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MARINE DISASTER IN FORMOSA STRAITS DROWNS 200

Steamer With 600 Passengers Sinks.

HEARTRENDING SCENE

Junks in Neighborhood Render Assistance in Saving Lives of the Survivors.

LIGHTS GO OUT ON VESSEL

Not Known Whether Steamer Struck on Sunken Rock or Was Victim of Submarine Disturbance—Passengers and Crew Panic-Stricken.

AMOY, China, Nov. 5.—A steamer running from Amoy to Tungan sank tonight in Formosa Straits with a frightful loss of life. The vessel, which was not a large one, was overcrowded, having on board over 600 souls and when she struck a panic seized the terror-stricken passengers, nearly all of whom were Chinese.

An attempt to lower the boats resulted in failure as the frenzied actions of the unfortunate interfered with the efforts of the crew, some of whom were also panic-stricken.

The beaches in the immediate vicinity are strewn with wreckage and bodies are coming ashore.

The steamer was proceeding along as usual when suddenly a violent shock was felt throughout the vessel that shook her from stern to stern, and aroused the sleeping passengers. Pandemonium reigned at once and as the frightened people rushed to the decks darkness surrounded them, the lights having been extinguished by the shock. Rockets were sent up and the whistle blown for assistance and several junks responded and succeeded in taking many of the survivors to shore.

As near as can be learned at this time over 200 lives were lost and the list of fatalities may be increased by later reports.

It is not known whether the boat struck a sunken rock or that it was the victim of a submarine eruption, but credence is given to the latter theory.

ROTTEN OLD NEW YORK

Another Group of Applicants Accused Of Raw Grafting.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Serious charges against officials recently in charge of the bureau of licenses of the mayor's office are contained in the report of Commissioners of Accounts John P. Mitchell and E. Y. Gallagher, submitted to Mayor Mc-

MISSOURI GOES STRONG FOR REPUBLICANS

LATEST RETURNS SHOW 4067 PLURALITY FOR TAFT OVER BRYAN

OTHER LATE STATE RESULTS

Now Estimated That Johnson Carried Minnesota by Between Twenty and Twenty-five Thousand—Both Sides Concede Taft in Indiana

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—Returns compiled up to 11 o'clock from every county in Missouri give Taft a plurality over Bryan of 4067. While complete returns are not in from every county, they are full enough to make the Republican victory certain. Hadley, Republican, for governor, has a plurality so far of 17,000. Whether he has carried with him the rest of the Republican ticket is not certain. The Democrats seem to have control of the state assembly by six votes on the joint ballot.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 5.—It is estimated that Johnson carried Minnesota by between twenty and twenty-five thousand. The rest of the ticket went Republican. Taft's majority is about 100,000. The Legislature is overwhelmingly Republican.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 5.—The Republican state central committee

PROSPERITY IS TAFT'S KEYNOTE

Address Made at Cincinnati Commercial Club Brings Great Cheering and Enthusiasm.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 5.—Speaking to the Cincinnati Commercial Club Judge Taft brought every member of the club to his feet in an address sounding the keynote of prosperity for the country for the next four years. "Every business man who is obeying the law may go ahead with energy, every enterprise which within its statutes may proceed without fear of interference from the administration which is acting legally, but all interests within the jurisdiction of the federal government may expect rigid enforcement of laws against dishonest methods," was the keynote

of what Taft said.

The speech which was preceded by words of friendship and neighborly felicitations on the part of the distinguished guest brought out the human side of the next president in a manner which was touching and was responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. In speaking of his campaign, Taft admitted it might not have been so easy to smile tonight if telegrams of congratulations which passed between Lincoln and Cincinnati had originated in this city instead of the home of the great commoner.

claims the election of the Republican state ticket with the exception of governor and attorney-general. The Democratic committee still claims the entire ticket. Both sides concede Taft has carried the state.

SEATTLE, Nov. 5.—Returns from every county in the state except a few interior precincts which are slow to report give Taft 102,309; Bryan 47,024; Debs 6685; Chafin 2138; Higgins 160.

DENVER, Nov. 5.—Bryan's plurality in the state will be in the neighborhood of 5500 while Shafrroth, Democrat for governor, will exceed this by approximately 2000. Late returns indicate a larger Democratic majority in the Legislature than first estimated. The Democrats now claim 75 out of 100 members. All three congressmen elected are Democrats.

OUT OF THOUSANDS.

Sad Story Of An Automobile Accident In New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Suffering from a fractured skull received in an automobile accident more than a month ago, Mrs. Josephine Wagner has become violently insane in a Brooklyn hospital. Mrs. Wagner and a companion were attempting to cross a street in Brooklyn on October 2 when they were struck by an automobile. Mrs. Wagner was seriously injured and her companion was killed. Recently the scene of the accident has been constantly before her and she repeatedly calls out a warning to her companion. The physicians say that she is hopelessly insane but that she will recover from her injuries. The occupants of the auto which struck her have never been discovered.

YOUNG THIEF ARRESTED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—After a search lasting since May 8th last, William DeBerge, son of George DeBerge, under indictment for the alleged theft of \$500 from the Prairie State Bank of this city was arrested in Cheyenne, Wyo., yesterday. It is said the clew which resulted in DeBerge's arrest was furnished by the boy's parrot, who wants him prosecuted.

Miss Paula Mohles, daughter of Paul Mohles, to whom young DeBerge had been paying attention, disappeared when DeBerge left last Spring. Two months later the girl was brought back to Chicago by her parents from Long Island, New York where she had gone, the police say, with DeBerge.

