

BURNING SHIP GOES ON WITHOUT HELP

La Touraine Fire Is Not as Bad as at First Thought, Says Report to Owner.

ANOTHER ACTS AS ESCORT

Liner, Under Own Steam, Is Expected to Reach Havre, France Tonight—Cause of Blaze Is Not Yet Determined.

PARIS, March 7.—Fire which threatened the French steamship La Touraine has been brought under control and all her passengers are safe on board, according to a formal announcement issued today by the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, owner of the liner.

Further Aid Not Needed. Commanders of other vessels which speeded to the rescue have been informed that their services will not be required.

The statement given out by the steamship company said: The fire which broke out aboard the La Touraine was less serious than was at first thought. The fire is under control and all passengers are safe.

The La Touraine resumed her voyage to Havre under her own steam, but nevertheless for further security she is being escorted by the Rotterdam and probably will arrive at Havre Monday night.

Spies Suspected by Press. According to officials of the company, they have not been informed what caused the fire. They assert, however, that the flames were confined to one of the compartments in the hold. It was feared for a time that it might be necessary to transfer the passengers to another ship to avoid danger, but this plan evidently was abandoned when it was seen the blaze was being mastered.

Grave fears for the safety of La Touraine were felt in this city until the positive announcement was made that she was in no danger. Several newspapers suggested that the fire might have been started by spies who had concealed themselves on board.

BURNING LINER NEARING PORT

La Touraine Is Convoys by Steamer Rotterdam, Reports Captain.

HAVRE, via Paris, March 7.—The agent here of the French line today received the following wireless dispatch from Captain Clausen, of La Touraine: "Sunday, March 7, 3:45 P. M.—La Touraine, having a fire in one of its holds, asked for help, but is continuing her voyage to Havre, escorted by the steamer Rotterdam. I hope to get control of the fire. There is no immediate danger. The weather is good, but foggy."

"I hope to dock Monday evening, if everything goes well."

1 MAIL GOES THIS WEEK

NEXT SAILING FOR ENGLAND AFTER MARCH 13 TO BE MARCH 17.

Strikes in British Ports and Demands for Transports Are Blamed for Situation.

NEW YORK, March 7.—After the departure today of the steamships New York and Cameronia for Liverpool the only opportunity to send letters to Great Britain during the coming week will be by the steamship Northland, which will leave Portland Me., March 12 for Liverpool. This will be the only mail for England next week.

Strikes in English ports, the congestion of freight in the Mersey and the Thames and the extraordinary demands made by the Admiralty upon the British trans-Atlantic lines for transports have caused the situation, it was said. The brunt of the shortage has fallen on New York.

Six steamships sail next week for the Mediterranean, France and Holland.

TOLSTOY BUYS FREEDOM

Grandson of Author Makes Escape From Austrians.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Count Michael Tolstoy, grandson of the author, has succeeded in escaping from an Austrian camp, where he had been held prisoner. Because of his frequent threats to escape, the Austrians had posted a special guard over him, but he succeeded in gaining the confidence and friendship of his guard, who, in return for a gift of some Russian coins worth about a dollar, let him walk off early one evening.

The Count was made prisoner during some of the early fighting in the Carpathians.

MINERS' SCALE ACCEPTED

Break Comes in Ranks of Coal Operators in Ohio Field.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 7.—Arthur J. Morgan, owner of the Edge Hill coal mine, north of Beane, O., announced tonight he would accept the union scale of 47 cents and posted a notice calling on the 125 miners employed at the mine to return to work. Morgan's action is regarded by the miners, who have been on strike 11 months, as the first break in the ranks of operators.

Fifteen thousand miners went out because the operators refused to pay the 47-cent rate.

Indians Hear Lectures.

GATEWAY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Farmers institute was held at the Warm Spring Indian Agency last week, with Superintendent G. L. Hall in charge. Many Indian farmers were present.

A. P. Clark, of the Gateway Commercial Club, was one of those who gave interesting talks. D. C. Freeman, publicity agent of the Oregon Trunk Line, showed a number of Oregon industrial and scenic views.

NEWLYWEDS AND FEW OF OTHER PASSENGERS WHO STARTED FOR SAN FRANCISCO ON BEAVER YESTERDAY.



