

## ROANOKE DRIFTS AT MERCY OF SEA

### Steering-Gear Breaks off Eureka.

### IN TROUGH OF A HEAVY SEA

### Tug Ranger Puts Out and Gets Line Aboard.

### PERILOUS TOW TO PORT

Hope That Vessel With Her Big Passenger List May Be Saved, Unless the Storm Should Increase in Violence.

**LIST OF THE PASSENGERS.**  
Following is the full list on the steamer Roanoke:  
First cabin—Mrs. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. V. Orlowski, Mr. and Mrs. W. Arden, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddle, C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis and child, Miss Kamie, H. Dodson, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Curran, A. J. Aftus, Mr. and Mrs. N. Reynolds and daughter, C. W. Fresh, Mrs. W. A. T. Webb, Mrs. M. M. Chiland, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mann and Mr. Woodward.  
Intermediate cabin—R. Hartman, Margaret Renick, M. A. Dickinson, F. Rant, A. Smith, B. Yankie, Mr. Wasmann, O. Johnson and E. J. Ward.  
Steerage—E. Olson, R. B. Miller, H. M. Wright, W. Collins, S. Mears and H. Weiser.

**EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 27.—(Special.)**—Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon the steamer Roanoke, Captain Dunham, on her way from Portland to San Francisco, was sighted off the harbor here flying distress signals. The big vessel, carrying a heavy passenger list and a big cargo, had broken her steering gear and was drifting helplessly in the trough of a heavy sea. The wind had lashed the sea into a fury, and the steamer bounded as though she would plunge to the bottom at any moment.  
The tug Ranger was immediately dispatched to the aid of the Roanoke. The Ranger picked up the life-saving crew and hastened to the stricken vessel. It was a dangerous trip, as the storm is one of the most severe of the season. The Ranger was able to reach the Roanoke and get a line aboard. The return trip was then begun and at midnight the tug was struggling with her heavy tow.

If the storm does not increase the Ranger will in all probability bring the Roanoke safely to port in the early morning. The water front is lined with anxious people who have friends or relatives aboard the Roanoke. The steamer company is of the opinion that a disaster will be averted.

The Roanoke belongs to C. P. Doe & Co. She runs in opposition to the Pacific Coast Company's vessels and calls at San Francisco, Eureka, Coos Bay and Portland.

### SHIP LEFT PORTLAND FRIDAY

Carries Large Number of Passengers and Wheat Cargo.

With a full cargo of wheat and general merchandise and a number of passengers the Roanoke left Portland late Friday night for San Pedro and way ports. She was scheduled to sail at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, but did not get away until nearly 10 o'clock because of dense fog on the river. She reached Astoria Saturday morning, but the bar was breaking so violently for her to cross out in safety, and it was 11 o'clock Sunday morning when she finally stood out to sea.

The steamers South Bay and F. A. Kilburn, which also called from Portland Friday night, encountered the same obstacles and were about two hours behind the Roanoke crossing out.

The Roanoke registers 184 tons net, and is of the following dimensions: Length, 37 feet; beam, 9 feet; depth, 10.4 feet. She was built in Chester, Pa. in 1882. She was placed on the Portland-San Pedro run more than a year ago by the North Pacific Steamship Company, for which Harry Young is the local agent.

### HIS SENTENCE DEFERRED

Burton's Fate Awaits Action on Motion for New Trial.

**ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—**On motion by counsel for the defense, Judge Vandevanter, in United States Circuit Court this morning, postponed the passing of sentence upon United States Senator J. Ralph Burton, of Kansas, convicted early yesterday morning of having acted as the paid attorney of the Rio Grande & Security Company before the Postoffice Department, until next Wednesday morning, when the defense will present its reasons for asking a new trial.  
Judge Vandevanter suggested to Mr. Lehmann, for the defense, that the record of the case which would be filed in the Appellate Court in the event a new trial is denied, be as brief as possible, eliminating all reasons given by him in upholding motions by the defense, and all arguments by counsel for both sides, confining it strictly to the facts that an objection had been made, that it had been overruled and that an exception had been taken.  
Judge Vandevanter said that it might be of some assistance to the defense to

