DEATH IN OCEAN OR FREEZING AIR

Steamer Passengers Meet Awful Fate.

COLLISION DURING BLIZZARD

Larchmont Knocked to Bottom by Knowlton.

SURVIVORS DIE OF COLD

Boats and Life Rafts Come Ashore on Block Island With Half of Fully 175 Dead.

BLOCK ISLAND, R. L. Feb. 13 .- A marine disaster with appailing loss of life and entailing suffering almost beyoud the limit of human endurance came to light today, when a lifeboat of the Joy Line steamer Larchmont, bound from Providence to New York, drifted into Block Island harbor,

In the hoat were several bodies of men who had died from the effects of long hours of exposure to a deathdealing temperature. In the boat also were 11 men whose suffering was so intense that they seemed oblivious to the fact that death was in their midst and they had escaped only by virtue of their ability to withstand the rigor of zero weather in an open boat at

The boat brought out a tale of disaster that has rarely been equalled in England waters, and it is be-Heved that, when the final outcome is known, it will be found that not less than 150 lives were lost, Following closely in the wake of the solltary lifeboat came bodies, lifeboats and rafts, cast on the beach by the angry

Dead Number About 175.

Owing to the condition of the survivors it was impossible to get from them' an estimate of the loss of life. From 150 to 175 persons went to their death, and at a late hour tonight it was believed that the latter figures are nearer

The steamship officials estimate that bout 150 passengers and a crew of 50 were on board the steamer when she left Providence last night. Fortyeight bodies reached these shores today, and 19 were alive when taken from the lifeboats. There are still 138 persons to be accounted for. The only positive evidence of the steamer's vic tims is lying at the bottom of Block Island Sound. The list of passengers and crew, handed to the purser just before the steamer left Providence, was locked in a safe and was not re-

Each Captain Blames Other.

The cause of the accident has not been satisfactorily explained. It occurred just off Watch Hill about 11 o'clock last night, when the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton, bound from South Amboy for Boston with a cargo of coal, crashed into the steamer's port amidships. Captain Mc-Vey of the Larchmont declares that the Knowlton suddenly swerved from her course, luffed up into the wind and crashed into his vessel. Captain Haley of the Knowlton asserts that the steamer did not give his vessel sufficlent ses room.

The steamer, with a huge hole torn in her side, was so seriously damaged that no attempt was made to run for shore, and she sank to the bottom in less than half an hour. The Knowlton, after she had backed away from the wreck, began to fill rapidly, but her crew manned the reached a point off Quonochontaug, where they put out in the lifeboat and rowed ashore. There were no fatalities on the

Face Blizzard in Nightclothes.

A majority of those aboard the Larchment had retired for the night, and, when the collision occurred, there were few, with the exception of the crew, prepared for the weather which prevailed. They hurried from the warm staterooms to the deck of the steamer and into a zero atmosphere. Chilled to the bone, many rushed headlong below to secure more clothing, while others, barefooted, bareheaded, and clad only in nightgowns stood on the decks, fearing that to go

below would mean certain death. The Larchmont left her dock in Providence last night with a heavy cargo of freight and a passenger list estimated from 150 to 200. A strong northwest wind was blowing as the steamer plowed her way down through the eastern passage of Narragansett Bay, but the full effect of the gale which was blowing out in the Sound was not felt until the Larchmont rounded Point Judith.

Rush to Avert Collision.

Captain George McVey was preparing to retire, after a turn around his ship, when he was startled by several blasts of the steamer's whistle. He rushed into the pilot-house, where the pilot and quartermaster pointed out a three-masted schooper sailing eastward before a strong

The schooner, which proved to be the Harry Knowlton coal-laden, from South Amboy for Boston, had been bowling | Schooner Alpha may be saved. Page)

suddenly to luff up and head straight for the steamer. Again several blasts were sounded on the steamer's whistle, the pilot and the quartermaster at the same moment whirling the wheel hard aport in a mad endeavor to avert a collision. As the steamer was slowly veering around, the schooner came on with a speed that almost seemed to equal the gale that had been pushing her toward

Water Rushes in Gaping Hole.

Before another warning could be ounded the schooner crashed into the port side of the Larchmont, and the mpact of the big vessel was so terrific that the big, clumsy bow of the sailing craft forced its way more than half the breadth of the Larchmont. When the force of the impact had been spent the schooner temporarily remained fast in the steamer's side, holding in check for a moment the inrushing water. The pounding sea soon sepa-........................



