

# 450 LOST IN SHIPWRECK

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# STEEL PLANTS BEING FORTIFIED

## Passenger Steamer Founders in Storm; 300 Passengers and Entire Crew of 150 Missing

(By the United Press)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Representatives of the Valbanera's owners today received an official report of the ship's loss in a private cablegram, which read: "Valbanera sunk off Rebecca shoals, no trace of ship's crew or passengers."

(By the United Press)  
KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 20.—Wrecking crews and divers left today to examine the wreck of a sunken vessel, reported to be the Spanish steamer Valbanera. It is believed the ship sank in the hurricane which swept Cuba ten days ago.

The Valbanera, which carried 300 passengers and a crew of 150 together with a valuable cargo, has been missing since September 9, when she arrived off the harbor of Havana and put to sea again because she learned it was dangerous to enter the harbor during the storm then raging.

Ensign Roberts, commanding the submarine chaser No. 203, stated upon the arrival of that vessel here late yesterday that he had plainly seen the name plate of the vessel on a ship sunk in 40 feet of water off the Rebecca Shoals lighthouse, 40 miles from Key West.

Nothing is known of the fate of

## RIOTERS GO TO PEN

(By the United Press)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—The first convictions on charges of participating in the race riots here in July were today imposed upon Walter Colvin, aged 16, and Charges Johnson, 18, both negroes. They were given life sentences for having killed a peddler.

## ALLIED WARSHIPS TO BOMBARD FIUME

(By the United Press)  
LONDON, Sept. 20.—Berlin dispatches quote reports from Munich and Laibach, Austria, saying that the allied commanders have withdrawn their warships from Fiume harbor and issued an ultimatum to Gabrielle D'Annunzio demanding his evacuation of the port within 24 hours.

## BIG MILL BURNS

(By the United Press)  
KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 20.—Fire yesterday totally destroyed the great sawmill plant of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, located on Pelican bay, Upper Klamath lake, just outside the city limits.

the passengers and the crew. Divers will enter the ship and search for the bodies. The passengers are believed to be entirely Spanish or Cuban.

The Valbanera was bound from Spain for New Orleans, via Havana.

## NO DEATH PENALTY

(By the United Press)  
SEATTLE, Sept. 20.—Pete Perkovich, the first Seattle man to face a first degree murder charge since capit punishment was re-established in Washington, was freed after nine hours' deliberation by the jurors last night.

The law provides that the jury recommend the death sentence.

Perkovich claimed that he stabbed Pete Covack during a drunken orgy only after he was himself attacked.

Twenty-nine citizens refused to sit on the jury because they disbelieved in capital punishment.

## Liner With 2000 Troops Hits Rocks

KIRKWALL, Scotland, Sept. 20.—A liner carrying two thousand troops from Russia is reported to have gone ashore off the Orkney islands. Assistance is being rushed to the scene of the reported disaster.

Portland—Department store here erects ten story warehouse out of its retail profits and going into wholesaling.

## High Priced Land Is a Farm Factor

(By the United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—When the normal conditions are restored, purchasers of high priced land may find they are unable to make profitable returns on their investments.

This is the conclusion of the Bureau of Farm Management of the Department of Agriculture, after an investigation of speculation in farm lands. Prices of land in some sections have risen so rapidly that serious consequences may be expected, the bureau believes.

## GRUBBS WERE GRUBLESS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Madge Grubb is not content with the name only. She asks a divorce from Joseph Grubb, charging non-support.

## DISLODGED LOG STRUCK WOODSMAN

George Williams, son of Mrs. J. D. Williams of Soda Springs, is at the Sanitarium suffering from a fractured jawbone and skull as the result of an accident on the Green Springs mountain Thursday. Mr. Williams was sawing wood there, when a large log became dislodged and struck him on the head. He was brought into Ashland for treatment and is in a serious condition.

## Wants Power to Jail Profiteers Making It Easy

(By the United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Judge Ames, assistant to the attorney general, today wrote Chairman Haugen, of the house agricultural committee urging the immediate passage of amendments to the Lever food control bill, providing a jail sentence for profiteers.

Acting for Attorney General Palmer, Ames took this action after the labor department announcement that food prices had increased one per cent during August, reaching the highest level yet known.

The amendments, upon which Ames asked immediate action, have been before congress for more than a month, and are now in conference between the house and senate.

"Reports continue coming to this department indicating profiteering in shoes and other articles of wearing apparel," said Ames. "Pending passage of the amendments, the department is powerless to deal effectively with such reports."

## JOHNSON GIVES UP

(By the United Press)  
ST. PAUL, Sept. 20.—Senator Johnson today definitely announced abandonment of his stumping trip to the Pacific Coast. He will end his journey in opposition to the League of Nations with speeches in the two cities today.

## WILSON AT LOS ANGELES

(By the United Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—President Wilson arrived shortly after 1 o'clock this morning after spending the night on his special train which was placed on a siding at Delmar, a few miles from San Diego. A big crowd met him.

