

# RIVER BOAT SINKS

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMER HIT A SUNKEN SNAG.

The City of Paducah Wrecked at Brunkhorst Landing, Illinois—Two Passengers and Over Twenty Colored Deckhands Find a Watery Grave—Divers Searching for the Passenger List.

Grand Tower, Ill., May 15.—The steamer City of Paducah sank in 25 feet of water five minutes after striking a snag while backing out from Brunkhorst landing. The bodies of two passengers who were drowned have been recovered, and 22 members of the crew, most of them Negroes, are missing. All of the officers were saved.

The passenger list has not been recovered. A diver is searching for it. Only the Texas and hurricane decks are above water, which reaches to the skylights of the cabins. All the staterooms are completely filled with water. The steamer drifted a third of a mile below the landing before she sank. The first mate says the boat went down within three minutes after striking the snag. He was on the cabin deck and escaped by climbing through the skylight.

It is supposed that most of the missing deck hands who were on the lower deck were washed down the river. The boat lies down about 100 feet from the Illinois shore, the fore part of the hurricane deck being under water. She appears to be a total wreck. The coroner of Murphysboro, Ill., is now holding an inquest while the diver is searching for more bodies.

## NUMBER OF SOLDIERS KILLED.

Due to Explosion of Mines Buried on Frontier Chinese Provinces.

Victoria, B. C., May 15.—News was brought by the steamer Glenogle that a severe earthquake occurred at Yokohama April 24, lasting fully two minutes. No damage was reported.

The Asiatic reports that on April 22, 150 French and 30 Germans were killed and wounded by the explosion of mines buried on the frontier of Shan Si and Chih Li.

The China Times reports the capture of a brigand headquarters, where Chinese were pillaging the neighborhood under the leadership of 10 foreign soldiers. The Germans killed 20 Chinese and captured a junk, on which a cannon was mounted.

The new 700 ton liner Sobronon was wrecked on the Chinese coast near Lung Ying prior to the sailing of the Glenogle. The passengers and mails were saved. The vessel was a total wreck.

A mixed battalion of English and Japanese and French had a sharp engagement with 100 Boxers near Shan-backwan. The fight lasted all day and a number of Chinese were killed. The British lost two men wounded, the French one, and the Japanese two.

There had been 110 cases of plague and 104 deaths, and 65 cases of small pox and 43 deaths in Hong Kong from January 1 to April 15.

## LOCATED BY OFFICIALS.

Craft Which Has Been Used to Smuggle in Opium.

Seattle, May 15.—The means of the transportation for the 585 pounds seized several days ago by the local customs officers and perhaps of tons of other smuggled opium was located today by Customs Inspectors Delaney and Brinker and seized. It is a nameless naphtha launch 25 feet long. The craft was found secreted on the tide flats in a residence boat house near Moran Bros.' shipyards. The launch was equipped with several gasoline tanks, half a dozen cases of gasoline, numerous rubber sacks used as receptacles for the contraband opium, rubber clothing, dark lanterns, red lights and many paint pots, indicating that the launch had changed her color almost with the changes of the moon, and a small arsenal of rifles, revolvers and shotguns. No one was found in possession of or a claimant for the seized launch, which would indicate that the head men in the gigantic smuggling scheme have escaped, at least temporarily.

## Militia Still on Hand.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 15.—The relief association is doing stupendous work, particularly in the commissary and labor departments. There is abundant work for everybody who can do manual labor, but difficulty is experienced in getting the colored men to work. The militia is still in possession of the city, and will remain here as long as the committee of the relief association thinks best. The liquor men have approved the action of the governor in closing the bars and have endorsed it.

## Glad They Are Gone.

London, May 14.—Considerable amusement has been caused by the publication of a dispatch from China saying great relief was felt among European troops at the withdrawal of the Americans, who were too free and easy for the military etiquette of the Continentals.

Of all the British colonies New Zealand has sent the largest proportion of its strong youth to fight on the African veldt.

## REGULARS RETURN.

Philippine Army to Be Reduced 25,000 Men—Orders Sent to MacArthur.

