

SHARKS' VENGEANCE AS SCORES DROWN

Steamer Cut in Twain Near Singapore When Ships Collide at Sea.

NO TIME TO LOWER BOATS

Rescuing Parties Impeded by Darkness—Majority of Those Lost Were Carried to Death in Their Berths.

Year.	Steamship.	Lives.
1890	—Steamer Shanghai, burned.	300
1891	—Steamer Usteria, collision.	563
1892	—Steamer Nanchow, foundered.	509
1893	—Warship Victoria, collision.	369
1894	—Steamer Horn Head, sunk by iceberg.	62
1895	—Steamer Chitona, vanished in Lake Michigan.	26
1895	—Warship Reina Regina, collision.	400
1895	—Steamer Collins, wrecked.	171
1896	—Steamer Corpolenta, sunk.	152
1897	—Steamer Kapunda, foundered.	300
1898	—Steamer La Bourgoine, collision.	540
1904	—Steamer General Sloum, burned.	965
1904	—Steamer Norge, wrecked on reef.	750
1905	—Steamer Hesperia, collision.	123
1906	—Steamer Valencia, foundered.	119
1906	—Brazilian cutter Aquidapan, sunk.	212
1907	—Steamer Larchmont, lost.	135
1907	—Steamer Hongkong, struck rock.	130
1907	—Steamer Berlin, wrecked.	153
1907	—Steamship Lakota, struck a reef.	Unknown
1907	—Steamer Columbia, collision.	100
1907	—Steamer Sagna, sunk.	96

SINGAPORE, Nov. 14.—The mail steamer Laznye of the Messageries Maritimes Service, running between Java and Singapore and on her way to this port, collided early this morning with the steamer Onda of the British India line and sank two minutes later.

Several European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Beniczki, the captain of the Laznye, five European officers and 88 others, comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The rescue of 41 passengers, practically from the jaws of sharks, formed a thrilling incident of the wreck.

Vessels Under Good Speed.

The accident occurred in a thick haze at 4 o'clock in the morning. The vessels were steaming at good speed and the Laznye was cut almost in two. There was no time for panic nor for any attempt on the part of officers to get out the boats. A majority of those on board were caught in their berths and carried down with the vessel.

The force of the collision brought the Onda almost to a dead stop. The engines were at once slowed and the boats were lowered. The rescue work proved thrilling, for not only were the rescuing parties impeded by the darkness, but shoals of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage.

Victims Bitten by Sharks.

Sixty-one persons from the ill-fated vessel finally were dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many had been bitten by sharks, several being severely injured.

EDWARD MAY SNUB LADY

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she said, "but he's merely a friend; just a passing friend, that's all. There was no reason for bringing me into the case."

"Nothing to It," She Says.

"Of course, I have heard the rumors connecting my name with the divorce. I have even heard that I was to be mentioned by Mrs. Astor. But there's nothing to it. Absolutely nothing."

The smile and tone left the impression that there was something she might tell but would not.

Mrs. Hill denied that she had ever accompanied Colonel Astor to Havana, the Isle of Pines and Europe. Aside from accepting his bouquets and bowing to him at theater parties the multimillionaire was nothing more to her than a dozen other men in his set.

It is only a few years since Mrs. Hill, who has dazzled two continents by her beauty, met Halsey Corwin and eloped from Coney Island with him and they were married. They were soon divorced. Then there's a dashing officer of the Irish Rifles, Captain Hill. The captain married Mrs. Corwin as soon as her divorce was granted. He took her to Europe. This of matrimony again galled and Mrs. Hill returned to New York doubly divorced.

Parrot Yells Welcome.

She is now residing at the Bernard apartments, near Central Park. A parrot rules over these quarters and greets all callers with "Oh, you Roberto," and "Oh, you John James."

Mrs. Hill and Colonel Astor have not met publicly since her return home, and their close friends declare the romance, if there was one, is long dead.

It is understood Mrs. Astor will take her daughter, Alice, abroad again soon, while the son, Vincent, will remain with his father until the end of the year. The Colonel has the privilege of visiting his daughter for two weeks each year, while Vincent will visit his mother for the same length of time out of each 34 months.

The Astors had not lived together for more than two years. Mrs. Astor has spent most of her time in London and Paris, while the Colonel remained in New York. The children were with the mother. Last year when Mrs. Astor returned from abroad and took up a summer residence at Newport, the Colonel visited his son at that place, but returned almost immediately to New York. This was the last time the husband and wife met in their own home.

