

SUITS TO FOLLOW ST. CROIX WRECK

Feeling Runs High Among Ill-Fated Vessel's Survivors.

RIGID INQUIRY TO BE MADE

United States Government Officers Investigation—Serious Charges Made Against Officers—Mass Meeting Is Planned.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Feeling ran high among the passengers of the St. Croix as they gathered about the office of the North Pacific Steamship Company at 524 South Spring street today.

With some, thankfulness, through having escaped, was succeeded by the passion of bitter resentment for real or fancied neglect. Others championed the cause of the officers and crew. Plans were laid for calling a mass meeting of the passengers at San Francisco to place the circumstances before a lawyer, and determine whether a damage suit against the Schubach-Hamilton line should be brought.

Serious Charge Made. One of the most serious charges brought during the excitement was that some of the barrels on the lifeboats which were supposed to be filled with drinking water contained only salt water.

The charge was made by M. C. Sullivan, a mining man, and the statement was not lacking in support from others. "I know that at least one of those barrels contained nothing but salt water," said he, "for I tried to drink some of it and I know that others had the same experience in other lifeboats."

Rigid U. S. Inquiry Next. Word was received from San Francisco that the United States Inspector of Boilers Bulzer had announced that a rigid investigation of the fire that destroyed the St. Croix would be held as soon as the officers of the crew of the burned vessel arrived there.

A booking company has tendered tickets to San Francisco to the survivors of the wreck, good for passage on the Roanoke, but a large number have declined to accept them. Many declared they never would go again aboard a ship.

The company has declined to give railroad transportation north.

DISASTER DOESN'T STOP WAR Cut Rates Still in Effect, Despite Loss of St. Croix.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The statement of C. D. Dunnam, general passenger agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, that with the burning of the St. Croix the rate war, of course, comes to an end, turns out to have been premature.

The loss of the ship will not put an end to the struggle, is the information given out today by the local officials of the Schubach-Hamilton line.

David W. Ferguson, of the North Pacific Steamship Company, who represents the Schubach-Hamilton Company here, left for San Francisco last night to take up with the owners the matter of the purchase of another steamer to replace the St. Croix, and also to arrange for the lease of another vessel to take the place of the burned craft temporarily, until the purchase can be made.

Representatives of the company in this office here stated this afternoon that they hoped to have the temporary successor to the St. Croix on the run between San Francisco and this point this week.

ARTILLERY SHOOTS WELL Target Moving 8 Knots Is Hit 3 Out of 4 by Company.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Reports of excellent shooting at long range by Coast Artillery companies continue to reach the War Department. A remarkable record was made by the 15th Company at Fort Rosecrans, Cal., on October 29. Four shots were fired from a battery of two 10-inch guns at a target 29 feet high by 49 feet long, which was moving at the rate of eight miles an hour at a distance of about five miles from the battery firing. All four shots were fired in an interval of one minute and 29 seconds and passed through a rectangle nine feet high by 42 feet wide. Only three hits were scored on the target, as one of the shots passed four yards to the left of it.

The 53d Company at Fort Robnan, Mass., on October 20, fired four shots from an eight-inch battery at a 20x60-foot material target, which was moving at the rate of five miles an hour at a distance of about four miles from the firing battery. All four shots were hits and the first shot cut the raft of the material target in two.

LAFAYETTE KISSED HER Mrs. Julia Gaugh, 93, Dies at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Julia M. Gaugh, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln's wife, and who, when a girl of 9 years, was kissed by General Lafayette, died at her daughter's home here yesterday, aged 93 years. Mrs. Gaugh was a Miss McGowan and was born in Frankfort, Ky. She was a cousin and playmate of Mrs. Todd, afterwards the wife of Abraham Lincoln.

When Lafayette visited this country in 1824 a great parade was held in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Gaugh, then only 9 years old, was recognized by Henry Clay, who was a friend of her grandfather, and lifted into the carriage where he sat with the distinguished Frenchman. She recalled plainly that the general took her on his knee and kissed her.

Miss McGowan married Percival Gaugh, an architect, in 1827, and they came to Kansas City in 1839. She is survived by one daughter and four sons.

