

TWENTY LIVES LOST IN STORM

Three Vessels Wrecked by Furious Hurricane on Lake Superior.

SOME OF CREW ARE SAVED

Lightkeeper Goes Out in Furious Storm and Rescues Five Men, Boat Fleeing from Wrecked Savonia Swamped.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 4.—Eighteen or 20 lives were lost and property valued at \$300,000 sacrificed in the furious storm that swept over Lake Superior Sunday and Monday night.

One of these is the schooner Pretoria of Bay City, Mich., the largest sailing ship on fresh water, carrying a crew of eight men.

Two Sailing Vessels Wrecked.

The Pretoria broke loose from the steamer that was towing her during the storm and today Captain Wendig, of the steamer Mary Boye, reported that the stern of a sunken three-masted schooner could be seen at a short distance east of the outer island of the Apostle group.

Big Steamers Driven to Port.

The storm at times reached the proportions of a hurricane and the staunchest war steel vessels were forced to run for shelter in a more or less battered condition. The new steel steamer Stackhouse arrived at the Soo on her first trip with her hatch covers so badly sprung that water poured continually into the hold.

PRETORIA'S LOSS CONFIRMED

Five of Crew Drowned, Others Rescued by Lightkeeper.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 4.—A Duluth, Minn., special to the Pioneer Press says: "It was definitely learned here tonight that the sunken schooner near Outer Island was the Pretoria. Five of her crew of ten were drowned by the capsizing of the yawl, in which the crew took refuge when the boat began to founder.

PRETORIA'S TOWLINE BREAKS

Spars of Sunken Vessel Afterwards Seen Above Water.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 4.—It now seems quite certain that the big wooden barge Pretoria of the Davidson fleet, was lost in Lake Superior during the recent storm. The Pretoria's towline parted during the gale Friday night, and, owing to darkness and the heavy sea, her consort was unable to pick her up, and she was soon out of sight.

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BAYFIELD, Wis., Sept. 4.—Four of the crew of the steamer Sevona were drowned by the wreck of the steel steamer on Sand Island Reef on Lake Superior late Friday night. Eighteen others were saved, including the remainder of the crew and four women.

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momentarily expected to go to pieces. Later they were saved by a tug.

Of those for whom the seven offered their lives, four are dead. The rest reached shore after a night of buffeting by the waves in an open boat and a trip of more than 24 hours cutting a road through the wilderness of Northern Wisconsin.

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BROKEN IN TWO ON ROCKS.

Sand Island is in the center of a patch of dangerous reefs. One mile and a half east of the light on the Island of Sand Island Reef, the storm obscured the Raspberry light and the vessel struck. A great hole was torn in the bow, and half an hour later the pounding of the waves had hauled the schooner up.

When the shock came, the captain found that there was no chance for all to try to reach shore and called for volunteers to stay on the ship. More than half the crew volunteered, while the rest tried to reach shore and call for help for those who were to remain on the wreck.

TERRIBLE TRIP OF SURVIVORS.

The trip ashore of the lifeline was one of terror. All night the men fought with the elements in the effort to reach shore, which was only five miles away, but the wind was driving the craft parallel with the beach. It was daylight before the boat was washed up high on shore. During the night, while the men were trying to reach shore, the women were alternately despairing and hopeful. At times they would pray for their lives.

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MAILCARRIERS MADE WELCOME

With Speeches and Music the Delegates Are Greeted at Armory.

ADDRESS BY J. C. KELLER

President of Association Quotes Dante's Famous Lines on Inferno as Applying to Hopes of the Letter-Carriers.

The letter-carriers of America have come, their convention has been assembled with fraternity and handshaking and amid the strains of music. There is the lightness of frolic and the laughter of the vacation time, but with it all there is the spirit of what ought to be and is not, that which is wrong and should be righted. In the heart of every delegate is the belief that there are things in the civil service that should be changed for the good of all, and this thought was echoed at the meeting last night in the Armory.

NEW YORK'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT NATIONAL LETTER-CARRIERS ASSOCIATION.



When President James C. Keller said: "It has always seemed to me that there, was written over the door of every postoffice in the United States that legend inscribed by Dante over the gates of his 'Inferno,' 'Leave hope behind all ye who enter here.'" Armory is filled.

AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

It had been said that when a man went into the service of the Government he became a part of a political machine. The letter-carriers were an educational institution to the people of the United States. They demonstrated that a man could enter the service of the Government and not sacrifice or abdicate his manhood, his politics or his religion; that they were in as men and as men came out.

President Keller's Remarks.

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ence that the letter-carriers would take all the hospitality offered them and everything else they could find; but he was sure that when they left the city they would not have broken the tradition established in other cities, that of leaving the people to know that they had entertained men in all things.

