



QUEEN CITY ARRIVES

Brings Crew of Wrecked Ship King David.

EXPERIENCE NARRATED

Captain Davidson Tells of Terrible Hardships Which Were Endured.

SHIP IS FAST BREAKING UP

Salvage Steamer Salvor Will Not Be Sent to Wreck As Captain Reports There Is No Chance of Saving Vessel.

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—The steamer Queen City arrived today with Captain Davidson and sixteen members of the crew of the King David, wrecked on Bajo Reef, December 12th.

The captain says he encountered thick weather and having no observations ran too far north.

On December 9th he sighted the recently established Clayoquot lighthouse which he mistook for Cape Beale. The lookout reported breakers and anchored in eight fathoms of water. Three days later the weather cleared and observations showed the proximity of a dangerous reef. The wind sprang up and he tried to work to seaward but the windlass broke and the anchor dragged until the vessel drifted on the rocks. Two knuckles of rock penetrated the ship's side and she rolled over with a heavy list to starboard.

The crew took to the boats and made shore returning several times for provisions.

Two seamen left the camp which was abandoned fishing huts on the bleak shore, to try to make their way along beach but returned in three days almost famished. They reported they saw a half breed who told them no relief would come until March as the coast was not inhabited.

As there was a store at Nootka, eight miles distant, the story is proved false. Davidson's charts which were old, did not show the settlement at Nootka or the many intervening settlements and consequently the captain called for volunteers to go to Cape Beale, 100 miles away. Six men were chosen and started in charge of Mate Wallstrom. These men were never seen after the boat rounded Hesquott Point.

There were heavy seas the next five days and the boat doubtless foundered. The survivors remained in the Indian camp until January 14 when they were sighted by the steamer Queen City.

The shipwrecked men launched the boats and put off to the steamer and the captain of the Queen City arranged to call for them on his return trip.

Bad weather ensued and he returned for them the next day. While the Queen City was at Quatsino, the sailmaker,

who had gone crazy, died. The others are in good health. The salvage steamer Salvor will not be sent to the wreck as Captain Davidson reports there is no chance of saving the vessel.

WILL NOT ACT NOW.

France Will Not Chase Venezuela at Once.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—It appears certain that the French government has resolved not to take action regarding Venezuela until the full report of M. Taigny reaches the foreign office.

According to official information, Premier Rouvier does not see the necessity at present of using forcible means to obtain reparation for the insult to Taigny and it is probable he will rely mainly on the good offices of the United States with Castro.

The desire to see the outcome of the Morocco conference also restrains France from precipitately burdening herself with another difficult question.

LOSES CHARTER.

David d'Angers Arrives in Port Townsend Too Late.

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—A special to the Post Intelligencer from Port Townsend says the French ship David d'Angers arrived at 7:30 this morning too late to save her charter which expired at midnight.

TOO MUCH PRINTED

Unnecessary Government Printing to Be Stopped.

BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Authorizes the Appointment of an Advisory Committee to Exclude All Unnecessary Matter From Reports and Bulletins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President Roosevelt has issued instructions applicable to all the executive departments tending to do away with unnecessary printing and to improve the form of reports and other department documents. He authorizes the appointment of an advisory committee, at least one member to have a practical experience of editing and printing.

The committee shall exclude all unnecessary matter from the reports and bulletins, and have the copy carefully edited before printing, to prevent duplication, to exclude unnecessary illustrations and to print only the necessary number of copies and no the maximum allowed by law.

The President also has announced the appointment of a committee on book-making to promote economy utility, beauty and uniformity in government publications. The President's action is the result of an investigation by the so-called Keop Commission.

The cost of the Keop system, in the government printing office, to keep the efficiency records of employees and to weed out incompetents will be established.

The public printer's attention is called to the fact that the number of supervisory and unskilled employes in proportion to skilled employes, has largely increased in recent years, and directs an investigation.

AWFUL CATASTROPHE IN PHILADELPHIA

PANIC FOLLOWS CRY OF "FIRE" IN CHURCH

During Service in Negro Baptist Church Woman Cries Fire. Wild Rush Made for Exit. Eighteen People Trampled to Death.

NEGROS ALL TRY TO RUSH OUT SINGLE EGRESS IN FRIGHT

Woman in Front of Church Smells Smoke and Cries Fire—In Spite of Appeals of Minister, For Audience to Keep Their Seats, Frightened Negroes Make Wild Rush For Door—Women and Children Trampled Under Foot—Dead Are Piled Three Deep in Hallway.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—A wild panic following the loud shout of "fire" brought death to eighteen colored persons and injury to two score others tonight in St. Paul's Baptist Church.