HADLEY CONFESSES TO BLOODY PLANS

AFTER FOUR ATTEMPTS ON WIFE'S LIFE HE DECLARES HE DOESN'T KNOW WHY

TELLS HISTORY OF HIS LIFE

Says His Real Name Is Elias Hamlet But He Took His Mother's Name After the Death of His First Wife.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—On trial for making three attempts to kill his wife, Guy Hadley, a decrepit white-haired man of 60 years, gave the history of his life, including a confession that he made the attempted.

He said he is related to a prominent Indiana family named Hadley. He said his real name is Elias Hamlet, but he took his mother's name 15 years ago after the death of his first wife. He was superintendent of the wheel works in Indianapolis 24 years ago but lost the position through gambling. He declared he did not know why he attempted to kill his wife as he had no reason for it.

VESSELS BUILT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The monthly returns from the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce and labor show that 93 sail and steam vessels, having a gross tonnage of \$210 were built in the United States and officially numbered during the past month. Of these but one was built of steel.



ASTORIA, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1908

Astorian.

COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER

Historical Society of Oregon

PRICE FIVE CENTS

MORSE AND CURTIS ARE FOUND GUILTY OF BANK LOOTING

NOTABLE FRATERNITY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 5.—The Arctic Brotherhood began its convention here yesterday afternoon. Over 100 delegates, representatives of camps in many parts of Alaska, arrived from Seattle yesterday afternoon and a reception was held at the Victoria Theatre, at which Mayor Hall was present and speeches of welcome were given and replied to by Thomas Bruce, past grand Arctic Chief, and C. E. Claypool, of Tanana, candidate for the position of Grand Arctic Chief.

After indulging in some indirect and inconsequential conversation the "empire builder" was invited to enter Senator Fulton's automobile and take a look at some of the old landmarks for which Astoria is famous, and of which he had made special inquiry when he stepped from the train. And after his curiosity had been gratified in this behalf, he accepted an invitation to spend a few moments at the Irving Club, and thither he was driven, along with President Elliott, of the N. P.; L. W. Hill, of the Great Northern; and P. B. Clarke, of the "North Bank." The party was warmly welcomed at the handsome rooms of the club, by a number of Astoria's wealthiest and leading capitalists, manufacturers, businessmen, and professional people; and there they spent nearly an hour in general converse.

A representative of the Morning Astorian succeeded in gaining the ear of the magnate for a few moments and eagerly plied him with some queries that are deemed uppermost in the civic and commercial interests here, and again Mr. Hill's persuasively elusive faculty was brought into play in a fashion that left small residuum of fact and figure. He did talk interestingly, of course, and manifested not only a broad knowledge of this section, but the concern that might have been expected of a man who controls so wide and fixed an interest all about Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia.

When asked if there was any chance for the extension of the "common-point" rate on grain to this city and port, Mr. Hill suggested that the wheat of the Northwest would be going East within the next five years, upon the hypothesis that the country was growing so rapidly in point of population that it would, in that time, require the coast crop to meet the demands of home consumption in the middle west, and that exporting would become a sec-

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RUF'S THIRD TRIAL IS COMMENCED

JURY IS COMPLETED AFTER 1400 VENIREMEN WERE SUMMONED

WORKING SINCE AUGUST 26

After Ten Weeks' Work the Twelfth Jury Man is Obtained to Try Ruf in United Trolley Franchise Bribery Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Taking testimony in the third trial against Ruf will begin tomorrow morning. After ten weeks, during which time more than 1400 veniremen were summoned, a new record in criminal cases, the twelfth man to complete the jury was secured today. Work of securing the jury was begun August 26th. The specific charge on which Ruf is being tried is bribing former Supervisor Furey to vote for the United Railroad trolley franchise.

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FLEET AT PRACTICE.

MANILA, Nov. 5.—The Atlantic battleship fleet, first squadron, is still carrying on target practice at Olongapo where both full-calibre and sub-calibre ammunition is being used in testing the marksmanship of the crews. The second squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Emory is due to arrive at Olongapo November 7 and the entire fleet will re-assemble in Manila Bay, November 15. Target practice by the entire fleet will then be commenced and a struggle for supremacy in marksmanship with the big guns is expected between the various crews.

FOUR UGLY JAPS.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 5.—In a fight with four drunken Japanese three miles south of Sargent last night, John Kine their foreman, was so seriously beaten with hammers wielded by his assailants that he will probably die.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN STRAUS INQUIRY

Assistant Cashier Testifies That Under Instructions She Erased Figures from Books.

PORLAND, Nov. 5.—After taking testimony in the case of Charles A. Straus, ex-cashier of the postoffice in this city who is charged with embezzlement, United States Commissioner Cannon tonight took the case under advisement. Contrary to expectations, the defense did not introduce much sensational testimony. It has been evident from the beginning of the three days' hearing that both sides are holding back important testimony, and the attorneys for Straus especially, have intimated that if Straus is brought to trial there will be many sensational disclosures. The

most sensational disclosure during the hearing was that of Miss Celia E. Bollman who acted as assistant cashier under Straus. She testified that under the instructions of Postmaster John Minto and Assistant Postmaster Shipley she erased items from the books showing fast stamps, stamped envelopes and stock to the value of \$100 were missing or unaccounted for in order that the postal inspectors who were investigating Straus' accounts might not see them. She qualified this statement later by saying that the instructions might not have been for the purpose of "covering up."