J. D. Bartou Willing, brother of Mrs. Astor, returned from Europe just before the divorce proceedings were started. He denied that he was back to testify and declared he knew nothing about the nature of the charges against the Colonel. J. Kent Willing, a cousin, went farther. He said he did not know of the suit until he read it in the papers. Other members of the family professed to be equally as ignorant.

NEW PORTRAIT OF PLAYWRIGHT WHO WANTS DIVORCED WIFE BACK, AND ACTRESS WHOM IT IS DENIED HE WILL MARRY.



JAMES M. BARRIE.

FRIENDS MAKE PLEA

Every Effort Put Forth to Get Barrie's Wife Back.

NOT TO MARRY HIS WARD

Famous Author and Playwright Will Not Wed Pauline Chase, With Whose Name His Own Has Been Often Coupled.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Gossip is still rife as to whether the friends of James M. Barrie and his divorced wife will be able to bring about a reconciliation between the couple. Mr. Barrie himself has tried and failed. After he was awarded his divorce he made heart-breaking pleas to her to return to him, holding out various inducements and promising her a large sum of money. The lady was adamant, however, and then Mr. Barrie's friends took up the plea, working on her sympathies and praising the lovable qualities of the husband she forsook for the young playwright.

So far no pleadings have availed. Mr. Barrie, as is well known, has almost a morbid hatred of publicity. In fact it was a great surprise when he filed suit for divorce. Therefore he is giving out no news of his intentions, and what is learned has to come from his friends. Of those he has a host, however, and some of them will talk to the newspapers. From this source it is learned that while Mr. Barrie's name has been often coupled with that of Pauline Chase, the pretty young American actress who got famous in a night as the "Pink Pajama Girl," he has no intention of marrying her. Mr. Barrie, it may be said definitely, is a single man. His divorced wife will not return to him. Both he and Mrs. Barrie thought much of the little actress, and had her often at their home. She is the daughter of Dr. Bliss, of Washington, D. C., and scored a hit in Barrie's "Peter Pan." Barrie's wife was Mary Ansell, who made her last appearance on the stage as Nancy O'Brien in her husband's successful play, "Walker, London."

REPORT OF LEAK DENIED

Gage Says He Never Heard of Sugar Trust's Inside Information.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Lyman J. Gage "last night" dictated the following: "In answer to the statement I am said to have made, namely, 'I don't believe my good friend Mr. Havemeyer knows anything about this matter; I want you to give him my compliments and tell him that if anything like this exists it must stop, it is a lie. No proofs were ever submitted to me. If there have been any proofs you can rest assured action would have been taken. I would have gone after them with spur, saddle, sabre and bayonet. The fact that it was the sugar trust would have made not the slightest difference. I have no recollection of any charges having been made. I do not know Mr. Havemeyer, and never saw him, but once, when he was pointed out to me."

SLAYER NOT HIGHWAYMAN

Mystery of Los Angeles Coachman's Death Deeper Than Ever.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 14.—A deeper mystery than ever surrounds the murder here Friday of August Peter Carlson, who was known for 12 years as Peter Widell, a coachman. Carlson was shot down on a residence street and as an attempt at a hold-up had been made in the near vicinity only a few minutes before by three men. It was at first supposed that he fell a victim to the highwaymen. Tonight, however, A. N. Kupfer, a business man who was passing the scene in an automobile, tells of having seen the shooting, and states positively that the murderer was alone and was not masked. He gives a fair description of the man.

1200 Sacks Onions on 3 Acres.

MILTON, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—J. J. Williams, who resides on the interurban line three miles north of Milton, this week completed harvesting his large onion crop. The yield this year was a record-breaker, more than 1200 sacks, averaging 214 bushels to the sack, being taken from three acres. Two years ago 354 an acre net was taken from the same field.

RESCUERS, VICTIMS OF CAGE ORDERS

St. Paul Mine Engineer Says His Obedience Was Fatal to Party.

PLEAS TO RAISE BOX FAIL

Coroner's Jury Delves into Second Fatality, Seemingly Caused by Miner Waiting for Bell Signals Before Operating Elevator.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 14.—Implicit obedience by Engineer John Cowley to orders of his superior may have caused the death of the rescuing party which went down into the St. Paul mine yesterday, according to the coroner's inquest which began today. Cowley, who is engineer of the main shaft, testified that he declined to accede to the demand of persons standing at the foot of the shaft to raise the cage which lifted the cage containing the rescuers. The reason he declined, he said, was because he had been told by the third-vet boss, Alexander Nosberg, to move the cage only in answer to the regular bell code.