GIRLS SHOULD PROPOSE At Least Chicago Minister Believes His Plan Would Help.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—"There is only one good reason for not getting married, and that is ill health," said the Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins last night in Pilgrim Congregational Church. "A

medical examination for matrimonial purposes has more to commend it than such an examination for life insurance. "The state should compel men to marry for the same reason it compels education, and in some countries military service. It is for the welfare of the state that there should be the largest number of homes and a normal and regular increase of population. "Brutality and criminality are usually the only valid reasons for divorces, and when granted for such reasons neither party should be permitted to marry again in less than three years, and in most cases the offending party never."

If, after a suitable acquaintance a girl would like to marry a man, but he does not ask her, then let her ask him. Why not? If she wants him she probably will give him a good many hints anyhow, so why not speak right out and ask for what you want? It is a useless conventionality, and a silly custom, any way we look at it, to stick to the old-fashioned way. Some young men are simply too bashful for their own good, and a nice girl should help out a little."

WHEAT BRINGS \$27,000 Grain Passes Dollar Mark and Farmers Pool Interests.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Wheat passed the dollar mark at Sprague, Wash., in the heart of the Central Washington wheat district, when the Farmers' Union pooled 27,000 bushels and sold it to T. A. Emery, grain buyer, at \$1.02. Farmers' Unions throughout the Inland Empire have secured higher prices for their grain than individuals. Walls Walla, Lind and Colfax buyers have paid more than \$1.00 a bushel during the last week. At Almira yesterday several thousand bushels were sold at \$1.01.

Roads are nearly impassable so that little wheat is being marketed, the farmers generally being inclined to hold the remainder of the crop for greater gains. The bullish tone evident in the Chicago pit and the New York demand are said to be responsible. The market at Pullman is dead, no quotations being marked up and little grain offered.

COOK'S REPORT IN VAULT Explorer's North Pole Documents to Cross Ocean Under Guard.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The voluminous report prepared by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, for the University of Copenhagen, which sets forth the explorer's claims to having reached the North Pole, will be shipped under a strong guard on the Scandinavian-American liner United States on Thanksgiving day.

From the precautions taken, it is apparent that Dr. Cook fears something may happen to his report. Arrangements have been made to store it in the strongest safe in the captain's room on board the ship, where it will be guarded on the voyage by the explorer's secretary, Walter Lonsdale. On arrival at Copenhagen it will be turned over only to authorized representatives of the university.

The report, which will contain about 60,000 words, is due to reach Copenhagen on December 7, and Dr. Cook expects a verdict from the university about the first of January.

TOWN DRY, HOTEL CLOSES Sales of Liquor Had Counteracted Losses in Dining-Room.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Tagging on the heels of the focal-option election in Kootenai County, Idaho, which was won by the prohibition forces by a majority of nearly 2000, comes the announcement today of the closing of the dining-room at the Hotel Idaho, at Coeur d'Alene, the largest eating-house in that city, a direct result of the dry victory.

For a year the dining-room has been losing, but the sale of liquor has buoyed up the cafe, the gain in one overbalancing the loss in the other. Manager H. E. Moore, of the hotel, says he will close the place as a hotel and run it as a lodging-house. Fifty-nine saloons will close their doors when the three months prescribed by law elapse after the election. Pool halls are going out of business and other changes are promised.

CATHOLIC FAIR TO OPEN Eugene Parishioners Complete Plans for Big Event.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The Catholics of Eugene have made extensive preparations for their fair, which will open tomorrow, in their new school building, in their new school building, erected on Willamette street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, cost about \$3000. It is modern and well suited for the purpose of caring for the school children, which now number about 70.

VIEW SHOWING LOG JAM COLLECTED ABOUT FALSEWORK OF OLD MADISON-STREET BRIDGE.

STEAMERS WERE PRESSED INTO SERVICE TO RESCUE RUNAWAY RAFT.

STATIONERS... S. A. M. 5 P. M. Portland... 10.9 12.3 Willamette... 11.4 12.8 Salem... 11.4 12.8 Albany... 11.4 12.8 Harborside... 11.4 12.8 Eugene... 11.4 12.8 Tualatin... 11.4 12.8 McMinnville... 11.4 12.8 Astoria... 11.4 12.8 Jefferson... 11.4 12.8

RIVERS BOOM AS RESULT OF RAINS

Traffic on O. R. & N. and Columbia River Road Is Blocked by Landslides.