The fire was a trifling one, and was all out before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic and despite the heroic work of the pastor of the church who tried to allay the fears of the frightened congregation, the people made a desperate rush to leave the church only to become congested in the narrow stairway. The panic followed the taking of the collection, when a woman in one of the front rows gave a loud shout of "Fire."

Instantly those about her were on their feet and those near the pulpit smelling the smoke started for the exit. Then half a dozen cries of "Fire!" and the whole congregation became panic stricken. Despite the appeals of the pastor to be seated the terrorized worshippers started to rush. The frantic shouting became louder and many were knocked down in the aisles and trampled on. Then came a terrible rush downstairs. Several people tripped and fell, causing the narrow way to become jammed.

In the melee the weaker ones fell only to be trampled on by those from behind. Horrible shrieks from prostrate persons added to the confusion, by this time even the cool heads becoming terror stricken. Strong men leaped over the heads of women and children and fought only for their own safety. The crush was so great that the ballustrade which was a very weak affair, gave away, and with a terrific crash hundreds of persons were precipitated to the floor below, a distance of about a dozen feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic and the rush became an awful jam. When, finally, the building was emptied, an awful sight presented itself. The first floor and stairway was covered three deep with dead and dying. On the street hundreds were shrieking for help and looking for the missing ones.

The police arrived on the scene and with the help of scores of white people and colored men, the dead and injured were extricated from the terrible mass.

An examination of the dead at the morgue showed that most had been suffocated or died of internal injuries. A few of the injured will likely die.

GIRL IN LUCK.

Calve Will Adopt Her and Give Her Voice Culture.

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—Madame Calve, while in this city, discovered in Lois Feurt, a seventeen-year-old girl, so promising a contralto voice that the Diva told the girl she would formally adopt her and give her a thorough training in Paris.

GIVEN FREE HAND.

United States Allows France to Use Own Venezuelan Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Convinced of the sincerity of assurances from France regarding their loyalty to the Monroe doctrine, the Washington government has given France a free hand in solving the Venezuelan problem.

France's first move may be expected at any time, but the strictest secrecy is observed. M. Taigny will come to this country en route to France for a conference with Ambassador Jusserand and possibly Secretary Root.

The whereabouts of the French ships is a mystery, but it is presumed they are in touch with the ministry of marine at Paris, and awaiting instructions.

WILL DIG HIM OUT.

LAKE CITY, Colo., Jan. 21.—A snow slide today carried Harry Youman and Fred Davidson into Nellie Gulch. The former dug himself out and organized a searching party to hunt Davidson. It is barely possible he will be found alive.

DISORDER UNLIKELY.

Authorities at St. Petersburg and Moscow Do Not Anticipate Trouble.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—There is almost an entire lack of prognostications of disorder tomorrow, the anniversary of the historic march of Father Gapon and his followers to the Winter Palace. The general conference day will pass without a serious occurrence in St. Petersburg and Moscow, though there may be collisions, in the provincial towns.

The labor and revolutionary organizations have generally proclaimed against the demonstrations. The St. Petersburg police chiefly fear attempts at bomb throwing on the part of fanatics. Today passed quietly and tonight St. Petersburg is sleeping tranquilly.

SOLLOGUB SEVERE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—Dispatches from Libau and Mitau show that Governor-General Sollogub continues to punish with merciless severity the revolutionists in Courland. Twenty-one persons were tried by drumhead courtmartial and shot near Libau. Two leaders were executed near Mitau.

CONFERENCE OF FISCAL OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The bureau of the census has called a conference of comptrollers, auditors, treasurers and others interested in the uniform classification of municipal acts and comparable municipal statistics. This conference will be held in this city on February 13th and 14th.

PASS QUIETLY.

Socialist Meetings in Berlin Attended With No Trouble.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Socialist meetings today passed off with complete quiet. Halls which were filled to overflowing were closed by the police half an hour before the speaking commenced. Strong resolutions of sympathy with the Russian revolutionists were passed and protests against the present suffrage system in Prussia were adopted. During the meeting forces of police were kept in the neighborhood. No spectators were allowed in the galleries, for in case of trouble, the rioters would have the advantage of firing on the police from above. The audiences went quietly home after the meetings and there was no attempt at a street demonstration.

Dispatches from all the large towns report the demonstrations orderly.

ATTEMPT FAILS.