1. Passengers Gathered About Pilot House as Beaver Left Dock—2. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Quinn, One Pair of Newly-Weds on Honeymoon Voyage—3. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tara, of Portland, Also Newly-Weds, Who Embarked on Rare March Day.

CUPID IS PASSENGER

Love God Accompanies Two Couples on Beaver.

MANY OFF TO SEE FAIR

Seventy Per Cent of Those on Vessel Are Through Passengers From East Who Want Columbia River and Ocean Trip in West.

The flagship Beaver, of the Big Three Line, had a precious cargo when she pulled away from the dock for San Francisco yesterday afternoon, for two brides and two bridegrooms were among those who made up the full passenger list. They were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Quinn, of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Tara, of Portland, and their honeymoon will be an interesting one, as all the passengers on the Beaver were privately informed.

Old shoes and placards were placed on stateroom door No. 18, but were quickly removed by the blushing Mr. Quinn. From there they were taken to Mr. Tara's quarters and artistically arranged. When found by the second bridegroom they were given to the seagulls, but sank in the river, as seagulls don't wear old shoes.

The California expositions undoubtedly have lured many of the travelers. Seventy per cent are through passengers, routed out of Eastern cities, who are anxious to enjoy a view of the Columbia River and a voyage on the Pacific Ocean while visiting the West.

As the Beaver gradually drew out of sight she was heard from those left on the Astoria dock. "I want to go to San Francisco, myself," everybody seemed to be saying as they put away their white handkerchiefs, which they had been waving wildly in a fond, envious farewell.

Captain Mason, who commands the Beaver, said that the Tower of Jewels alone is worth a trip to the exposition. The tower, more than 400 feet high, is lighted by searchlights at night, as is the top of the Washington Monument in the East.

Pedestrians on Broadway bridge lined the rails as the Beaver cast off her bows and seemed to enter in the spirit of the occasion, waving their handkerchiefs and hats to those passing under the draw on the hurricane deck of the steamer.

When the Rose City, of the same line, arrived tomorrow she will bring 14 carloads of oranges, the largest cargo of oranges brought north this year.

THAW'S TRIAL NEAR

Conspiracy Charge to Be Taken Up in Court Today.

MINESWEEPER DESTROYED

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beth, posted in the Gulf of Saros, bombarded by indirect fire two big works on the Asiatic side alongside of Chazak and defending the straits (Forts Hamidieh and Hamidieh Sultanieh).

"At the same time cruisers inside the Dardanelles continued direct fire against the works at Darlanus, on the Asiatic side, and Souain Derr, on the European side."

The Overseas News Agency, of Berlin, gave out today the following: "In the absence of any particular developments on the western or eastern war fronts, the newspapers continue to devote their principal attention to the bombardment of the Dardanelles by the allied fleet."

"The latest reports received in Berlin from Constantinople are to the effect that no damage has been done to the forts or Turkish garrisons but that the ships are now shooting from a longer range. British ships twice have been struck fair. The report says that an attempt by the allies to land troops was repelled by the Turkish batteries."

SULTAN REFUSES TO FLEE

Defense of Constantinople Is Left to German Troops.

LONDON, March 8.—"According to the latest advices received here," says a Reuter dispatch from Sofia, "the Sultan and the government are still in Constantinople. The government is prepared to cross to Asia Minor at any moment, but the Sultan is in favor of remaining in the capital."

"It is understood that it has been decided to entrust the defense of Constantinople exclusively to the Germans under command of General Liman von Sanders, the instructor of the Turkish army, while Bedri Bey, the prefect of police, will be invested with the general control of the city, with powers equivalent to those of a viceroy."

"Measures of precaution already have been adopted to prevent the capture of the city. It is reported that all the troops at Adrianople and Demotica have been hurriedly dispatched to the Gallipoli Peninsula."

Douglas Fruit Inspector Named.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Fred Strang, of Medford, Saturday was appointed county fruit inspector for Douglas to succeed Dr. C. H. Bailey, of Deer Creek, who recently resigned the office. Mr. Strang is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and was recommended highly to the County Court. Until a few months ago he was employed in horticultural work by the Canadian government. He will enter upon his new duties Monday.