SERIOUS TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION.

"But there are serious things to be taken up," said the speaker, turning to other subjects. "Grand as the postal system is, great as its work, why is it that it shuts the door of higher achievement in the face of the letter-carrier? He alone all occupations cannot attain promotion while in the ranks. In other business, when a man shows that he is capable and steadfast, he is given promotion and reward, but not here. In no way can that come except by securing transferral into another division of which he knows nothing."

"It has always seemed to me that there was written over the door of every postoffice in the United States that legend inscribed by Dante over the gates of his 'Inferno,' 'Leave hope behind all ye who enter here.'" Every man entering the free delivery service is destined to be a letter-carrier forever, by regulation, not by right.

Pyramid on Its Apex.

"I believe that the civil service laws, as they are at present, are like a pyramid standing on its apex. A Postmaster entering into his office comes with plans which he has fostered. He spends the first year in trying to put these reforms on a practical basis, and is hopelessly hampered by existing regulations. He spends the second year finding out that he has made a mistake and the third in trying to remedy it. The fourth he is perhaps very busy and loses his office at the end. I think that the civil service cloak should be extended over the Postmaster as well as the clerk and the carrier. I think that they get the best out of their jobs. It is necessary to give him hope and chance of promotion and advancement, and I think that the postal system, great as it is, will never be so nearly perfect as it should until the employe is given an opportunity and a chance to rise by merit and service from the ranks."

The remarks of the speaker were greeted with great applause by those present, showing the feeling of the carriers on the subject.

WELCOMED BY SEVERAL.

Mr. Coleman, in welcoming the delegates to the city on behalf of the Portland branch of the association, told of the efforts that had been made by the Portland carriers to provide for the entertainment of their guests. All that, however, said the speaker, was history, and it was now his pleasant privilege and duty to welcome them to what had been prepared for them. At this time he hoped that the Atlantic interest of the association would shake hands with the Pacific, the Gulf with the Great Lakes.

Mr. Minio, as Postmaster of the city, welcomed the guests. He said he felt honored to be able in behalf of the carriers, his friends, to welcome their guests as his own. He asked of their work and of their hopes in being able to entertain the visitors and he wished them success and the guests a good time. Thomas O'Day, the representative of Governor Chamberlain, spoke in a humorous way. He said that the reason the Governor was not present was because he had to attend the wedding of his daughter and could not well come. But when the Governor had asked him to come in his stead, he had told him to come to the state to the convention, and the speaker was there, as much of him as there was, to fulfill his duty.

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FAVORS BETTER COMPENSATION.

The carrier was the most popular of the Government employes. He was the closest to the business and the home life of the Nation. He was a man of fortitude and of hardship and honor. "And," said the speaker, "I have for some time felt that the letter-carriers are not sufficiently compensated. The Government can well afford to economize in other matters and reward faithful service. I believe that after three years, when a man has demonstrated his ability and faithfulness, that he should receive not only compensation that would enable him to support himself and his family in comfort, but that would permit him to put

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San Francisco, Sept. 4.—(Special.)

On the arrival of the steamer Spokane, from Portland, this morning, Police Officer Edmer arrested four of the passengers and took them to the city prison. They were Fremont P. Chase, William Kenny and two women they represented as their wives. The arrests were made on a dispatch from Acting Chief of Police C. Gritzmaier, of Portland. The message said that Chase was wanted there on a charge of embezzlement and was on his way to Honolulu with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny.

Detective Harry Reynolds, who is acting chief of detectives, notified Gritzmaier of the arrests, and receiving a reply that neither Kenny nor the woman were wanted, he held Chase till an officer arrived to take him back. Kenny and the women were released from custody.

Chase is an important witness in a case of assault to murder in Portland. He was night bartender for Kaspar Van Dran when Van Dran was shot in his saloon on May 1, by Joe Young. Chase was an eyewitness to the shooting. Young's trial was set for tomorrow, and the testimony of Chase is essential to the prosecution. It is alleged that influence was brought to bear upon Chase to get him outside the jurisdiction of the court before Young's trial commenced.

Second Mystery to Solve.

Another mysterious event occurred recently when the Portland police think Chase can solve. Van Dran's wife died from cyanide of potassium poison on the night of August 12, administered by some unknown person. Chase consented to talk in the prison yesterday afternoon. He said: "What hurts me is the charge of embezzlement. I understand Van Dran accuses me of embezzling \$500. That is false. I have lived in Portland for nearly 23 years, and I defy anyone to say that I ever wronged him of a cent. I am no embezzler, and it is just a trumped-up charge to get me back. Why, for a month after Van Dran was shot I had full charge of his saloon, and it paid better under my management than ever before. Before I left Portland Van Dran gave me \$5,000, a few days before then he gave me \$200.

