

SHIP AFIRE; PANIC ENSUES; 900 SAVED

Fight for Boats Ends in Trampling Weak; Child Dies and Women Suffer.

EXPLOSION STARTS BLAZE

Heroic Work by Passing Liners Makes Transfer of Passengers Safe—All Taken to Dover. Royalty Gives Succor.

DOVER, England, April 8.—Panic stricken by an explosion and fire on board ship in the open sea, 500 passengers on the British steamer Carinona, off Dungeness, with one exception, were saved early yesterday from what looked for a time like certain death. One child was killed and several women injured in the panic.

A large number of passengers were landed here in an exhausted condition. In all, 20 were seriously injured and not less than 50 were slightly injured by the explosion and in the panic that followed.

Boat on Way to America.

The Carinona sailed Thursday from London for Portland, Me. She carried 900 passengers, for the most part emigrants, and a general cargo. Fortunately, the steamers Upland and Kanawha were near when the Carinona caught fire. They stood by and took off several hundred passengers and landed them here.

Several first-class passengers are American cattlemen and have thrilling details of the action. This was accompanied by a number of women with children in their arms were sitting on a hatch when a violent explosion hurled them to all parts of the deck. Some of them were shockingly injured and one child was killed. The hatch was blown to fragments.

A panic ensued, the immigrants, mostly Russians, running up and down, screaming and wringing their hands. Their terror was increased by the volumes of smoke that poured from the burning hold. The captain and officers made ineffectual efforts to calm them, and their signals of distress were dispatched.

In the meantime another explosion occurred in the engine-room, injuring several of the engineers.

The Kanawha and Upland steamed up quickly and the captain decided to transfer all the passengers. This was accomplished speedily, but was accompanied by scandalous scenes. Scores of the men tried to rush the boats and many of them fought with the women, tearing and dragging them aside and even trampling them under foot.

The crew battled against the panic-stricken emigrants, using fists and feet, and any weapon they could find. Not a few of the frantic mob of men were killed before the hysterical women and children could be placed in the boats. In the stampede, four persons fell into the sea and were rescued with difficulty. The captain of the Carinona first reported an explosion in the starboard bunkers, wrecking the women's quarters. This was followed by several minor explosions.

Until 2 o'clock in the afternoon water was pumped into the bunkers and the vessel proceeded, reaching here at 9 o'clock last night.

Steamer Waits at Dover.

Though it is believed the fire has been extinguished, the steamer will remain until morning to be sure she can proceed in safety.

The Kanawha and Upland reached Dover with 100 rescued passengers late in the afternoon and the scenes at the landing were pitiful. Exhausted by cold and exposure, many of them half-famished and others suffering with injuries, the passengers were brought ashore and supplied with food, clothing and medical attendance.

Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg, the Princess and British naval officers lent assistance. The naval surgeons attended the wounded, many of whom were taken in ambulances to the hospital.

The Prince and Princess of Battenburg had been giving a dinner party, but they broke it up and came ashore with their guests to attend the wants of the refugees.

The Carinona's captain is endeavoring to persuade those of his passengers remaining here to re-embark on his steamer. Several hundred took the train for London last night.

ORIGINAL ORCHARDIST ILL

Man Who Planted First Hood River Trees Dying.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 8.—(Special.)—William Penn Watson, one of the foremost exponents of dry farming in the Southwest, has died at his home, 542 Chestnut avenue, Long Beach, surrounded by his family. He is 53 years of age.

Mr. Watson settled in the Hood River section of Oregon 25 years ago, planting the pioneer apple orchard in the now famous apple country. He attracted attention 20 years ago with his success in raising fruit without irrigation. Mr. Watson has a fruit ranch near Willows, three miles north of Long Beach, which is never irrigated nor watered, and is the wonder of horticulturists.

Mr. Watson and his son, W. P. Watson, Jr., own large tracts of land near Cocheba on which they are successfully raising cantaloupes, oranges and vegetables without irrigation.