## HIDE AND SEEK WITH MILLIONS

### Tricks Played With Insurance Money.

### SECRET LOAN OF CITY BONDS

### Unknown's Sleight of Hand With \$700,000 Check.

### WHERE ALL PROFITS GO

### New York Life Lends Millions for Agents' Use in Making Loan.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—**One of the most interesting features of the life-insurance investigation developed only a few minutes before the adjournment of the Armstrong committee today, when Theodore F. Banta, cashier of the New York Life Insurance Company, testified that at the beginning of 1901 Edmund T. Randolph, treasurer of the company, opened its vaults, removed New York City stock valued at \$700,000 and put a check of the Central National Bank for \$700,000 in its place. Mr. Banta said he helped to open the vaults at the order of Mr. Randolph, and that he supposed Mr. Randolph acted for the finance committee. The stock was kept out for a few days and was then returned and the check withdrawn. The transaction was not recorded on the books of the company, so far as Mr. Banta knew. The effect of the operation would be that any one having that stock would have \$700,000 worth of untraceable property at the end of the year. Mr. Banta did not know who received the stock. Mr. Randolph is expected to be one of the witnesses tomorrow.

### Big Deal Under Cover

George W. Perkins, vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. bankers, today described to the committee the transaction which resulted in his receipt of \$40,131 from Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston, as half the proceeds of the sale of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds of the Mexican Central Railroad Company. Milton M. Mattison, a bookkeeper of the New York Life Insurance Company, had previously testified that \$50,000 of the life-insurance company's money was used in the transaction, and that Mr. Perkins had got the profit. Mr. Perkins said today that he went into the transaction for the Nylc fund, which is owned by the agents of the New York Life Insurance Company, and that he invested the profits for that fund. The life-insurance company, he said, profited to the extent of 5 per cent interest on the loan of \$50,000. He stated that the company had no right to the \$40,131 profit.

### Profits Go to Hamilton.

President John A. McCall told the committee today that he had told the Central Bank and E. E. McCall that Hamilton was good for \$25,000, and they had taken Hamilton's notes. President McCall said the New York Life Insurance Company

### New Oregon Postmasters.

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 27.—**Oregon postmasters appointed: Eustis, Wallawa County, William E. Dearing, vice Charles Campbell, resigned; Hillsdale, Multnomah County, Andrew Mercer, vice George Noakes, resigned.

### Senator Piles at Capital.

**OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 27.—**Senator Piles arrived yesterday and has taken apartments at the Cochran Hotel.

### FIRST BLIZZARD OF SEASON

It Howls Through Middle West With Blinding Snow.

**ST. PAUL, Nov. 27.—**The first blizzard of the season struck St. Paul last afternoon, and tonight is raging with unabated fury. High northwest winds sent the snow in such terrific gusts that pedestrians were all but blinded, and travel greatly impeded.  
From all parts of Minnesota and North and South Dakota came reports of heavy snow and winds, with consequent partial demoralization of railroad traffic.

### GRAND FORK N. D. Nov. 27.—

Snow has fallen all day in the northern half of the state. Tonight a strong wind is drifting the snow badly, and railroad traffic is greatly delayed. The great Northern train from the coast has been abandoned.

### Confesses He Gave Bribe.

**MILWAUKEE, Nov. 27.—**Charles Mader, of Chicago, today pleaded guilty in the Municipal Court to giving a bribe of \$1200 for a contract for roofing an addition to the County Hospital in 1891, and was fined \$100. Mader at the time was agent for a Chicago roofing firm. He was indicted by a grand jury two years ago.