Washington, May 15.—By direction of the secretary of war, instructions were called to General MacArthur to send to San Francisco at his earliest convenience, the following organizations of the regular army: Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third regiments of infantry; Fourth regiment of cavalry; Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-second and Thirty-third companies of coast artillery; First, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth batteries of field artillery.

General MacArthur is instructed to transfer to other commands all men in the above organizations in their first enlistment having more than one year to serve, also men wishing to remain in the Philippines. All men of other organizations having three months or less to serve, not intending to enlist, are to be transferred to the returning organizations.

It is expected that this movement of troops will begin soon after July 1 next, by which time the homeward movement of the volunteers will have been completed. It is the intention of the department to replace the home coming regulars, so far as the military conditions in the Philippines require it, with troops recently organized in this country under the provisions of the army reorganization act. These movements are predicated on the policy of the administration to reduce the army in the Philippines to 40,000 after the return of the volunteers.

The war department today published the reorganization order prescribing the strength of the various branches of the military service upon the basis of a total army of 77,287 men and a staff of 2,783, the enlisted strength being 74,504 men. By the order each cavalry regiment will consist of 12 cavalry troops of 85 enlisted men each, making the total strength of the cavalry branch 15,840 men. The coast artillery will consist of 126 companies of 109 enlisted men each, making 13,734, and the field artillery of 30 batteries of 160 men each, making a total artillery force, field and coast, of 18,862 enlisted men. The 30 infantry regiments will consist of 12 companies of 104 enlisted men each, making the infantry strength 38,520 enlisted men. The engineer battalions will have four companies of 104 enlisted men each, with a band and will, have a strength of 1,282 enlisted men.

## COST HIM HIS LIFE.

Man Who Stepped Aside to Let Another Gain Safety First.

Indianapolis, May 15.—While William Phelps, of Richmond, Ky., and James Staplebury, of this city, were cleaning out the inside of an eight foot upright boiler at the Cerealine mills today, an employe turned on the steam, thinking the cock tight. It leaked, and the scalding steam poured in on the two men. The only exit was up a ladder. Both men jumped for the ladder. Phelps reached it first, took one step and stopped. He jumped aside and shouted, "You go up first Jim, you are married."

Staplebury sprang up the ladder and escaped with slight burns. Though Phelps followed at his heels, his act of heroism cost him his life. Both men were being cooked when Phelps jumped aside. By the time he had followed Staplebury up the ladder the flesh was dropping from his limbs. He lived for two hours in great agony. Both men are colored.

## GOT AWAY FROM MOTERMAN.

Three Passengers on a Trolley Car Seriously Hurt—About 100 Bruised.

New York, May 15.—An open trolley car, in which were packed about 115 people, got away from the motorman near Fort Lee, N. J., and dashed down Leona hill. Every person on the car was bruised and three seriously hurt, but only one of them, the conductor, is likely to die. The heavily loaded car had started down an incline a quarter of a mile in length when the motorman lost control. The car was going so fast that no one dared to jump off. The road is a winding one. At the foot of the hill it curves sharply. When the front trucks hit the curve they started around and made it. The rear ones followed part of the way. The wrench upon the car, however, as it swung about, was so great that the body was torn and lifted from the trucks and rolled over and hit the ground. The passengers were caught in and under the car and were piled in a heap.

## More American Liners.

Philadelphia, May 15.—The New York Shipbuilding Company, at its new yards near Gloucester, N. J., has begun work on four steel passenger and freight steamships for the Atlantic Transport Company. Two boats are 600 feet long and the others 500 feet and they are to trade from Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore to London. The steamships are not intended to be flyers, but will run at a moderate speed. They will have a carrying capacity of 6,000 tons of cargo.

## Cables Are Interrupted.

New York, May 15.—The Commercial Cable Company has issued the following notice: "We are advised that the cables between Tschifu and Tsingtau and Tsingtau and Shanghai are interrupted."

## New Naval Academy.

The naval academy at Annapolis will be a fine structure. When completed the building will have cost \$3,000,000.