No Heed Paid.

When the rescue party had been at the bottom of the shaft some time without getting in communication with the engineer by the usual means, Martin Powers, Dr. Home and Herbert Lewis, the latter a brother of one of the rescue party, rushed to Cowley, so the engineer testified. They demanded that the cage be raised at once. Cowley refused, perhaps for ten minutes. Cowley said he would not listen to their frantic appeals, but finally, under the importunities of John Quinby, of the top cage, Quinby hesitated, and as MacLinn John Chadester entered Cowley asked Chadester what should be done. "Go ahead and raise it," answered Chadester, according to Cowley's testimony. "Nobody is alive down there."

Cage Up Too Late.

Cowley then brought the cage to the top, but every one of the men in the rescue party was either dead or dying when they reached the top. Cowley defended himself on the stand by saying he had received Nosberg's order to await the bell signal before moving the cage. He said that three men demanded the cage be raised had no authority to tell him what to do. According to Cowley, he feared in raising the cage he would risk injuring some of the men below and that he might leave them without means of escape should he lift the cage while they were not in it.

Orders, His Excuse.

He declared that after the final cage, with men in it, had been raised, the cage was let down and raised five or six times with the belief that some of the miners might reach the shaft. He testified that he lowered and raised it slowly every time. One of the jurors asked why Cowley could not have raised the cage slowly when Powers, Howe and Lewis appealed. Nosberg's orders were again given as an excuse.

Previous to the final raising of the cage bearing the rescue party, Cowley said, the bell signals had been unusual and disconnecting. He received one signal of three bells to "hoist away." Following almost immediately by a four-bell signal, meaning "hoist slowly." At a height of eight or nine feet the cage was stopped at once and started moving down at another. Then came a six-bell signal, "reverse the fan," and then two bells, "lower." Cowley lowered the cage in answer to the signal, the last ever sent from the rescue party.

Case Up Again.

The jury adjourned after Cowley, John Falksbeck, engineer in the air shaft, and several relatives of the dead in the rescue party had testified. The jury will meet again Monday. More testimony concerning Cowley's refusal to lift the cage will be given by Dr. A. H. Malm, of Princeton, the coroner and L. M. Eckert, of Princeton, Bureau County State's Attorney. The juror Dr. John C. Hall, heretofore, chief surgeon of the Iron Brigade, is named with laundry soap from outer to inner door, the postoffice was this morning littered with broken furniture, letter racks, unopened mail and furnishings, the safe door being blown 30 feet.

ENTOMBED MINERS SIGNAL

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open the mine and at times, though he struggled to control his emotions, tears streamed from his eyes and his voice choked with sobs.

"I wish," he said, "that the men of the press would interview these mining suspects after they are relieved from their duties about this mine. I do not want to go on record alone, but I believe they will tell you that this was the safest coal mine in this country."

Carelessness Costs Life.

"A catastrophe could have happened here in no other way than just as it did. The men need not have been careless. The men at work in the stables were excited."

"This is an awful thing. Some of the best men who ever lived lost their lives, all through carelessness. Bands and Norberg died like heroes. They were on the surface. They went down to save their fellows."

Superintendent Taylor has not slept since he reached here Saturday evening. President Earling and his son are constantly on the ground.

Arrangements are being contemplated to bring relief to families of the victims. It is probable that supplies for their needs will be arranged by the St. Paul company.

Men Give Up Fight.

William Vickers was one of the few who came out alive. For more than 30 yards he crawled in the dark on his hands and knees, using the rail as a guide to the bottom of the shaft. At one point he says he met 45 miners sitting in a row along the road. They had given up the struggle and were waiting resignedly for death.

A tobacco pouch was the means of saving the lives of John Phillips and Edward Surrock, miners in the second vein. Phillips, on his way to the shaft, found Surrock lying in the track in the main entryway. He dragged his comrade until he himself was almost overcome by the smoke. With a miner's intuition, he searched for something to cover his nose and mouth. The only thing available was the small sack in which he carried tobacco. Plunging one end in his mouth he pulled the rest over his nose and fastened it about his head with the string. By crawling with his head close to the rail he struggled toward the shaft, dragging his almost lifeless comrade with him.

Father Rescues Son.