## MUTINEERS ARE LOSING HEART

### Majority Now Ready to Surrender.

### WIN OVER MANY RESERVES

### Russian Admiralty Will Grant Just Demands.

### BRUTAL OFFICERS KILLED

### Admiral Chouknin Gathers Troops to Attack Rebel Stronghold, but Distrusts Artillery—May Starve Out Mutineers.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—(Special M.)**—Though the mutineers at Sevastopol are still masters of the situation at Admiralty Point and though armed parties have apparently free access to the town, notwithstanding the announcement by the authorities that the roads leading to it were blockaded, dispatches received yesterday from Vice-Admiral Chouknin, commanding the Black Sea fleet, present the situation in an optimistic light. These dispatches, which were read at an extraordinary council of the Admiralty, declare that most of the mutineers have decided to surrender with their arms, though such action involves trial for mutiny before a court-martial.  
This is confirmed in part by a dispatch to the Novoe Vremya, which says the spirit of the mutineers is falling and that several bodies have already surrendered.  
Reservists Join Mutiny.  
On the other hand, dispatches to the Associated Press from Sevastopol say that revolutionary orators succeeded yesterday in winning over a battalion of reservists and that, in spite of the arrival of reinforcements to the number of several thousand, the authorities did not dare to interfere with a review held by the mutineers before the cathedral of St. Vladimir, which is in the heart of the town.  
So far as known, most of the demands of the mutineers have to do with service conditions, including the release of reservists, who have served their time, increase of pay, increase in the allowance of food and the removal of alleged incompetent and brutal officers.  
Admits Demands Are Just.  
Beyond a determination to proclaim martial law, nothing of a definite nature has transpired regarding the decisions arrived at by the Admiralty council, but it is reported that the council agreed as to the justice of many of the demands made by the mutineers and would recommend to the Emperor that immediately steps be taken to ameliorate the condition of the sailors.  
Forced to Desert Ship.  
The latest dispatch from Sevastopol says that the mutineers forced the officers and crew of the cruiser Otchakov to leave the ship. The crews of the battleships Rostislav and Tria Sviatilla, so far as at present known, have not mutinied. One reserve battalion, however, has joined the mutineers.  
Several companies of the Vilna regiment have arrived at Sevastopol from Theodosia. Martial law has been declared in the fortresses.  
EXPECTS TOTAL SURRENDER  
Chouknin Makes Concession While Gathering Force for Attack.  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 27.—(Special.)**—The latest reports from Sevastopol indicate that, while the situa-

## Commission on Own Policies.

Mr. Perkins testified that he was insured in the New York Life Company to the amount of \$100,000. Some of the policies he held were taken out when he was an agent of the company. On six of them the commissions amounted to \$18, and he received these commissions from the agents.

Mr. Perkins maintained that the commissions on his own policies were returned to him as trade discounts, and that it was not improper for him to accept them as such. He said he thought Gage E. Tarbell was mistaken in saying he was insured in the New York Life for \$50,000 through Mr. Perkins. The policy was taken out through an agent, he said. He knew that Tarbell got the commission, but it was not arranged with Mr. Perkins.

At this point, Chairman Armstrong, of the investigation committee, asked: "To what people are rebates allowed?"

Mr. Perkins replied: "They are allowed to people in the insurance business." If any agent were detected in rebating to outsiders he would be punished, the witness said. It never struck Mr. Perkins that this was discrimination. He did not believe, however, that there was any statute allowing officials to get rebates.

In response to a question, Mr. Perkins said that in 1902 he had advanced for J. P. Morgan & Co. to the Central Bank and to the Security & Trust Company \$5,750, and rendered a statement of it to the New York Life.

Mr. Perkins said he knew nothing about the expenditures by Hamilton for the New York Life and claimed that his signature to a letter, read by Mr. Hughes, directing an employe of the company to prepare a statement of Mr. Hamilton's expenses, had been made by some one else.

Trying to Find Hamilton.  
Mr. Perkins said President McCall had sent a letter to Hamilton's address in Europe and to his Albany office to be forwarded, asking him to come and testify. Mr. Perkins did not know whether Mr. McCall asked Hamilton to send an accounting if he could not return to New York.

Mr. Hughes then read the notes given by Edward E. McCall and Andrew Hamilton to the bank and trust company. Mr. Perkins did not know whether the amount was for legal expenses. He said the debts to J. P. Morgan & Co. were liquidated from the profits the New York Life received in steel syndicate participation. Mr. Hughes read from a blotter of the New York Life Insurance Company, showing the payment of \$5,750 to Hamilton. Asked if the payment appeared in the report to the State Insurance Department, Mr. Perkins said he did not know, but understood President McCall settled the matter. Asked why E. E. McCall and Andrew Hamilton got money on their notes from the Central National Bank and the New York Security & Trust Company, Mr. Perkins said he did not know, but could find out.