New York, Who Died Last Night.

rated the vessels, however, and the water rushed into the gaping hole in the steamer with tremendous velocity. As the water struck the boiler com great clouds of steam arose, and the passengers were first under the impression that a fire had broken out or board. Captain McVey could not communicate with his subordinate officers below, the signal apparatus being wrecked

Frostbitten, They Fill Boats.

The passengers meanwhile rushed to the deck. Few of them had waited to lothe themselves. The intense cold nade them want to obtain their clothing, but they found it impossible to return below and do so. Their rooms were flooded soon after they had been deserted, and the steamer, floundering around in the high seas that are feared by all Sound navigators, was sinking with a rapidity that sent terror to the hearts of the officers and

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LAWYERS STORM AT ONE ANOTHER

Jerome and Delmas Have Clash in Court

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DECLARED INSANE

Hereditary Brain Disease Culminated in "Brain Storm," Which Says Dr. Evans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- District Atorney Jerome and Delphin M. Delmas ame together late today in the first serious clash between counsel in the Harry K. Thaw trial. The California attorney, who is directing the defense, took exceptions to certain statements of the prosecuting officer and had inserted in the record of the case a protest against "the misconduct of the earned District Attorney."

Mr. Jerome hotly accused Mr. Delmas of trying to instill into the minds of the jury the implied suggestion that the operation performed on Evelyn Nesbit in 1903 before Thaw took her to Europe was of "a criminal nature," when, as "a matter of fact," he said, it was for appendicitis.

Storm Between Attorneys.

Mr. Delmas called the attention of Justice Fitzgerald to this, saying the District Attorney was stating facts not In evidence and that a "very serious exception must be taken to his remarks.

"Send the jury out of the room if ou want to," exclaimed Mr. Jerome, "but I am going to get this thing straight. I am not going to have these faise impressions fostered before this

Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at Morris Plains, N. J., was testifying at the time of the disagreement. He had declared that he was of the opinion that Harry K. Thaw was insane been called upon to answer a long hypothetical question, in which reference had been made to a "serious if not capital" operation on Miss Nesbit, when

Justice Fitzgerald did not rule out any of the District Attorney's remarks before the jury, and Mr. Delmas took care to have every exception he made "seriously noted."

"Brain Storm" Caused Killing.

Mr. Evans was by far the most satisfactory expert witness to the defense so far produced. He detailed to the jury his observations and examinations of Harry Thaw during his eight visits to the prisoner in the Tombs, and declared it to be his opinion that Thaw was suffering from "a brain storm or an explosive or fulminating condition of mental unsoundness" at the time he shot and killed White His mind, Dr. Evans said, slipped its

moorings and was like a ship without a rudder. Ordeals of stress have added their work to the psychopathic taint which came from heredity.

Dr. Evans may be cross-examined tomorrow, although Mr. Jerome has not indicated his course. It may be that Mr. Delmas will recall Mrs. Thaw to continue her story, now that expert witnesses have testified to Thaw's insanity prior to the tragedy. The de fense has other alienists, however, wh may be called to testify.

THAW'S MIND BADLY DERANGED

Dr. Evans Says Stress Aggravated Hereditary Brain Disease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The first witness called by Mr. Delmas for the defense in the Thaw trial today was Dr. Britton D. Evans, Superintendent of the State Insane Hospital at Morris Plains, which he said contains an aver-



State Senator L. H. Bingham, Whose Rallroad Commission Bill Passed the Oregon Senate.

of 1800 patients. Dr. Evans said he written and spoken a great deal on the subject of insanity and had appeared in a majority of the important cases in New Jersey where mental derangement or incapacity had to do with the matter under investigation. In several cases the witness declared he had represented both the prosecution and the defense by consent of counsel and under appointment by the court,

witness first saw Harry Thaw August 4, 1906, in the Tombs, and in all visited him eight times. Dr. Evans said he was alone upon the visits of August 4 and October 1. At other times he was accompanied by Dr.

Wagner, who testified yesterday. "What, during those visits did yo serve in the mental condition of Mr. Thaw?' he was asked, "On the first visit on August 4 he ex-hibited a peculiar facial expression, glar-

ing as if suspicious of his surroundings and of me, nervous agitation and rest-lessness, such as comes from a severe brain storm, common in those who have recently gone through an explosive or fulminating condition of mental unsound-ness. He exhibited delusions of a peron that Harry K. Thaw was insane sonal character, an exaggerated ego, and at the time of the tragedy. He had along with them delusions of a persecutory character. He thought himself of Hermann.
exaggerated importance and believed himself persecuted by a number of per-

By an "exaggerated ego" Dr. Evans id he meant a "disproportionate importance of self, a belief that is clothed with powers, capacity and ability far above normal, or above those actually possessed."