One of the heroic incidents of the rescue work was the saving of John McMill and his young son. They left the place where



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they were working when the alarm was given. Before half of the journey was completed, the boy began to grow dizzy. Clamping his father's hand, he sank to his knees exclaiming: "Pa, I am dying. Leave me and save yourself if you can. Although greatly weakened himself, the father raised the boy unconscious son, and, taking off his belt, strapped the boy on his back and struggled on. Within sight of the shaft he staggered and fell. Before losing consciousness he called for help, and his cries were heard. Rescuers bore them to the cage.

Standing out above all others is the story of Dr. L. B. Howe. Seven times before the other rescuers began to go down in the burning shaft he went alone in a lift. Each time he brought to the surface his quota of saved. Twenty-five miners owe their lives to him.

The disaster brought to light many untrained heroes. Among these was a miner who, when fighting his way through the blinding smoke, stumbled across the body of a little "trapper" boy, who had been overcome at his post at one of the traps. Before losing consciousness he picked up the boy and, placing him upon his shoulders, staggered on until he reached surface.

State Mine Inspector Thomas Hudson said: "From what I have learned, I can only say that carelessness—criminal carelessness on the part of some men working in the second vein level is responsible."

THIEVES HIT POSTOFFICE

CRACKSMEN BLOW OPEN SAFE AT MEDICAL LAKE.

Stamps and Valuable War Records Taken—Escape Made in Carriage Stolen in Town.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—For the fourth time in four years the safe at the Medical Lake postoffice was blown open by cracksmen about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, the robbers escaping with a horse and carriage stolen from H. L. White. Stamps were the only marketable articles stolen.

Frustrated by past experiences, Miss Theodore Hall, postmistress, cached valuable papers and money in her bedroom, but the robbers took envelopes containing private papers, among them being the war records of Dr. John C. Hall, her father, chief surgeon of the Iron Brigade.

Stained with laundry soap from outer to inner door, the postoffice was this morning littered with broken furniture, letter racks, unopened mail and furnishings, the safe door being blown 30 feet.

A clock, jarred from the wall by the explosion, was running when found this morning. Three doors were pried open with a sledge and chisel stolen from Thorpe's blacksmith shop.

Laden with loot packed into the mail-bags of the Express, the robbers hitched up White's horse, started east and left only a few marks in the snow, one of them being made with a heavy boot with two nails in the toe.

A new automatic gun, small enough to be carried in the pocket, will fire its projectiles through half an inch of steel at 1000 yards, its inventor claims.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS WHICH MEANS DEATH

How many readers have heard of this terrible disease? It prevails in that far-away country—Africa—especially the Congo district. It is caused by the bite of the tsetse fly. When it bites a person, the sleeping symptoms begin and finally the sufferer sleeps until death occurs.

Contrast this with the peaceful, balmy sleep of health. Is there anything more wearing than to lie awake at night, tossing about, nervous, with cold feet, hot head and mercy knows what else? Short of letting the tsetse fly bite us we would do almost anything for relief. How can we prevent it? Mr. George Hayes, of Union City, Pa., writes: "I had lost my appetite, was all run-down, could not sleep nights. I had tried everything without relief. Vinol was recommended, and to my surprise, it helped me at once: gave me a splendid appetite, and now I sleep soundly."

What Vinol did for Mr. Hayes, it will do for every run-down, nervous and overworked person who cannot sleep.

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MARSHAL NAILS FIGHTER

COTTAGE GROVE CAPTURE MAY PROVE BAD MAN.

Officer Takes One and Allows 16 to Escape—Weapons and Keys Found on Prisoner.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Marshal Snodgrass captured a man tonight who may be wanted at many places. A gang of 17 hobos had built a den within the city limits. When the Marshal asked the crew to take lodging in the City Jail one man tried to escape. A struggle followed in which the Marshal came out victorious. Besides a 38-caliber Colt's revolver the man carried a large knife. His pockets were full of keys of all kinds, a flashlight and about 25 books of postage stamps and numerous other things. The man gave his name as Robert Blake. During the fight with the Marshal his head was severely cut. Snodgrass is of the opinion that he, with others, have been doing the extensive robberies that have been committed between here and Portland. The rest of the gang ran when the fight commenced. The Marshal thinks he recognized two of the gang as men for whom a \$200 cash reward is offered.

Rate Convention to Meet.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 14.—The tourist rate convention, which will open in Denver tomorrow, will inaugurate a movement to obtain a flat 25 tourist rate from Chicago to Colorado common points. The convention was called by Governor Shafroth.

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