## THE WEATHER

For Oregon—Fair.

## Companies Preparing for Fight to a Finish

### A HORRIBLE REVENGE

COLUSA, Calif., Sept. 20.—When a local farmer found boys in his melon patch last night he did not use a shotgun. Instead he invited them to the house where he forced them to eat melon until they begged for mercy.

## BIG TREES BURNING

SAN JOSE, Calif., Sept. 20.—The entire California redwood park district is threatened with destruction by a furious forest fire, and can only be saved if a large number of fire fighters are sent immediately according to an appeal for help received here today.

The redwood park is one of the oldest, and largest parks in the state and the trees there are among the largest in the world.

PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 20.—A call was received from Redwood park today for men from Stanford university to aid in saving the giant trees there from a forest fire which is getting beyond control. The men are wanted to relieve the night force fire fighters who are nearing exhaustion.

hear of him again—" "Divorce granted." "—and I married her up in Nome in 1906; picked her up to give her a home, more than a year ago, your honor, and after I gave her almost all I had—" "Divorce granted." "Yes, he's just naturally shiftless and no good. Well, the last black eye was simply over nothing, judge—" "Divorce granted."

### (By the United Press)

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 20.—Prospects of trouble, with possible clashes, are beginning to grow as plans and preparations for the big steel strike progress.

With two companies of Pennsylvania's famous state police, hated by every union man, ordered out, and 10,000 deputies being sworn in by the steel corporation, borough presidents in the steel towns about Pittsburgh have announced that steps will be taken to prevent mass meetings of the steel workers Sunday.

### (By the United Press)

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Preparations for a gigantic industrial battle are being made here with a strike of the steel workers practically certain.

The unions deny any intention of force, but the steel companies, dotting the entire Chicago industrial district, are taking no chances and are fortifying themselves for a siege.

Food in huge quantities is being taken behind the high wooden barricades which surround most of the plants. Company officials assert that only a minority of their employees will strike and they expect to keep the loyal workers inside the plants as long as necessary.

There are 30,000 workers in the Chicago steel district, and in addition hundreds of concerns depending upon the output of steel for their operation.

If the strike continues for any length of time production of agricultural tools, automobiles, factory machinery, wire fences and numerous other articles will be hampered.

### WILL TRY TO OPERATE WITH LOYAL EMPLOYEES

(By the United Press)  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 20.—Steel companies here are reported to have rented all halls in the Braddock Homes district in the hope of preventing meetings of the steel workers after the strike next Monday.

## ARMY FOOD SURPLUS TO CUT LIVING COST

(By the United Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Surplus army food is to be placed on sale on the Pacific Coast beginning next Monday, according to announcement by Major Fred A. Thompson, zone surplus property officer at Fort Mason here.

Three cars of frozen meat are now on the way from Chicago, Major Thompson said, and another car is to start west soon.

Other supplies are also to follow and will be retailed at reduced prices through a large department store here.

### Union officials insist that the men will insist upon their right of assembly and will find places in which to meet.

The Allegheny West Pennsylvania Mills at Brackenridge suspended operations today to enable the men to hold meetings at which they will consider the action they will take regarding the proposed strike.

The company will endeavor to operate with loyal employees.

### SUGAR CROP IS LARGEST

HONOLULU, T. H.—The sugar crop of the territory of Hawaii this year will reach 605,000 tons. This is above any previous estimate by several thousand tons and is based upon the latest calculations on "cleanups" at several plantations.

The factories have shipped 446,000 tons and 21,000 tons more will be sent to San Francisco prior to October 15. The total output from original mills will be 585,000 tons of raw sugar and 20,000 tons of refined sugar.

## STRIKE IN SHIPYARDS THREATENS

(By the United Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The three largest shipbuilding companies in the Bay district today refused to sign the new wage scale and working agreement submitted to them by the workmen.

All the men will be called out October 1, according to a statement issued by the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council. Several thousand men will be affected.

### Jiggers, the Cop!



### It Pays

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20.—It pays to advertise, especially if you know how to do it cleverly, like this:

A Portland man who furnishes window blinds for homes, has the following sign on his automobile: "The blind man drives this car."

A certain hardware store sells vacuum cleaners. In its window is a placard saying: "Don't kill your wife. Let the vacuum cleaner do your dirty work."

### FRISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Following are market quotations: BUTTER—Extras, 64 1/2 c. EGGS—Extras, 66 1/2 c; pullets, 61 1/2 c. POULTRY—Broilers, 32c; hens, 30c. CATTLE—Top steers, 10 1/2 c; seconds, 8 1/2 c; cows, heifers, 8 1/2 c; calves, 12 1/2 c. HOGS—Top, 15 1/2 c. SHEEP—Ewes, 7c; wethers, 9c; lambs, 10c.