WRECK CAUSES ONE DEATH

Corvallis & Eastern Train Is Marooned Because Bridges Are Damaged on North Santiam—Lower Willamette Full of Debris.

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Since last Thursday morning, when the rains began, the total precipitation up to 7 o'clock this evening amounts to 4.4 inches. The temperature has been high all the time, and streams are all running bank full. No damage has been reported as yet.

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across the Calapooia at Brownsville on the Woodburn-Natron line is in great danger of going out. The section crew has been called out and is making efforts to save it.

The heaviest rainfall ever recorded at Albany occurred last night. In the 12 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning 2.30 inches of rain fell. This breaks all records for a similar length of time since the Government began keeping weather statistics here in 1875, according to the record in the possession of F. M. French, United States Weather Observer here.

WHOLE FAMILY MAROONED Rescue of Imperiled People in Nooksack Valley Despaired Of.

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can be expected, as there is a great deal of snow on the watershed of the Willamette and tributaries.

The Southern Pacific bridge on the Mohawk is reported in danger from a large log jam. Other bridges on the Mohawk and McKenzie are also threatened.

FREIGHT TRAIN STRIKES SLIDE North Bank Fireman Slightly Hurt Near Cape Horn.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—North Bank freight train No. 75 struck a small slide of stumps of trees and rocks two miles this side of Cape Horn this morning and John Argo, the fireman, received a slight injury on the head.

Engineer Ryan and Conductor Treffrey escaped without injury.

The slide was due to the fact that the continued rains had loosened the earth and rocks on the embankment alongside the track. The railway company keeps watchmen at all points where there is thought there is any possible chance of a slide. The freight pushed through, after a short delay, and arrived safely in the local yards.

HOOD RIVER IS ISOLATED Mount Hood Road Suffers and Wagon Bridges Are Carried Away.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 22.—(Via White Salmon, Wash.)—Today's disastrous storm and flood has completely isolated this city. Telephone and telegraph communication, except to White Salmon, on the north bank of the Columbia, is cut off, and the wreck on the O. R. & N. at Bonview has blocked all traffic by railroad.

Four hundred feet of the Mount Hood Railway has been destroyed by washouts, and wagon bridges across the stream of Hood River have gone out, cutting off communication between the two portions of the valley.

The electric light plant is impaired and the city is in partial darkness.

HEAVY RAINS IN YAMHILL Nearly Three Inches Fall in 24 Hours, and Rivers Rise.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The rainfall here during the past 24 hours was 2.84 inches. The Yamhill River registers 21 feet above extreme low water and is rising three inches an hour.

There being practically no snow in the mountains of the Coast Range, the river is fed by the rainfall at this time, and according to the calculations of W. H. Puet, the observer at this place, the crest of the flood will be due tomorrow.

WAGON BRIDGE ENDANGERED Headgate of Mill Canal at Marion Reported Out.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Both the Willamette and the Santiam rivers are very high, but so far no great damage in this vicinity has been reported. The Willamette at this city is now about 16 feet and is still rising.

It is reported that the headgate of the canal of the Sidley Milling Company, at Marion, on the Santiam, has gone out.

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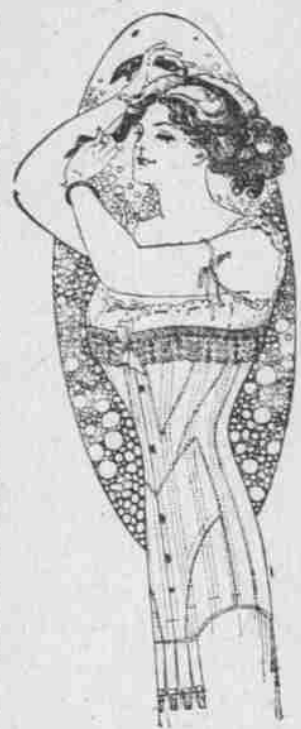
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and that the county wagon bridge at Jefferson is in danger. Streets of Kalama Flooded. KALAMA, Wash., Nov. 22.—The Kalama River has risen six feet more, which makes a total of 29 feet in the last 26 hours. The streets of Kalama are flooded this morning and the bottoms are covered with water.

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