ROOSEVELT TO WED JUNE 20

Son of ex-President and Bride-to-Be Set Marriage Date.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Eleanor Alexander have set their wedding for the afternoon of June 20. Colonel Roosevelt sails for this country on the 10th.

VANCOUVER BLAZE IS BIG

Early Morning Fire Loss Is Heavy. Shortage of Water Is Cause.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Fire early yesterday damaged the Kitzina block on Main street to the extent of \$2000, including the furniture in the rooming-house on the second floor. Ferrell & Sons barber shop and pool hall, and J. C. Krenik & Sons' bar, both on the lower floor. The building, owned by Mrs. A. J. Black, is insured for \$2000; Ferrell has \$2700 insurance on the fixtures, while Krenik had no insurance on the bar and stock, so this is almost a total loss. He had about \$700 insurance on the furniture in the rooming-house.

The fire originated in the basement. That the fire was started by sparks or cigar stubs left by Ferd Ferrell and a number of friends, who were cooking a lunch on a gasolene stove in the basement, is denied by Mr. Ferrell himself, who says that while they were cooking there, earlier in the evening, the fire was extinguished.

The alarm was turned in at 2:40 A. M., but it is said that it was 40 minutes before water was turned on by the engine, there being no fire plugs in the city. The engine refused to work, until it was found that a coupling-dropping streetcar wire, had been coupled together when the threads were crossed, causing air to be sucked by the pump. When this remedied water was secured.

J. C. Krenik had permitted the insurance policy to lapse, as he was saving money to renew the license, and he could not carry the premium. "Bob," the faithful dog belonging to Martin Synneski, awoke his master in the rooming-house by barking and scratching on the door until he was answered. When Synneski came out of the room, the dog led the way through smoke to the main hallway. Two dogs belonging to Mr. Krenik were suffocated in the basement.

AUTO SMASHES INTO CAR

LIVES JEOPARDIZED IN CRASH NEAR BURNSIDE BRIDGE

David H. Smith, of Oregon Journal, Alleged to Have Violated Traffic Ordinances.

Lives of a score of passengers aboard a Broadway car were jeopardized when, through the alleged violation of all the traffic ordinances, David H. Smith, of the Oregon Journal drove an automobile into an on-coming streetcar near the Burnside bridge at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night.

As the result of the crash, a dozen passengers aboard the car were jostled violently from their seats and Frank Herbert, a newsboy, riding beside Smith in the automobile, was so painfully injured that it was necessary to remove him to the home of his parents at 51 East Eighth street and medical aid summoned. Smith was struck in the abdomen by the steering gear but miraculously escaped injury. The automobile was damaged to the extent of \$600.

The collision followed an attempt of Smith to pass an east-bound Montavilla car from the rear. He averted the auto to the left roadway of the bridge, running at a high rate of speed. The Broadway car was approaching from the opposite direction on the same side of the street. When Motorman Cornell, of Broadway car No. 412, observed the caper of the motorist he applied his emergency brakes. It was too late, however, to avert the collision.

Before the streetcar could be brought to a stop the automobile rammed into the front vestibule with a terrific impact. Young Herbert, seated beside Smith, was hurled bodily from his position on the seat of the auto. His head struck the vestibule of the streetcar and he fell to the pavement in an unconscious condition. The dismantled steering gear pinned Smith fast in his seat. Conductor John Palmer, of the Broadway car, and a dozen pedestrians, extricated the man and picked up the newsboy. He was carried to Love's drugstore at Grand avenue and East Burnside streets and given temporary treatment. An effort was made to conceal all the facts in connection with the accident. The police, however, secured the details and may cause Smith's arrest on the charge of violating the traffic ordinance.

HENEY GOING TO EUROPE

HERMANN - WILLIAMSON CASES TO AWAIT RETURN.

Joint Trials of Hermann, Mays and Jones May Follow if Court Remands Two Last Named.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Francis J. Heney had a conference yesterday with Attorney-General Wickersham regarding the Hermann-Smith case, together with land-fraud cases. No definite programme for future action has been mapped out.