AN OPTIMIST IS A MAN WHO SAYS, "EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT SO LONG AS I HAVE A POLICY IN THE

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SINGING ADVISED IN RAID

BRITONS GET OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING BOMBS.

One Man Would Hide in Hole of Explosion on Theory "Lightning Strikes but Once in Same Place."

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Queer suggestions continue to come forth as to what to do in case of a bomb attack on London. In the House of Lords the past week one of the noble members said he had received an official communication informing him that if a shell were to explode at his front door, he would do well to leave the house by the back door. No advice was given in regard to a bomb dropping at the back door.

The members of St. Mark's parish church, New Barnet, have received these directions: "In the event of an air raid the congregation will sing a hymn, while the sidesmen conduct them in an orderly manner out of the church, those on the north side out of the north door, those on the south side out of the side door. No one to leave his place until asked to do so by the sidesmen in charge of his aisle. The sidesmen will be in charge of the section from which they collect the offering."

Morrow County Work Rushed.

JONE, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Active work on the improvement of the roads has started and will be rapidly pushed to completion, to take advantage of the weather. The work is to cost about \$2000. The Morrow County officials were in the lone Saturday looking over the scene of the road work.

DEFENSE WILL CONTEND STATE CANNOT ASK FOR CONVICTION OF PERSON HELD AS INSANE—FIVE OTHERS ALSO TO BE TRIED.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will be placed on trial tomorrow in the Supreme Court on the charge of conspiracy, growing out of his escape from the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan in August, 1912.

Thaw spent today quietly in the Tombs. He read and smoked, but refused to see any one excepting his counsel. Ever since he was brought back to the Tombs, six weeks ago today, Thaw has declined to see newspaper men. In this respect, it is said, he has obeyed instructions from his counsel not to discuss his case as he was formerly wont to do.

Thaw has been prisoner or fugitive since the night of June 25, 1906, when he shot and killed Stanford White on the Madison Square Garden roof. After two trials, the first of which resulted in a disagreement, Thaw was acquitted on the ground of insanity in the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan in August, 1912.

Then began his fight for liberty. Writs of habeas corpus were obtained at various times, requiring his appearance in court to establish his sanity. These proceedings invariably resulted unfavorably to him.

Thaw escaped in an automobile August 17, 1912, eluded capture for two days and was finally arrested at Coaticook, Canada. He was subsequently released by the Canadian authorities and sent to Vermont. He fled to Colebrook, N. H., where he obtained counsel and prepared to fight against returning to Matteawan.

A writ of habeas corpus was obtained from a Federal Judge at Concord and Thaw automatically became a Government charge. Argument on the writ was delayed until Governor Folkier, of New Hampshire, should decide to grant or deny the fugitive's extradition.

Governor finally decided that Thaw should be extradited and then

An Open Letter To Every Railroad Man CONCERNING "RULE G"
Gentlemen:
The Peoples Theater will run next Thursday, Friday and Saturday the most spectacular film ever screened—"RULE G."
You all know "Rule G"—the liquor rule. Well, the picture is founded on the story in the Saturday Evening Post: "Keeping John Barleycorn Off the Trains."
It was all taken on the Espee. Many parts are played by Southern Pacific men, who were granted special leave to appear in the pictures. The Espee men pulled off a head-on collision between two giant locos—nothing phony—the real thing.
The cars, locomotives and equipment were all loaned by the Espee heads.
Railroad presidents all over the country have indorsed "Rule G"—they want YOU to see it.
You will see the wrecking of a clubhouse by a wild engine, shop accidents involving a journal lathe and a six-ton triphammer, the demolition at a crossing of a wagon containing a farmer and his wife, the saving of two passenger trains by the automatic action of the block signal, the mob scene, in which hundreds of men are driven out by four determined men on a locomotive and the terrific bar-headed fight between Ned and Spike.
Yes, "Rule G" has enough punch by itself to satisfy any railroad man.
The late E. H. Harriman is played by a man YOU know, who was often mistaken for "the wizard."
Most of the scenes were taken in the West Oakland yards of the Southern Pacific.
Every railroad man in Portland is invited to see "Rule G" at the Peoples Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Very faithfully yours,
Joe S. Cordray
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