Riots—Asks for Reformatory for First Offenders—Select Electoral College.

Oakland, Aug. 28.—When the republican state convention was opened this morning a draft of the platform was adopted. Among other things it recommends a law establishing a reformatory for the first offenders in this state, for segregation of this class of criminals from the older ones.

The Springfield riots were condemned. The platform promises protection to the negro. It wants improvements of harbors and rivers. Nominations for presidential electors were then begun.

Women Terribly Wrought Up. The suffragettes of California hurled defiance at the delegates to the republican state convention by refusing

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RAISES STANDARD OF NATIONS LAWS

BAR ASSOCIATION CLINCHES OP- PORTUNITY TO AID POOR.

NO APPEAL ON TECHNICALITY

FULL SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY.

By the Election of Lehman of St. Louis, to Head the American Bar Association, the Nation May Secure Better Laws—Will Strive to Limit Appeals on Technical Errors—Limit Powers of Supreme Court in Issuing Writs of Error.

Seattle, Aug. 28.—By a unanimous vote the following officers of the American Bar association were elected today:

Frederick W. Lehman, St. Louis, president; John W. Hinkley, New York, secretary; Frederick W. Wedham, Albany, N. Y., treasurer; W. O. Hart, New Orleans, Walter C. Smith, Philadelphia, R. C. Brown, Minn., J.

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♦ Mrs. Forrest Awarded \$3000. ♦
♦ San Cruz, Aug. 28.—After de- ♦
♦ liberating all night, the jury ♦
♦ today gave a verdict to Mrs. ♦
♦ Mary O. Forrest of La Grande, ♦
♦ Ore., in the damage suit against ♦
♦ the Southern Pacific for the ♦
♦ death of her husband in a wreck. ♦
♦ The widow was given \$3000. She ♦
♦ asked for \$50,000. ♦
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ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE.

England and America in Lead of Other Nations in Navy Improvement.

London, Aug. 28.—According to an estimate announced today by the British admiralty that \$1,421,070,987 was expended during the last three years upon development of the navies of England, America, France, Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan. England expended \$475,555,425, and America \$341,310,740.

PEDAGOGUES OF NOTE IN CITY

HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN BRAGG'S OFFICE.

Select Baker City as Meeting Place and Pick Nov. 23-25, Inclusive, as the Dates—Educator Adrian of Santa Barbara Will Attend Meetings—Late Hour When Educators Arrived—Select Fall Program for the Association's Meeting.

Prominent educators of eastern Oregon and State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman have been in the city today to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Teachers' Association. The session opened this morning in County Superintendent Bragg's office and in attendance were: State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman; Principal Landers of the Pendleton city schools; County Superintendent Smith, of Baker county; E. B. Conklin, of Ontario's city schools, and E. E. Bragg of this city.

To select Baker City as the meeting place this fall was foreordained, and November 23-25, inclusive, were the dates set upon. Among the Pacific coast pedagogues who will attend at that time is Superintendent Adrian, of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) city schools. Mr. Adrian has been in eastern Oregon before, and all teachers know of his instructive abilities.

To agree on Mr. Adrian's selection constituted the morning session's work. As the late train deferred matters considerably, the committee convened again immediately after lunch.

This afternoon's session was given over principally to the discussion of the coming convention. Details of the program are too voluminous to announce at this time, were gone over and arranged. The committee will adjourn this evening.

THEF GETS AWAY.

Carelessness Characterizes Actions of Bold Thief.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Somewhere down in Texas, hot-footing toward Mexico, is the bold thief who on August 10 stole from a treasury department messenger nine pay checks for officers of the marine hospital corps aggregating \$1742.47. So far he has succeeded in eluding the secret service men on his trail.

For a sharp-witted crook, he is wonderfully careless. For instance, one of the stolen checks, for \$80, was picked up on the Southern Pacific railroad station platform at San Antonio the other day. So far, four of the missing checks have returned—three of them cashed by forged endorsement, he thief has made a bee line for the border, leaving a trail of cashed checks behind him. The latest one to be returned was cashed at Marfa, Texas, and was for \$213.33.

SAFE BLOWERS AT WORK.

Suburb of Tacoma Sustains Heavy Loss in Postoffice Valuables.

Tacoma, Aug. 28.—Safe blowers entered the postoffice in Parkland, a Tacoma suburb last night, and partially wrecked the building and stole \$1500 in cash and 22,000 2-cent and 20,000 1-cent stamps, and \$300 of Postmaster Erickson's personal money.

CLOUD BURST INUNDATES CITY OF FOLSOM NEAR EL PASO, TEX.

ELEVEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD BUT DEATHLIST MAY GROW—CAROLINA FLOODS RECEDE

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 28.—Eleven persons are known to be dead and many others supposed to have perished at the town of Folsom, N. M., which has been inundated as the result of a cloudburst today in the mountains.

Meager dispatches say the entire town was swept by the floods. Many houses were completely swept away, and the total death list may exceed 11. Searching parties have been formed.

Atlanta, Aug. 28.—The flood waters are receding today. Many of the destitute people have been relieved. Fifteen are known to be dead, most of them negroes. The rains have ceased and the river is falling at Augusta. The total loss will probably reach two million dollars. The prospects are better today than they have been at any time since the flood. The water is still deep in the streets of Augusta. In some districts there are no hopes for any kind of crops.

CROSSED THE ATLANTIC IN FIVE DAYS

BIG SHIP CARRIED MANY PROMINENT PEOPLE INCLUDING OLYMPIC ATHLETES AND FAMOUS ACTOR

New York, Aug. 28.—The Mauretania, the biggest ship afloat, arrived from Liverpool and Queenstown today making the trip in five days and 54 minutes sailing time. Among the passengers was Senator Hale, a member of the commission to investigate

the financial system of foreign countries. The other members of the commission are touring France. No announcement of the findings will be made until they are submitted to congress. Ethel Barrymore and nine Olympic athletes were also aboard.

SPRINGFIELD RIOTS PROVE COSTLY

Springfield Riots Prove Costly

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 28.—The widow of Scott Burton, who was lynched in the recent riots in this city, today filed a suit for \$5000 against the city. The law allows that amount in cases of persons killed in riots.

It is announced that the heirs of William Donnagan, who was also lynched, will file a similar suit. Property owners continue to file damage suits, the sum now aggregating \$50,000. It is generally understood the city will not fight the suits.

PAPERS IN BATTLE.

Vancouver World Sues Evening Province for \$50,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28.—The first political bombshell of the Dominion election campaign burst in Vancouver today when the Vancouver World sued the Evening Province for \$50,000 for libel. The province made the assertion, it is alleged, that the World endeavored to hold up the liberal party at Vancouver through its candidate, W. W. B. McInnis, a former governor of Yukon, making the assertion the World was in such financial position that subscriptions from the party was absolutely necessary.

Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON

OPENING DISPLAY Of Ladies Fall Suits In New York' Latest Styles

This week we place on display for the first time fifty advance styles of New York's smartest ladies' tailored suits made by the best and most exclusive ladies' suit tailors in America.

Suits of distinguishing style, character and individuality—designed by experts who are in touch with the fashion centers of the world—made from cloths that represent the highest obtainable results of the cloth designers and weaver's art.

Embodied in these suits you will find everything worth while, superb workmanship, exclusive styles and patterns and in attention to all the small details so essential in the making of a really stylish garment.

Our prices, too, will give you a decidedly pleasant sensation:

\$15.00 to \$40.00

The Fair
Department Store

You are hereby extended most cordial invitation call and look them over.