# BAND OF BRIGANDS

## AMERICAN DESPERADOES OPERATED NEAR MANILA.

The Leader Wore the Uniform of an Army Captain—Gang Had Committed All Sorts of Crimes—Federal Party in the Philippines Finds Little to Do—Captures of Insurgents Continue.

Manila, May 16.—Detectives and the police have broken up a band of American brigands who have been operating in the province of Pampanga, north of and not far from Manila. Three of the leaders have been captured and the others are being pursued. This band committed outrages, murder and rape at Bacolor, Pampanga province, and in that vicinity, and Sunday last they killed an American. The band sometimes represented themselves as American deserters and at other times as American soldiers. One of their number wore the uniform of a captain.

Since the main declared object of the Federalists—peace and American sovereignty—is nearly accomplished, the party's future is being discussed. Under the coming government to be composed of appointive officials there will be slight use for party activity outside of the municipal elections. The leaders hope the party will be considered as the semi-official medium between the government and the masses. They are at present endeavoring to obtain the release of 1,000 prisoners who were convicted of purely political offenses, the contention being that they should have the same amnesty as those who were released when awaiting trials. The appearance of insular issues will quickly result in the actual formation of projected opposition parties.

Fifty insurgents were captured this week in Laguna bay region.

## WANT QUARANTINE REMOVED.

Alaska People Deem It a Discrimination Against Americans.

Seattle, May 16.—The steamer Dirigo Captain Hunter, from Skagway and way points, with small pox news, but no small pox, arrived here this morning. The people of Southeastern Alaska are much exercised over the small pox scare, and are making strong efforts to counteract the effect of it on travel to Lynn canal and way ports. A public meeting under the auspices of the chamber of commerce at Juneau, was held with a view to taking action to have the quarantine removed by the government. This meeting, Captain Hunter says, was in progress when the Dirigo sailed from Juneau. The complaint that is being cried aloud throughout Southeastern Alaska ports is that the small pox scare not only injures passenger travel and business in general, but that it has the effect of seriously discriminating against American commercial interests for the reason that there is no quarantine against Canadian ships from Victoria and Vancouver. These ships run back and forth without embarrassment or quarantine restrictions of any sort.

## COLLIDED WITH A TROLLEY CAR.

Two People Were Killed and Several Others Injured.

New York, May 15.—Of 26 young people who started from College Point, L. I., last night on what is locally known as a "starlight ride," two were carried home this morning dead, five are in the hospital, four were allowed to leave the hospital after having their wounds dressed, and every one of the remainder was more or less bruised. A collision with a trolley car caused the accident. The merry-makers were on their way to a hotel 10 miles away, where they were to have a dance. They were all in one wagon, the bottom of which had been filled with straw. It was almost midnight when they reached their destination. When in front of the house the driver of the wagon tried to cross the track of a trolley line in front of an approaching car, but the car struck the rear end of the wagon. The vehicle was demolished. The car itself was badly wrecked, but none of the 25 passengers was injured.

## STRIKE IN SEATTLE.

Machinists Walk Out for Less Hours and More Wages—Every Shop Deserted.

Seattle, May 16.—The strike of all the union machinists in Seattle, which has been threatening for several weeks, is now a reality. Beginning with the walking out of the machinists of the Vulcan Iron Works, every bench in all the shops throughout the city is deserted. About 250 men are out. The employers assert that they could not run their plants at a profit if they acceded to the demands for nine hours instead of 10, with a 12 1/2 per cent increase in wages.

## Confidential Clerk's Downfall.

New York, May 16.—E. L. Chetwood, confidential clerk for the past 18 years in the employ of Brown Brothers, bankers, was arrested today charged with being short in his accounts \$20,170. He entered the firm's employ 20 years ago as a messenger, and for the last six years had been receiving teller. He had the confidence of the firm to such an extent that no bond was required from him.

## STRIKE NEAR REPUBLIC.

Nuggets Found by Woodchoppers on Granite Creek.

