



STEAMER BURNED; PASSENGERS SAFE

Flames Burst Out on St. Croix Off Coast.

ALL ON BOARD REACH SHORE

Panic Averted With Difficulty by Cool Officers.

VESSEL ROARING FURNACE

As Last Boat Leaves, Flames Wrap All Sides—Passengers and Crew Encamped in Canyon Till Help Arrives.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—The passenger steamer St. Croix, of the North Pacific Steamship Company, burned to the water's edge tonight at a point three miles north of Santa Monica and the lives of the 82 passengers aboard and those of the crew of 26 were saved by the heroic action of the officers and crew, and the fact that the sea was calm at the time of the disaster.

All of those on board escaped on lifeboats and rafts, and were safely landed at Point Duma on a little beach. They are camped tonight in the Zuni canyon back of the point.

Difficulty in Saving Lives.

The fire started in the second cabin while dinner was being served, and had made such headway before it was discovered that the greatest difficulty was experienced in launching the boats and lifeboats and placing passengers safely aboard.

First Officer F. Mill, Immediately After the Landing of the Passengers at Point Duma, made his way overland to Malibu ranch and there secured an automobile and came to Santa Monica, arriving at 11 o'clock tonight and bringing the first authentic information of the landing of the passengers.

Hull Seen Burning Firely.

At 8 o'clock, while the hull of the St. Croix was burning firely, the steamship City of Topeka passed within a short distance of her, but being unable to discover any signs of life aboard, proceeded on her course to Redondo and gave out the first report of the disaster.

The St. Croix Left San Pedro at 10 o'clock this morning bound for San Francisco direct.

She carried no freight and her passenger list of 82 was an exceedingly light one. She was proceeding in good time at the moment the fire was discovered.

Ship Is Roaring Furnace.

Its origin is unknown. A member of the crew discovered the flames issuing from the windows and gave the alarm. Much excitement ensued and a panic was imminent when the officers commanded the passengers to go forward and remain on the main deck. Meanwhile the lifeboats and liferafts were lowered and the passengers placed in them.

First Officer Mill states that, as the last boat containing members of the crew left the St. Croix, the flames burst forth from all sides, and the iron hull became a roaring furnace.

Camped in Desolate Canyon.

The passengers, the majority of whom are women, must remain in the desolate Zuni canyon until daylight, when relief, which has been sent from this city, will reach them and arrangements be made for bringing them here.

Ten days ago an explosion took place in the boiler-room of the St. Croix, and Chief Engineer Day was scalded to death.

This belief is that an explosion in the engine-room below the second cabin caused the fire of today.

Charles C. Claggett, a traveling salesman,

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WRONG GIRL NEARLY MARRIED TO YOUTH

MAN STOPS MARRIAGE CEREMONY JUST IN TIME.

Judge Is About to Marry Him to Wrong Girl When He Loudly Protests.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—"Hey, there, stop it, that isn't the woman I want to marry at all. That's her sister. The other one's going to be my wife."

So shouted Albert Dierick today when Judge E. E. Hardin, of the Whatcom County Superior Court, attempted to tie the nuptial knot with Dierick and Nora Soderbom, as principals. The judge was so startled that his judicial dignity was jolted a heavy setback.

"What's that, what's that?" he demanded, "her name is on the license. She must be the one."

"Don't care," said Dierick. "I won't marry her. That's flat enough. Can't make me either."

The mistake happened when Dierick, Lucy Soderbom, the bride-to-be, and her sister, Nora, went to obtain the license. The whole bridal party was considerably fussed and the Deputy Recorder had difficulty in separating principals and witnesses. He finally guessed wrong, and the judge, following the license, had the couple all but married when the groom protested hotly. The mistake was rectified and the ceremony proceeded as originally planned by the contracting parties.

MARSHFIELD MAN MISSING

Brakeman With \$90 It Is Feared May Have Been Killed.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Harry McDonald, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific, whose run is out of this place, is strangely missing, and the police fear he may have been made away with.

When last seen, McDonald had about \$90 in his pockets, which may have led to motives of robbery if, as the police think, he has met with an assault. Several men have been arrested on suspicion of knowing something about his disappearance.

A report has come in that McDonald was seen working in a logging camp, but little credence is given to this, for he had not been discharged from the employ of the railroad.

"SOCIALIST" SUPPRESSED

Seattle Paper Held to Contain Indecent Matter.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—The police today confiscated an entire edition of the Socialist, a weekly paper published by Dr. Hermon E. Titus, on the ground that it contained indecent matter, objection being made to an article by Miss Agnes Thekla Fair, an Industrial Worker of the World, who was imprisoned at Spokane for holding street meetings.

The article purported to describe indignities to which prisoners were subjected by the Spokane police. A man who was holding the paper on the street was held in \$500 bail for circulating forbidden literature.

