



HANSEN DEFENDS HIMSELF

Principal Witness Yesterday Before the Columbia Disaster Investigating Commission.

DID EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO RESCUE

He Took All on Board San Pedro That Could Safely Come and Warned Rest off Because He Thought the Ship Might Sink With the Addition.

HANSEN THOUGHT DORAN WAS ON ONE OF COLUMBIA'S BOATS

FINDS OUT THAT IT WAS THIRD OFFICER HAWSE WHO TALKED SO PECULIARLY TO HIM—ASKED FOR HIS FIRST MATE AND SAID THAT HE KNEW OF A WARSHIP AT SHELTER COVE IN SIX HOURS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Captain Hansen of the steamer San Pedro testified at the Columbia investigation here this afternoon. After describing conditions on his vessel he came to the subject of his alleged refusal to permit boats from the Columbia to put their passengers on the San Pedro. Captain Hansen says that one of the life boats pulled up near him and asked that its passengers be taken aboard. At that time the San Pedro's decks were under water and water had reached the top of the main deckhouses. Captain Hansen says that he refused to take the passengers aboard. There have been statements in the press, Hansen says, that if he had taken these on board more could have been saved. Hansen says the boats which asked him to take the passengers on had only nine passengers aboard it and another had only four in it.

Captain Hansen says that he thought the boat with nine persons contained the captain of the Columbia but afterwards found it was the third mate. Hansen says this man, among his other questions asked for the San Pedro's first mate, saying that he wanted to get to Shelter Cove and would there get a warship to the scene in six hours. The San Pedro captain said this man spoke very peculiarly but he had decided to send his first mate with the man when a north-bound steamer was sighted about two or three miles away but he could not attract her attention. Captain Hansen says he thinks she was the Watson and does not understand how she failed to see him as he saw her very clearly.

Hansen defended himself vigorously against the charges brought against him by Third Officer Hawse and declared that he did everything in his power to

rescue the victims of the wreck. He took all aboard his little craft which it would hold and while he admitted he warned off one of the lifeboats he only did so for fear it would be stove in by floating lumber if it approached nearer.

The testimony of the officers of the San Pedro before Captain Birmingham today demonstrated clearly that the habit of coast skippers is said to be practically universal, of running their vessels at full speed regardless of the fog.

Chief Mate Hendricksen who was in charge of the San Pedro at the time of the collision testified that when he first heard the fog signals of the steamer Columbia he did not slow down and when the passenger vessel loomed out of the fog it was too late to do anything but try to make the collision as slight as possible. When he sighted the Columbia, according to his testimony, the boats were not more than one length apart and not much was possible to be done. There was no time to go starboard.

He therefore blew the danger signal and ordered the engines stopped. He did not order them reversed, he explained, because he hoped to throw the San Pedro around so as to strike a glancing blow and he could not do this unless he kept sufficient way on her. The San Pedro was making about five knots when the collision occurred. The mate stated it was the custom to slow down when fog signals were heard close by, but in answer to repeated questions from Captain Birmingham, he said the reason he did not slow down when he heard the Columbia's whistle was "because she seemed so far away."



RIVAL WATER CARRIERS TO THE ELEPHANT.

BUG DAMAGES WHEAT.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—An expert in the department of agriculture approximates the damage done to wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas by the green bug this spring at \$15,000,000. He makes these figures after a personal visit to the stricken section. However, as the figures are only a guess they will not be included in the "official green bug" bulletin soon to be issued.

INHERIT FABULOUS WEALTH.

HELENA, Mont., July 30.—Three young women of this city, the Misses Bertha and Frederika Volker and Miss Kenton Kepner, have been appraised that after three years' litigation in German courts they have been declared the heiresses to the estate of their grandfather, valued at \$40,000,000. The young women will go to German shortly to claim their fortune.

BOOM WELL STARTED FATALLY BURNED

Ohio Politicians Indorse Taft Over Foraker.

Mother and Son Victims of Accident in Portland.

REFUSED OLIVE BRANCH STARTED FIRE WITH KEROSENE

Vorys, Taft's Manager, Declares the Action of Committee Important as it Shows the State is United—Gives Assurance to Other States.

Mrs. Thomas Ryan, at Portland, Attempts to Start Kitchen Fire With Coal Oil With Fatal Results—Family Home is Destroyed Last Night.

COLUMBUS, July 30.—The candidacy of Secretary Taft for the Republican nomination for President was endorsed by the Republican state committee today by a vote of 15 to 6. The endorsement carried with it a declaration that "the Republicans of Ohio are opposed to the elimination from public life of Senators Foraker and Dick."