Republic, Wash., May 16.—Two woodchoppers in the employ of Smith Bros., of this place, while getting out cordwood at a point on Granite creek, about two miles west of town, near the old saw mill, picked up some nuggets. One is worth \$20. The men immediately abandoned work on the wood contract, and, selecting a spot close to the water's edge, sunk a hole about four feet square to the depth of three feet, at which depth they were on top of a decomposed bed rock, and in the course of this small amount of work, which took but a few hours, they had taken out nearly \$100 in coarse gold. They did not try to save the fine gold, simply confining their attention to the large nuggets.

The men were greatly excited when Smith brothers appeared on the scene, and endeavored to get their assistance in staking some claims, but the men could not be induced to leave the joyful task of picking out the yellow chunks—they only having taken time enough to stake one claim. Smith brothers staked two claims above.

Great excitement prevailed throughout the town. There have been many reports of the finds on Granite creek here in the past, and colors can be obtained anywhere on the creek, but nothing like the present strike has ever been made in this section. Two hundred citizens left town tonight for the scene of the strike, and many claims will be staked by daylight.

## ADMIRALTY SUITS DECIDED.

Two From District of Washington, and One From District of Oregon.

San Francisco, May 16.—Opinions were rendered today in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in two admiralty suits from the federal court of the district of Washington, and one from the district of Oregon. The lower court was sustained in awarding the owners of the British ship Ravenscourt damages in \$7,288.35, with costs against the American owners of the ship Columbia, arising out of a collision in Puget sound on January 22 of last year while both vessels were in tow by the tug Tye.

The judgment for \$12,000 for personal injuries awarded Charles H. Newman, a ship carpenter, was reduced by the appellate court to \$6,000 and costs, on account of a permanent nature. This suit was brought against the master and owners of the steamer Homer on account of a collision of that vessel with the barkentine Blakeley in Seattle harbor. Newman was employed on the latter craft.

A. M. Simpson and James Magee, owners of the tug Columbia, were allowed only the \$1,000 awarded by the district court of Oregon for pulling the Grace Dollar off the beach at Coos bay in August, 1898, as it was shown that the tug encountered no more danger than in taking an ordinary tow, and hence could not be awarded salvage.

## RICH STRIKE IN MINE.

Believed to Be the Best Ever Made in Eastern Oregon.

Baker City, May 16.—What is believed to be the richest gold strike ever made in Eastern Oregon was uncovered in the Little Giant mine, about one mile from Malheur City, in Malheur county. No assay has been made, but samples of the ore exhibited in this city are so rich in free gold that it does not need an assay for even a novice to know that it is very rich. The samples are of beautiful nuggets as large as a pea, and so bright that the gold can be plainly seen at a distance of 15 or 20 feet. The ledge is about 12 feet wide and has been uncovered for a distance of 300 feet. The discovery of this rich ore has created a great deal of excitement here, and a number of prospectors have already started for the new diggings, intent upon locating extensions of this rich ledge if possible.

## Alaska Lighthouses.

Washington, May 16.—The plans for the 12 American lighthouses recently submitted by Captain Langfit to the lighthouse board, which were found to elaborate for the appropriation available, \$400,000, have been slightly modified and returned with instructions to advertise for bids. Captain Langfit desired to have these lighthouses built by day labor under his superintendence, but the board thought best to have the work done by contract, and ordered very extensive advertisements, in order to secure reasonable contracts with reliable parties.

## Best Hop Contract of Season.

Salem, May 16.—The best hop contract of the season was filed today. By this instrument George L. Rose agrees to deliver to S. and W. H. Ramsey, of Seattle, 15,000 pounds of hops of the crops of 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, at 11 cents.

## Large Timber Land Deal.

New Whatcom, Wash., May 16.—Peter Larsen, of Helena, Mont., president of the Bellingham Bay & Eastern Railway, has purchased for his company 10,000 acres of timber lands, lying in Whatcom and Skagit counties, and owned by ex-Secretary Alger and ex-Senator Hawley, of Ohio. The consideration is \$155,000. The land contains between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 feet of standing timber.