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Earthquakes in Mexico Raise Surface and Send Rocks Down on People, Who Flee.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Sept. 4.—News from the state of Michoacan, Mex., says that a great volcanic upheaval threatens the city and valley of San Lucas. The people are fleeing in terror. The entire side of a precipice on a mountain called Cerro Dolores, about 200 feet square, suddenly took an upward movement and great masses of rock, broken loose by the upheaval, fell into the valley with a thundering noise. For some days the movement was plainly discernible. It was accompanied by rumbling subterranean noises. For two months slight local earthquakes have been of daily occurrence.

MAY SOLVE MURDER MYSTERY

Chief of Police Pleased at Arrest of Bartender Chase.

Chief of Police Gritzmaier now feels confident that the murder of Mrs. Minnie E. Van Dran will be solved, and he ventures the assertion that in all probability those implicated in the crime will be brought to justice. Just what part, if any, Chase took in the affair, the police decline to state their belief, but they declare that his actions and circumstances connected therewith make things very black for him. Chase is to be returned here on a charge of embezzlement, filed against him yesterday by Deputy District Attorney Haney.

Postal Clerks Open Convention.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Sept. 4.—The National convention of postal clerks opened today with 300 delegates, representing a membership of 9000. John P. McCormick of the credentials committee created an uproar by omitting the delegates from San Francisco and Seattle in his report and reading only nine St. Louis delegates instead of ten, asserting that the per capita tax had not been fully paid. Seattle and San Francisco delegates paid the tax and the St. Louis case went over.

First Frost in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 4.—Several points in Western Nebraska report a light frost last night.

SAYS BOYCOTT VIOLATES TREATY

Taft Speaks Plainly at Banquet Given by Viceroy at Canton.

LEADERS TO BE PUNISHED

Visit of American Statesmen Expected to End Anti-American Movement—Chinese Receive Them With Respect.

HONGKONG, Sept. 4.—The Taft party arrived at Canton this morning and proceeded to the American Consulate, where its members were met by a battalion of the Viceroy's Guards. After a reception at the consulate the party became guests of the new Canton Railway, covering its entire distance.

At 10 o'clock the visitors were entertained at luncheon by invitation of the Viceroy, who, however, was ill and unable to be present. His representative made a speech referring to the friendly relations between China and America.

Secretary Taft in his response said that, by direction of the President, he was pleased to note the friendly relations of the two countries. The United States did not want one foot of one acre of the soil of China. The Secretary said he thought the boycott of American goods was an unreasonable violation of treaty rights and conditions between the two countries, and declared that he was glad the Viceroy had ordered the boycott stopped.

The party's trip to Canton has had an immense effect, and it is believed that within two weeks the boycott will end. The Viceroy on Monday morning gave notice that he had ordered the boycott to be declared off and all of its leaders to be arrested and punished.

BOYCOTT IN CHINA SUBSIDES

Northern Trade Opens—Placards Tell Wrongs of Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Consul-General Rodgers, of Shanghai, cables the State Department under yesterday's date as follows: "Northern trade is opening and the boycott is apparently subsiding." Through the mails the State Department has received copies of the boycott placards which have been displayed in the principal Chinese ports. They have been described in the news dispatches as being much alike, generally reciting the unjust treatment of Chinese merchants and students seeking to enter American ports as a reason why the Chinese at home should refrain from trading with Americans or buying American products.

DIES BY MOB'S FRENZY

Child Killed by Electric Car—Motor-man Almost Killed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—In attempting to inflict punishment on a motorman tonight, an angry crowd in Clinton street caused the death of a little girl who otherwise would have escaped with a few slight bruises. In the riot that followed, several persons were badly hurt and police reserves had a hard fight to disperse the mob. The victim of the accident was Anna Schrinshock, 3 years old. With her father in another man she was being led across the street when a crowling north-bound car rolled the girl under the fender, where she lay crying but apparently unharmed. Before the motorman could stop from the platform and lift the fender, the crowd made a rush for him and in the scramble he was forced against the controller, turning it around and putting on a full current.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Finlay Anderson, Newspaper Man.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Colonel Finlay Anderson, a well-known journalist, died at a private hospital here today, death following a long illness. Colonel Anderson was born in Ireland 67 years ago and came to this country when 9 years old. For gallantry displayed as Acting Corporal in the field during the Civil War he was given the rank of Colonel by President Lincoln.

Edward Edwards, Newspaper Man.

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—Edward Edwards, dramatic editor of the Boston Transcript, and one of the best-known newspaper men in the city, died at his home in Dorchester today. He was connected with the Transcript for 48 years and had been political news editor and general editorial writer.

Leading Norwegian Statesman.

Stockholm, Sept. 4.—Major-General Bjornstjerne, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, is dead.