The symptoms, he said, were characteristic of several mental diseases.

Insanity Result of Henedity.

Thaw's actions, Dr. Evans declared, is adolescent insanity. It is characterisic of the supreme period of life-from 10 to 40 years. The person thus afflicted is known as having a psycholopathic taint, a predisposition to me result of heredity. ental unsoundness, the wished to conceal. "Another form of insanity indicated."

said the witness, "is known as paranola, or fixed insanity on some subject. The third is maniacal, where the patient (Concluded on Page 4.)

TO TRY HERMANN

Only One Man Lacking to Complete Jury.

This FOR BURNING LETTER - BOOKS

Evidence May Bear on Blue Mountain Case.

BIG ARRAY OF WITNESSES

amiliar Faces From Oregon Land-Fraud Trials Numerous at Washington - Hermann Shows the Effect of Mental Strain.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Feb. 12.-The trial of Representative Binger Hermann on the indictment charging the destruction of 36 letterpress copybooks alleged to have formed part of the official files of the General Land Office will begin in earnest tomorrow. When the case was called this morning in Criminal Court No. 1, Justice Stafford presiding Hermann was ar raigned and entered a plea of not guilty The selection of the jury was then begun, but proceedings for the day were abruptly halted shortly before noon by the exhaustion of the entire panel, when the eleventh juror had been chosen. A new panel will be presented in the morn ing and when the twelfth man is se lected, the trial will begin.

Many Oregon Witnesses.

The scene in court this morning was lecidedly reminiscent of scenes familiaat Portland at the trial of the famous land-fraud cases. Many of the principal figures in the Portland trials have been summoned to Washington to appear against Hermann, prominent among them being Mrs. Emma Watson, ex-Surveyor-General Meldrum, George Screnson and Dan Tarpley, all convicted in Oregon courts for complicity in land frauds, as well as Judge A. H. Tanner, who con fessed to perjury in the Mitchell case and C. E. Loomis, George A. Waggone and Joost H. Schneider, all under indict ment and now awalting trial in Portland. In addition J. T. Bridges and J. L. Wells gon land cases, are here to testify against

The courtroom was fairly well filled this morning when the case was called the opening statement made by District Attorney Baker, in which he explained the indictment and showed wherein it was alleged that Hermann had violated section 5408 of the revised statutes. It is to be inferred from Baker's remarks and from the array of witnesses summoned that the prosecution will not only undertake to prove that the letter cople destroyed by Hermann were official in character but that some of the letters copied therein dealt with transactions which Hermann and his correspondents

Surprise to Government.

Something of a surprise was sprung while the jury was being selected. that he was on the grand jury in low go to the Governor

March, 1905, when the Hermann indictment was returned, but he declared he knew absolutely nothing about the Hermann case. The Government's representatives explained this by saying that Norris may have been ill or absent when the letter-book indictment was found; nevertheless Norris was ex-

placed on trial here in the Benson-Hyde land-fraud case, was an unwilling witness against Hermann. He was served with a subpena in Tucson, Ariz., and, it is understood, declined to con to Washington until threatened with proceedings as a defaulting witness. Representative Hermann, who show the strain under which he has labored for the past two years, was accou panied in court this morning by his ion, Shiller B. Hermann, and his son in-law. H. P. Gatley, who is also his associate attorney.

Joost H. Schneider, who will soon be

May Affect Blue Mountain Case. The Hermann trial promises to be



Howard P. Gatley, Son-in-Law of Binger Hermann, Who Is Attorney for His Defense.

rotracted and, if prosecution is given full sway, It is expected that much evidence will be produced bearing on the Blue Mountain land frauds, as well as on the questions related directly to the letter-book indictment. If Hormann is convicted here and land-fraud evidence is produced which materially strengthens the prosecution, the Gov-ernment believes it will have gained a material point in the Hermann land ase to be called in Portland after the present trial is concluded. On the other hand if the present trial results in an cluded. On the other equittal the Government fears such verdict will have an adverse effect in Portland. For that reason the prosecution will put forth every effort to sustain the indictment.

NORTHERN FLYER WRECKED

Passengers Badly Jarred, but Only Few Slightly Injured.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—The northbound Great Northern flyer from Seattle to Vancouver was derailed about two miles north of Stanwood shortly after 7 o'clock last night. According to the reports reaching Stanwood, a pin on the engine shaft broke, and threw the engine off the track, two cars following it. The track was torn up for considerable dis-The passengers escaped with slight injuries.