Robbers Dig Through Eleven Feet of Solid Rock to Bank Vault.

TOPEKA, Jan. 21.—A bold attempt to rob the Merchants' National Bank was discovered today. The robbers commenced work in the basement and tunneled through 11 feet of solid rock to the floor of the vaults effecting an entrance. They attempted to wreck the safes Saturday night but the effort failed.

WEATHER IS WARM

East Has Warmest Weather in Many Years.

ONE MAN IS PROSTRATED

Warm Wave Strikes the Middle West and Travels to the Atlantic Coast—A Cold Wave Follows Close In It's Wake.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A warm wave which scores the best record since 1890, prevailed from the Mississippi Valley to the Atlantic today. It's crest was in Ohio where the temperature ranged from 70 to 74. The cold wave developed in the west rapidly following the warm wave and forecasts say it will reach the Atlantic Monday night. News from New York stated the warm weather of the past few days reached a climax today when it reached 55 degrees. The warmth and sunshine brought out thousands on the promenades and gave the outing grounds of the city the appearance of a day in spring. The same spruk-like weather is reported in all parts of the state.

At Mingo Junction, Ohio, Stephen Hymes, aged 63, was prostrated by the heat. His condition is serious.

At St. Paul the mercury dropped over 30 degrees in twelve hours standing 2 above at 8 o'clock tonight. Zero weather is reported in nearly every part of the state.

In Boston the mercury reached 68 today, which, with one exception, is the warmest January day on record.

In Philadelphia, with the temperature at 39 degrees, the city experienced the warmest day of the winter.

The warm wave extends throughout Pennsylvania.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

Venezuela and Morocco Interest Centers.

MINERS WILL CONFER

At Indianapolis Conference Between Mineworkers and Operators Will Occur.

JOINT-STATEHOOD BILL UP

House Will Consider the Joint Statehood Bill Which Will Come Up On Wednesday—Deficiency Appropriation Bill to be Considered Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—If France makes a decisive move in retaliation of Venezuela's treatment of her representative, Caracas this week will be the world center. This trouble arose from the expulsion of M. Brun, a representative of the French Cable Company, at Caracas, and because of Charge d'Affaires Taigny's protest.

Venezuela held to her position and refused to treat with the French government through Taigny. A long period followed, open rupture being avoided by the good offices of the American Minister, Russell. President Castro's dilatoriness in settling the matter angered France and a fleet was sent to Martinique to push the matter, but it had no effect. Then Taigny boarded the steamer Martinique, and Venezuela refused to let him return ashore. Although technically not a forcible expulsion, it amounted to an act of hostility and the Venezuelan charge at Paris was given his passports by the French government. Three French vessels are now off the Venezuelan coast and a naval demonstration is expected.

Algeiras will divide interest with Venezuela. According to late advices, extreme caution and lack of confidence has supplanted the uniform expressions by the delegates of a hope for a satisfactory outcome, and a feeling of unrest is said to exist among the delegates of the less interested powers.

In England this week will see the end of the elections. The overwhelming Liberal victory, however, has robbed most of the interest in the question.

In America a conference between the mine workers and operators will occur at Indianapolis.

Interest in Congress centers in the Statehood bill in the House, and when it comes up Wednesday according to the present program, the very first action will be a test of strength between the so-called "Insurgents" and the "Stalwarts." The test will come on the vote for a rule preventing any amendment being made to it. The "Insurgents" claim they can defeat this rule, and the "Stalwarts" are just as strong in their assertions to the contrary.

SIX MEN KILLED IN SNOWSLIDE RECOVERED

SALT LAKE, Jan. 21.—The last of the six bodies buried in the snowslide at Alta was recovered this morning.

With the restoration of communication comes the information that the avalanche came midnight Friday. It swept half a mile before striking the boarding house and an adjoining saloon

in which men were sleeping. Three of the five men in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow and attired only in their night clothes, worked for hours to rescue their companions. Saturday morning fifty men started work seeking the bodies but not until noon was the first body discovered.

SCHOONER TURNER HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—The four-masted schooner M. Turner had a narrow escape from disaster January 17th when she threaded her way through the barrier reefs off Vancouver Island, in distress, with sails split, and brought up to anchor within 600 feet of Bunsby Island. The steamer Queen City reports having rescued the schooner and towing her to sea when the crew mutined refusing to go to sea with sails split. The schooner was then towed to a safe anchorage at Clayoquot, where she was repairing her sails preparatory to continuing the voyage to Puget Sound.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company will libel the Turner for salvage.