Nylc Shares the Profits.  
Witness said that \$40,131, which was paid by Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston, to the New York Life Insurance Company in September, 1904, as the proceeds of a loan to that company of \$200,000, was paid to Mr. Perkins as trustee of the Nylc fund, and that he had negotiated the loan for that fund. As the Nylc fund did not have that amount of money to spare, the New York Life loaned the money to Kidder, Peabody & Co. on the Mexican Central bonds, which were deposited by the Boston bank. The life insurance company received at the rate of 5 per cent for bonds as its profits in

## TRUSTS ALLIED WITH MORMON

### Will Help Smoot in Exchange for Vote.

### WANT HIS AID ON RATE BILL

### Sugar, Asphalt and Oil Trusts Are His Friends.

### ALSO OWN SUTHERLAND

### Railroads and Monopolies Take Hand in Favor of Polygam.

**SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 27.—(Special.)**—Powerful railroad and other corporate influences will support Apostle Reed Smoot in his struggle for retention in the United States Senate, if his case comes to an issue in advance of action on railroad rates.

Smoot's vote will be sought by opponents of President Roosevelt's proposed rate legislation. Information has reached Salt Lake that Senator C. Burrows desires to have additional testimony taken in the Smoot investigation as the result of an intimation conveyed to him that the railroad interests are after Smoot's vote and are willing to pay him for it by making his fight theirs. Burrows is chairman of the committee that is investigating Smoot and desires to adduce every iota of testimony that may aid in securing Smoot's expulsion. Senator J. H. Foraker is understood to be counted upon by the railroads to make the best possible presentation of the case for Smoot, both in a minority committee report and on the floor of the Senate.

Backed by Sugar Trust.  
Smoot already has extensive corporate backing. The Mormon Church leaders own 49 per cent of the capital of several large sugar factories in Utah, Idaho and other Western states. They are planning to invade Montana. The sugar trust owns the controlling 51 per cent of stock in these factories. It is in consequence, fair to assume that Senators amenable to sugar trust influence will be for Smoot.

Smoot's railroad backing appears equally strong. He was for a time director of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Road and, it is understood still retains an interest in that road. President Joseph F. Smith of the Mormon Church, is a director of the Union Pacific and the church has always been allied closely with roads that now form parts of the Harriman system.

Sutherland a Railroad Lawyer.  
Smoot's colleague, Senator George Sutherland, elected by the Smoot church machine, is attorney for the Rio Grande Western, a Gould line, and for some companies in the asphalt trust.

It is not doubted here that Gould and Harriman will be united in support of Smoot, whose vote against railroad rate legislation would be equally acceptable to both. In addition to these two railroad leaders, Smoot will, it is believed, have the support of the asphalt trust, the sugar trust and the Standard Oil, an imposing array of corporate influences.

Smoot Seeks Early Action.  
It is therefore, to Smoot's interest to have his own case considered before the rate question comes up, since he will be able to keep these corporations in line for him, so long as their own need is in the future. Burrows is evidently aware of this and is seeking by calling for more testimony to prolong the Smoot inquiry until the rate question is disposed of one way or another.

## RETIRE TO THEIR BARRACKS

### Chouknin Will Attack, but Fears Artillery Will Desert Him.

### ODESSA, Nov. 27.—

Governor-General Kaulbars has received the following dispatch from Vice-Admiral Chouknin, commanding the Black Sea fleet: "The mutineers left the Kiaz Potemkin today and the vessel is now in my hands. The sailors, together with the soldiers of the Shrest regiment, who mutinied, have shut themselves in the Lazareff barracks, with some guns. When fresh troops arrive, I shall attack, though I fear the artillerymen may join the mutineers.

"A very serious state of affairs prevails today. Several officers have been killed."

According to private dispatches from Sevastopol, Vice-Admiral Chouknin has frustrated the design of the mutineers to seize the Black Sea fleet and sail for Odessa, by ordering all the gun locks to be broken.

## ARREST PEASANTS' CONGRESS

President Is Author of "The Chosen People" Presented in New York.

**MOSCOW, Nov. 27.—**The President and all the prominent members of the peasants' congress were arrested tonight, under martial authority. Among those arrested was M. Trischkoff, author of "The Chosen People," which was presented in London and New York early this year by the St. Petersburg dramatic company.

Governor of Moscow Dismissed.  
**LONDON, Nov. 28.—**The correspondent of the Standard at Moscow says that General Druzhnikov, governor of Moscow, has been dismissed in disgrace owing to the revolutionary proceedings of the congress of peasants.

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