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WITH A CRASH AND A SHIVER

The Bailey Gatzert Was Caught in the Steel Bridge.

PASSENGERS' NARROW ESCAPE

Nudely Awakened to Find Themselves Covered With Debris—Astorians in Danger.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—The steamer Bailey Gatzert, from Astoria, ran into the draw of the railroad bridge across the Willamette at 6 o'clock this morning and had her deck raked from bow to stern.

The Gatzert started through the draw but had not proceeded 75 feet of her length when Captain Larkin noticed the draw swinging back against the boat and he blew the signal loud and long, but the draw kept on moving and a few seconds later there was a crash and a shiver of the boat from stem to stern that awakened all the sleeping passengers. The steamer was caught between the pier and the east end of the draw, almost crushing its entire starboard side, above the hull. There the steamer remained till the draw was retracted. She was then towed to her berth at the foot of Alder street. There were 38 passengers aboard, but fortunately most of them were quartered in the staterooms on the larboard side, otherwise there would have been in all probability several injured or killed.

Owing to the strain of water the hurricane deck staterooms on the starboard side sustained but slight damage; but those on the lower deck were completely demolished. They were occupied by A. McGuire, Miss Judge, A. F. Wilson and wife, U. B. Scott, president of the Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company; J. Q. A. Bowler, lawyer, and F. D. Kuestner, an Astoria railroad contractor and his wife. For some seconds these people were completely buried beneath the flying debris and small timber, and it is a miracle that they all escaped injury, excepting Mrs. Kuestner, whose injuries were such as to render it necessary to remove her to the Good Samaritan hospital. Her injuries consist of bruises but they are not in any way considered serious.

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Lee Fat will make no statement regarding his crime, except to say that the trouble was over money matters. He does not deny the crime. His murderous act was committed at the corner of Washington and Stockton streets in full view of a number of passengers on a passing street car.

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UNITED STATES NOT A FACTOR

Troubles in China of No Particular Interest to Us.

THINGS ARE GETTING HOT

Great Excitement on the Other Side of the Pacific—Crash Among the Powers Is Imminent.

A NEW FEATURE IS NOW ADDED

BRITAIN WOULD COUPLE RECIPROCITY WITH SEALING QUESTION.

Salisbury Rejects United States' Proposition for Settlement and Comes Back With a Reciprocity Deal.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Coincident with the rejection by Lord Salisbury of the latest seal proposition submitted to him by Ambassador Hay, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador in Washington, has resumed reciprocity negotiations with the special commissioner, Mr. Kason. Although special seal ambassador Foster is still determined to force Great Britain to a settlement of the sealing question without concessions from this government, some officials of the administration believe that on the linking of the reciprocity and sealing question depends the final decision of Great Britain on both.

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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—The officers and passengers of the steamship Victoria, just in from the Orient, say that all is excitement on the other side of the Pacific. People in all walks of life expect that there will be a crash among the great powers over the seizure of the different ports in China. The fleets of each nation have been massed in readiness either to fight or to make a show.

SLAG INSULTED.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from New Haven, Conn., says: Capt. George L. Kelsey, of the schooner Wallace Ward, which has just arrived here from "Canton" states that the American consul at that port fears mob violence and is unable to keep the American flag flying upon American vessels. He put into port there September 16, and remained three days. At first the stars and stripes floated proudly from the mast head, but Spanish loiterers were attracted by it and gathered by the vessel, threatening violence. The American consul heard of the rumor that the crowd proposed burning the vessel and he sent word to Captain Kelsey to haul down the flag. Captain Kelsey defied the Spaniards, but the next day the consul repeated his advice and Captain Kelsey was reluctantly persuaded to store the stars and stripes below deck during the remainder of his stay.

TO AMEND POSTAL LAWS.

New York, Dec. 29.—The stated intention of Congressman E. F. Loud to present his bill to amend the postal laws relating to second-class mail matter has led to a renewal of the agitation which the measure has before stirred up among publishers in this city. At a meeting of publishers held today a committee was appointed to carry on the work of opposing the measure.

RISING HONORED.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 29.—Prof. William R. Rijnz, dean of the college of chemistry of the university of California, has received the honor of an appointment as a member of the American committee for the third international convention of applied chemistry to be held in Vienna, in July, in which it is expected the most famous chemists of the world will be present.

A LAROE FAMILY.

Hamilton, Mo., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Elliker, aged 83, died at her home in Breckinridge and was buried yesterday. She was the mother of 12 children and had 37 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 50 great-great-grandchildren, all living. She came from Kentucky to this country in 1855.

BIG WHEAT DEAL.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 29.—The biggest wheat deal of the season in Pendleton took place today. E. S. McComas, representing C. W. Tracy, bought 125,000 bushels from Matt Mosgrove. The wheat is stored at Athena, Eastland and Havana stations. The terms are private.

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