FARM AND GARDEN

Modern Meatmaking. The great heavy bullocks and thick sided porkers that were once such favorites are now not desirable. They have given place to the young, quickly grown animals. In order to avoid an excess of fat an animal must be continuously grown. If it is reduced to a mere shalaw during the winter months and then the following season allowed its freedom on the rich range grass of the West, it will lay on too much fat and not enough meat. Tallow is not what is wanted; it is meat that the present generation desires. The Eastern feeders are fully aware of that fact, for they never allow an animal to stop growing from birth until it reaches the slaughter house. They will cultivate the taste of the meat eaters to such a degree that it will force those who cannot procure sufficient feed to keep their animals in good flesh during the winter to sell them at weaning time.—American Agriculturist.



SHIPPING CRATE.

It is a great comfort for hogs and may be made most useful to rid them of lice and a scaly skin if put up as follows: Drive a stout stick three inches in diameter in a suitable place, leaving twenty inches above ground; staple a rope four inches from earth's surface to the stake and coil it closely till it reaches three inches from the top of the stake; staple it tightly. Pour coal oil or crude petroleum on it until it is well saturated with it, and the hogs or shoats will fight for the first and last rub on it. Pour more oil on occasionally as needed. This will kill all lice and nits and remove scales that are so unsightly upon the hogs. It has been tried and works well.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

## Notes About the Horse.

Allow a horse a reasonable time to rest after feeding. It is within the reach of every farmer to breed good horses. Mares bred in the fall will endure good service without injury. A dumb, stupid colt can never be educated to be a valuable horse. A good colt is a product not affected by weather, hot, wet or dry. Size, form, bone and constitution must be regarded first in breeding. Let the heels be cleaned every night. Dirt or filth if allowed to cake causes sore heels. While horses need good, wholesome food, it should not be all of the fat producing kinds.

## Cheese Manufacture.

Mr. Simon, the expert who scored the cheese at the convention of the Ohio dairymen, is a large Wisconsin dealer and was struck by the irregularities in the Ohio product. The size is not uniform, and a 14 or 14 1/2-inch cheese is recommended. The buyers want to handle big lots of near the same size. Flats 32 to 34 pounds and Cheddars 45 to 50 pounds suit best. Bandages were also criticized as too loose, allowing mold to work in. He voiced the sentiment of the association when he declared that it does not pay to make skim cheese, as it always hurts the trade in the end.

## Engrafting Peach Trees.

Bordeaux mixture containing three pounds of bluestone to a barrel of water applied the last of May is likely to injure peach foliage somewhat, but in our experience the injury is not enough to do any serious harm. The same is also true of bordeaux containing two pounds of bluestone applied the last of June. Black spot was almost entirely prevented and the texture and size of the fruit were decidedly improved by two and three applications. The spraying should be continued well up to the time of ripening of the fruit.—Maryland Station Bulletin.

## Money in Fences.

An article in the Cosmopolitan calls attention to the advantage of a "no fence law" and presents the startling figures that Indiana alone has fences whose computed value is \$200,000,000, and which if placed in a single line would fourteen times encircle the globe. These figures suggest the enormous amount of capital invested in fences throughout the United States.

## Boxing Cheeses.

Cheese should be put in good-fitting boxes, the sides of the box being cut down about half an inch lower than the cheese. The weight should be plainly stamped on the box near the seam, and all marks that are to be put on the box should be put on every box alike.

## Exercise for Hog.

To produce the best pork the hogs should have exercise. A lazy, sleepy hog may fatten faster, but the flesh will not be so good.

## Origin of Food Names.

The sandwich is called for the Earl of Sandwich. Mulligatawny is from an East Indian word meaning pepper water. Waffle is from wafel, a word of Teutonic origin, meaning honeycomb. Hominis is from hominibus, the North American word for parched corn. Blanc-mange means literally white food; hence chocolate blanc-mange is something of a misnomer. Succotash is a dish borrowed from the Narragansett Indians and called by them usickquatash. Charlotte is a corruption of the old English word Charlyt, which means a dish of custard, and charlotte russe is a Russian charlotte.