Although beaten by a decisive vote in all preliminary contests the adherents of Senator Foraker in committee refused to accept the olive branch extended by Taft supporters and when the resolution as amended was finally accepted, no effort was made to make the action of the committee unanimous. A. I. Vorys, manager of the Taft campaign, declared tonight that the action of the committee was important in that it gave assurance to other states that Secretary Taft had the support of his party in his own state.

PORTLAND, July 30.—Mrs. Thomas Ryan, was fatally burned, and her 3-year-old boy burned to death late today in a fire which destroyed the family home a few miles southeast of this city.

Mrs. Ryan was lighting a fire in the kitchen stove making use of kerosene. Live coals which had remained in the stove caught and an explosion resulted which threw burning oil over the woman and set fire to the house. Mrs. Ryan ran from the house a mass of flames and neighbors who heard the explosion rolled her in blankets and poured water upon her. She had suffered terrible injuries and when brought to the hospital in this city, it was said could not survive. How the little boy caught fire is not known. After the fire was extinguished the charred remains of the boy were found.

Mrs. Ryan's youngest child, a babe of few months, was rescued by the heroic action of 11-year-old Richard Conley, a son of a neighbor who made his way into the house while it was in flames and took the child from its cradle.

WORLD MARKETS.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Lead, copper and silver unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, July 30.—July wheat 7s 1 1/2d.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Wheat steady; July opened 90 1-4, closed 90 1-2; September: opened 92 3-8c, advanced 5-8c, closed 92 3-4c; barley, 59@63c; N. W. \$1.20.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Portland, and Tacoma, wheat unchanged.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

SEATTLE, July 30.—C. M. Long was killed and four women and an unknown man slightly injured at South Seattle last night in a collision between an auto and a buggy.

CAN NOT LIVE WITHOUT GIRL

So Amos Rumbaugh Shoots Himself Through the Head for Suicide Girl.

COLORADO SPRINGS SHOCKED BY AWFUL DEED

Deed Was Discovered Only When Officers Went to Rumbaugh's Room to Take Him to the Inquest Over the Body of His Sweetheart.

HE HAD KNOWN LAURA MATTHEWS BEFORE IN CHICAGO

MISS MATTHEWS SENT LETTER TO SUICIDE WHICH, IF IT HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED, WILL BRING OTHER PROMINENT PEOPLE INTO ENTANGLED SITUATION—C. A. COEY, A WEALTHY CHICAGO MAN, IS INVOLVED IN THE CAUSES AND RESULTS OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

COLORADO SPRINGS, July 30.—Amos R. Rumbaugh of Washington, D. C., a close friend of Miss Laura Matthews who committed suicide near Broadmoor on Sunday night added horror and mystery to the gruesome case by shooting himself through the head this afternoon in the same manner adopted by Miss Matthews. Rumbaugh killed himself in his room at the Alta Vista Hotel. The hour when the fatal shot was fired is not known as it was not heard by any one in the hotel and the deed was discovered only when the officers went to his room to ascertain why he had not responded to a subpoena to attend the coroner's inquest over Miss Matthews' body today.

That the act of Rumbaugh was the direct result of the death of Miss Matthews is not doubted. Rumbaugh claimed to have but a chance acquaintance with the girl, but it develops that he knew of her in Chicago and also that he knew C. A. Coey, a wealthy Chicagoan and Dr. H. A. Thomas of "101" Ranch.

Rumbaugh was the one who accompanied Miss Greene, Miss Matthews' nurse to the livery stable to see if the actress' horse had returned. It was he who sent the telegram to Coey demanding, "He do the right thing," by the girl and it was with him that Miss Matthews left the letter in which was enclosed the letter to Coey. Officers have not yet had time to examine Rumbaugh's papers and effects and the coroner has had his room locked. If Rumbaugh did not destroy the letter left him by Miss Matthews, together with the letter to Coey, it is believed they

will show startling facts that may entangle many people of prominence. The telegram sent by Rumbaugh to Coey Monday morning taken in the light of suicide has more meaning than before. It follows:

"Laura committed suicide on account of you. Letters are left behind. Send \$300 at once for expenses."

Public officers say the letter shows Rumbaugh knew Coey well enough to speak to him of "Laura" and threaten him.