Soon as Mrs. Heney, who is now in San Francisco, joins her husband, they will sail for Europe for six months' vacation, and no further steps will be taken in the Hermann and Williamson cases until after his return.

If the Appellate Court in meantime remands the Mays-Jones case for retrial, Heney says that in all probability Hermann, Mays and Jones will be tried together. Williamson's case, however, probably will be tried separately, though this is not definitely determined. He also says there is no intention whatever of dropping the Williamson case, rumor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Attorney-General Wickersham, it is known, is highly pleased with the results attained in Mr. Hermann's recent trial, in the light of circumstances.

SMOKE CALLS DEPARTMENT

Stovepipe Blind Flue in Confectionery Causes East Side Alarm.

The spectacle of smoke rising from windows, doors, closets, through the floors and every conceivable opening in the house, yet no fire anywhere apparently, was the situation confronting Fire Captain Stevens of chemical company No. 4, who responded to an alarm from Mississippi avenue and Shaver street Thursday morning. A fire developed that the smoke came from a stove in a confectionery store in the building. The building is of brick construction with shop rooms below and living rooms above. It is owned by M. E. Thompson, who, with his wife, live in an upstairs apartment. Mrs. Thompson was home at the time and turned in the alarm.

An investigation developed that the stove pipe connecting with the stove in the confectionery, was set in a false flue, not connected with a chimney. The flue had been set in the wall, but further than that there was no connection. When the fire was built the smoke found its way between the partitions all the building, issuing at every opening.

SHORE WAIVERS REVOKED

Lake Washington Owners Preparing to Suing for Damage Suits.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Property owners on Lake Washington, who gave waivers of damages resulting from the proposed lowering of the lake, are serving notices on the Secretary of War, Major C. W. Ruiz, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., the State of Washington and King County, that the waivers have been revoked. The move is to prepare the way for damage suits.

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CURTISS BREAKS RECORD

WORLD'S QUICK-START MARK LOWERED TWO SECONDS.

Thousands Attend Memphis Airplane Meet, Renowned Aviator Taking Wife on First Flight.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—Aeroplanes sweeping in graceful curves and darting about the course, gave to thousands yesterday their first real knowledge of aviation. Spectacular flights and the breaking of a world's record by Glenn H. Curtiss, of Hammondsport, N.Y., were features of the second day of the Memphis aviation meet. Weather conditions were perfect and the aviators' flights were successful.

Curtiss' quick start record of 6.25 second, made at the Los Angeles meet, was broken by him with ease yesterday. He rose from the ground in 4.25 seconds. In the same test failed to break his short-start record of 9.8 feet. After breaking the record, the aviator took his wife up in her first flight.

RECALL MENACES LOMBARD

South Portland Boosters Angry at Opposition to Improvements.

Threats that the recall might be invoked on Councilman Guy Lombard were made at the regular meeting of the South Portland Boosters' Club, held in St. Lawrence Hall last night. It was charged that Mr. Lombard intended appearing before the street committee of the Council today in an endeavor to obtain a rescinding order on the improvements ordered in that section of the city. A committee of 15 taxpayers was appointed to meet the street committee at its meeting this afternoon to protest against any action being taken to rescind any resolution passed by the Council in the past ordering the improvement of streets in the South Portland district.

Map of Irvington showing street layout and location of the office. Includes labels like 'IRVINGTON', 'BROADWAY', 'OUR OFFICE EAST 7th & BROADWAY'.

The lots we offer for sale in Irvington are located in the section blocked off on the map at the top of this announcement.

Originally, we had for sale all of the blocked off section. A goodly portion has already been sold. The people who have bought are holding their lots at much higher prices than we are asking for those remaining unsold.

We waited until all of the improvements were completed before we put the lots on the market. We offer the homeseeker or the investor every possible advantage that goes with close-in—improved—restricted—excellent view property.

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Work is being done on this extension—Now, and cars will be running this Summer. The Supreme Court, a short time ago, ratified the franchise for this extension. We immediately decided to raise the prices on all unsold lots. We thought it only fair to give notice of the advance.

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