HAZING IS BORN IN SOME

West Point Superintendent Comments on Infraction of Last June.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Some cadets in every class at West Point Military Academy just have it born in them to haze and that is all there is to it. This practically is the conclusion H. L. Scott, superintendent of the academy, has reached after years of experience there.

The hazing of last June was the only serious infraction of the rules of discipline at the Academy during the year, according to Colonel Scott in a report to the War Department today, and yet that came after years of attempts to suppress it.

BOURNE TO NAME RIDDLE

Southern Oregon Man to Get Land Office Appointment.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—It was learned here tonight that Senator Bourne will recommend the appointment of George W. Riddle, of Riddle, as receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, to succeed J. M. Lawrence, who recently resigned.

20, BURIED 7 DAYS, TAKEN OUT ALIVE

Others Entombed in St. Paul Mine May Live.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 20.—The gamut from deepest despair to a hysteria of hope was run here today when 20 miners entombed in the St. Paul mine for a week, almost to an hour, were brought to the surface alive.

At midnight a small fire broke out in the mine, cutting off the rescue work. Fire apparatus was lowered and a stream of water turned into the mine. Up to midnight only 20 men have been brought to the surface. The story of their sufferings and the heroism of their resourceful leaders is one of the most thrilling in all the black history of mining disasters.

WATER IS SAVIOR OF SCORE

One Among Living in Cavern Preached, Sang Hymn.

Mule Alive in Depths, Superstition Stopping Its Slaughter—Gloves, Tobacco, Prisoners' Food. Women Now Hopeful.

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SEARCH FOR DRINK LUCKY

Intergovernmental Championship Is Kicked Back to Yale, Harvard Losing 8 to 0.

Intercollegiate football season most successful. Portland's history. Section 2, page 7.

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The subsidiary companies are enjoined from declaring or paying any dividends to the Standard Company and from permitting the latter company to vote any stock in, or direct the policy of the subsidiary companies.

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DROUGHT, 1910, IS LETTERING ON EGG

KANSAS PHENOMENON STARTLES SUNFLOWER STATE.

Farmers' Wife in Republic County Finds Curiously Marked Egg in Chicken-House.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The helpful hen, famed in Kansas song and story, is responsible for a "phenomenon" that is stirring the state from the Missouri River to the Colorado border. It is all about an egg that was laid out in Republic County, June 11, of this year.

Early in the forenoon of that day, Mrs. Ralph Fullen, wife of a prosperous farmer, as was her custom, responded to the daily cackle of Biddy, and went out to the chicken-house to gather eggs. Imbedded in the shell of one were ominous characters which spelled out "Drought, 1911."

There is no doubt about the letters being outlined in the shell, for Mrs. Fullen has had numerous tests made and stands ready to pay \$100 reward to any person who can, with paint or otherwise, duplicate the letters on the shell of the egg.

Secretary Coburn wrote a letter requesting the egg, and it is now on exhibition in the State Agricultural Department.

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TAFT IS URGED TO RETAIN BIG STICK

FLOGGING OF LATIN CALLED DUTY TO UNIVERSE.

No Two Opinions, Says London Review, Concerning Necessity for Discipline Near Isthmus.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Nothing could be more agreeable to Europe, so far as Central American affairs are concerned, than such a turn of events on the Nicaraguan coast as would give Washington good grounds for drastic action.

"It is to be hoped," says the London Review, "that Mr. Roosevelt did not take the 'big stick' with him to Africa, and that President Taft knows where to lay his hand on it."

"There may be two opinions as to the expediency of 'welding' it in internal concerns, such as corporation aggressiveness, like the Standard Oil, or corporation iniquity, like the American Sugar. That is for the Washington Administration to say."

"But if the United States is to enforce the Monroe doctrine and maintain the hegemony of the western world, the plainest of plain duties to the rest of the Universe requires that the brawling Latin states near the Isthmus be flogged into some sense of discipline."

CUPID CHEATS PRISON CELL

Friend Agrees to Wed Girl to Save Her From Disgrace.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—In order to save Lena Sarlun from the penitentiary and to give her a home, protection and a name unblemished by crime, Herbert Daniels, a friend of the girl, today obtained permission from the Prosecuting Attorney to marry her, and after the ceremony she was released from jail, where she was held on a charge of forgery.

The girl, who is only 17, was arrested for attempting to pass three checks which she had stolen from the mail and the indictment of which she had forged. She asserted that she had contracted debts and that collection agents had hounded her to desperation. A felony charge was laid against her, but her friends pleaded so hard for her release that Daniels' offer to marry her was the finishing stroke with the Prosecutor, and the case against her was dismissed.

The peculiar ceremony was performed with deputy sheriffs as witnesses and the Judge who was to have tried her as the officiating justice.