DEMURRAGE BILL PASSED

South Dakota House Acts Also on Bill Against Corruption.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 12.-The House to day passed the reciprocal demurrage bill. The bill to prohibit corporations to contribute to campaign funds was passed Another bill approved by the House hibits "treating" in saloons. All when John Norris, a merchant, said measures have passed the Senate and

AMERICAN WIT IS SHOWN IN RETORT

How Stephens Silenced Giant Toombs.

GROSVENOR'S CAUSTIC TONGUE

Defends His Whiskers From Emaciated Vandiver.

INGALLS IS PUT TO ROUT

Blackburn's Sarcastle Allusion War Record-Andrew Johnson's Reply to Henry - Parson Brownlow's Exclamation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 - (Special Cornce.)-Mr. William Shakespeare, who codified our English-speaking conver sational laws, made his admirably wise fool, Touchstone, divide the more or less pleasant custom of giving one's adversary the lie into seven classes, ranging from the retort courteous to the lie direct. The field of politics is more prolific in famous instances of retort than any other The rules of Parliament which govern de liberative bodies, controlling to an extent the conduct of political debates, have eliminated but one of Touchstone's seven classes, and that is the Be direct. The retort courteous, the quip modest, the reply churlish, the reproof valiant, the countercheck quarrelsome and the lie circumstantial still live and thrive in Amer-

An illustration of the nimble and caus tle wit of Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, in Senatorial debate, occurred on the floor of the Senate during a heat ed argument with Robert Toombs, also of Georgia. Stephens, although possessed of one of the most powerful brains of his was lame and had a wizened little body. Toombs was one of the largest men in the Senate and was of a blustering spluttering type. He had argued with Stephens until he was hearse and became so exasperated that he threatened to fight. However, consideration of the size ent deterred him, and, turn

ing, he said: "I won't fight you, but I could swallow Stephene guickly retorted: "If you did, you would have more brains in your stomach than you ever had in your head."

Grosvenor as Santa Claus.

General Charles H. Grosvenor is the here of a hundred wordy battles in the House. He has a luxurious snow-white beard and a caustic tongue. One day William D. Vandiver, now Insurance Commissioner of Missouri, launched into from Ohio," and Champ Clark innocently inquired:

"Which gentleman from Ohlo?" The Missourian shook his finger at General Grosvenor and replied: "I mean the gentleman from Ohio who

looks like Santa Claus and talks like Satan." Grosvenor, white with rage, shouted back: "But my picture has never served as a warning on poison pots in pharmacles.

This was a stinger, because Vandiver had

such a thin face and bony frame that he

had been nick-named "skull and cross-The late Senator Ingalis, of Kansas, the tridescent orator, was attacking General McClellan and General Hancock, two Federal Generals of the Civil War who were afterwards Democratic candidates for the Presidency, Senator Blackburn,

of Kentucky, arose and interrupted with the reproof vallant:
"When General George B. McClellan
was leading the armies of his country and General Winfield Scott Hancock lay wounded by the enemy's bullets under the flag of his country, the Senator from Kansas, in the capacity of Judge-Advocate-General was prosecuting noncombatant jayhawkers for robbing henroosts.

Poor Head on That Barrel.

In the old days, when parliamentary re-strictions were less binding on the raging stump, Tom Marshall and one Graves were rival candidates for Congress in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. Marshal was an aristocrat. Graves was the son of was an aristoriat, Graves was the son of a cooper, and he was always making an appeal to the "peepul" by bossing of the humble occupation of his father. Mar-shall found it was hurting his chances, and he decided to stop it by the countercheck quarrelsome. In reply to Graves,

"My opponent boasts of the humble calling of his father. For aught I know, his father may have been a good cooper, but it is easy to see that he put a mighty poor head on this whisky harrel," clap-ping his hand on Graves' head.

Tennessee bred two great orators in the olden days—Andrew Johnson, a Democrat, once President of the United States, and Gustavus A. Henry, a Whig, known as the "Eagle Orator of the South." They ran against each other for Governor, and when a long series of joint debates had reached its close, Johnson addressed the

Whigs in the audience:
"I have spoken with the boasted eagle orator from the Mississippi River to the Unaka Mountains, and as yet I see no flesh in his talons nor blood on his beak." Quick as a flash, Henry was on his feet, "The American eagle is a proud bird,

and feeds not on carrion; Champ Clark, in a speech on civil service reform, told a story of a sharp retort to an examination question propounded by the civil service board. A man applying for a position to run an elevator was

"How many troops did England send to

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