Rumbaugh's death is momentarily expected. Two brief notes are all that explain his act. One to his mother says that there is nothing to say and asks that his body be laid away to rest. The other is to "Whom it may concern" and directs that Mrs. J. H. Rumbaugh, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and insurance company and fraternal organizations be notified.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 30.—Mrs. Jennie Matthews, mother of Laura Matthews, who was found dead at Colorado Springs, left this morning for Chicago. She says she does not believe her daughter intended to commit suicide.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Inquiry tonight fails to reveal identity of Amos Rumbaugh who is dying from a self-inflicted wound at Colorado Springs.

Late tonight it was learned that Miss Matthews was afraid of Rumbaugh who was infatuated with her. Miss Greene said that Rumbaugh was desperately in love with Miss Matthews and swore when she told him of the suicide that he would seek revenge on Coey "He killed himself through love of the girl."

HAWSE MAY GO INSANE.

Third Officer of Columbia in Serious Mental Condition in Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Brooding over the controversy that has arisen among the survivors of the Columbia shipwreck, regarding his actions at that time and the newspaper comment thereon, Robert Hawse, third officer of the ill-fated steamer, is at the detention ward of the central emergency hospital pending an inquiry into his mental condition. Last evening he became so violent and acted so strangely that Second Officer Richard Agerup of the Columbia, with whom Hawse has been staying, sent for the police and had the unfortunate man taken to the detention ward of the hospital. Hawse was very excited when first taken to the station, and acting as though he were in fear of others.

CANAL BOATS WRECKED.

Supports to Bed of Erie Canal Break and Mills Are Threatened.

SYRACUSE, July 30.—The stone arches which supported the bed of the Erie Canal at a point near the center of this city where it passes over Onondaga Creek gave way this afternoon and four canal boats were drawn into the bed of the creek by the suction. Fifty feet of the wall of the three-story Empire Flouring Mill fell into the water and the Bartels and Greenway Breweries respectively on the North and South banks of the canal were threatened with demolition. No one was hurt.

GUARDS ROAD WITH GUN.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 30.—The Great Northern has stopped the Blackwell road from building a trestle over its road at Northport. The company has stationed a guard there and refuses to allow the new road to drive piling. The matter is now before the officers of the two roads. It is thought a settlement may be reached this week.

NEGRO ELECTROCUTED.

NEW YORK, July 30.—William Nelson, a negro, was executed in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison at Ossining, today, for the murder of Lizzie Norman, with whom he lived, on December 2, 1905.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

At Seattle—Seattle 0, Butte 9.

At Portland—Portland 3, Los Angeles 5.

At Tacoma—Tacoma 3, Spokane 0.

At Oakland—Oakland 3, San Francisco 0.

SHAMS AS MEMBER OF NOBILITY.

Spaniard Arrested in New York For Passing Bad Checks.

NEW YORK, July 30.—A Spaniard, who says he is Marquis de Campo Nuevo, 28 years old, who was arrested last night as a suspicious person at the Hotel Empire, was arraigned before a magistrate in the West Side Court this morning. Sheriff Pettie of Nassau county, Long Island, presented a warrant charging the prisoner with being a "beat." The complainant appears as Manager J. Quinn of the Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, L. I.

Quinn charges that the Spaniard tendered a worthless check for \$65 to him in payment for a bill. There are said to be several other worthless checks held by the New York hotels, which were given by the Marquis for board and lodging. It is said also that two up-town garages hold still more worthless paper handed out by the Spaniard.

None of the complainants appeared against the Marquis in the West Side Court today, and he was turned over to Sheriff Pettie. When the Marquis was searched, Detective Glery found 50 cents in his pockets, also several endeavoring letters in a woman's handwriting, all of which were signed "L. D."

BOYS' HOTEL IN HARLEM.

Aid Society Will Make Life Better for Poor New York Youths.

NEW YORK, July 30.—A hotel for boys which is to cost \$150,000 and be under the management of the Children's Aid Society is to be built in Harlem. The hotel will be five stories high and have accommodations for 100 boys. Besides reading and writing rooms the hotel will be fitted up with a gymnasium and plunge.

Boys working in offices, stores and factories at from \$4 to \$10 a week, of whom there are a large number in the neighborhood are expected to furnish the patronage of the hotel. They will pay from 30 to 70 cents a week for lodgings and meals will be served at correspondingly low rates.

BREAKS BOTH ARMS.

EUGENE, Or., July 30.—A peculiar accident happened yesterday afternoon to George W. Smith, a painting contractor of this city. He was on a scaffold 10 feet above the floor in a building, when the board on which he was standing slipped and he fell to the floor, alighting on both hands. The bones of both forearms were broken squarely across.