

HUNDRED ARE LOST

French Steamer Goes Ashore on Coast of Uruguay.

VESSEL AND CARGO WILL BE LOSS

Heavy Gale Makes Rescue Difficult, but Efforts Are Still Made to Reach Survivors.

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 9.—The French transport Maritime Poitou, from Marseilles April 6 for this port, has been wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, on the coast of Uruguay. She is understood to have had 300 passengers on board, and, according to late reports, nearly 200 of these have been rescued and are on their way to this city. The vessel and her cargo will probably prove a total loss.

The casualty list has been reported at 100, but this has not been corroborated. The government is doing everything possible to succor the shipwrecked people.

San Jose Ignacio is a small rocky promontory surrounded by reefs, 21 miles west of Cape St. Maria, on the southeastern coast of Uruguay and about 50 miles from Montevideo.

The vessel was driven on the rocks yesterday. A heavy gale has been blowing for several days, and is still continuing. This renders the work of rescue very difficult. The efforts to get the remainder of the passengers and crew to land are being continued with untiring energy.

Panic broke out on board the vessel when she grounded, and a number of terror-stricken people jumped overboard. According to a report a number of women managed to swim ashore, but many were drowned. It is known that customs officers at Rincon de Perro saved 50 passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO CARS RUN.

Heavily Guarded, Two Make Trip of About Six Miles.

San Francisco, May 9.—The police for the first time since the commencement of the streetcar strike furnished actual protection yesterday afternoon for two of the United Railroads' cars manned by 21 strikebreakers, and as a result of this protection these cars were run over six miles of track without the firing of a shot.

Four men, one of them a strikebreaker and the other three members of the Electrical Workers' union were injured. There was intermittent hurling of missiles by union crowds at various points along the route and for two or three miles a mob of at least 1,000 men and boys ran with the cars, yelling, calling epithets, daring the nonunion men to get off the cars and fight and cheering vociferously whenever for one cause or another the cars were brought temporarily to a stop.

After the return to the carhouse at the general offices at Oak and Broderick streets, Mr. Mullally stated that cars will be operated again today. He thought it best not to divulge the starting time or give the route in advance. A majority of the strikebreakers who manned the cars came from Kentucky.

Of the thirty odd persons who were shot or otherwise wounded in Tuesday's pitched battles on Turk street, four are expected to die. This would increase the number of deaths to five, as James Walsh died Tuesday night. Many of the others among the injured have been removed to their homes.

A Peace Not Aimed at America.

Paris, May 9.—M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, stated that the series of treaties between Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan, guaranteeing the territorial status quo in the Far East, implied an agreement to prevent other countries from acquiring territory there. He denied that the entente was in any way aimed at the United States, adding: "Japan, in spite of the San Francisco incident, has always been most sympathetic to the United States because she was the first to treat the Japanese people on a footing of equality."

Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas City, May 9.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the five-story University building at the northwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets, causing a property loss of \$250,000. One life was lost, six persons are missing and may be buried in the ruins, and 15 people were more or less seriously hurt. The debris is still burning tonight, and cannot be searched until tomorrow. The building was occupied by Montgomery, Ward & Co., as offices.

Immigration Board's Plans.

New York, May 6.—The committee appointed by President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon to investigate all the phases of the problem of immigration has decided to extend its work to the leading emigration cities of Europe and has made arrangements to sail from Boston May 18 for the Mediterranean on the steamer Canopic.

Omaha Building Collapses.

Omaha, May 9.—A six-story building at Ninth and Leavenworth streets, occupied by Parlin, Orendorff & Marlin company, wholesale farm implements, collapsed this morning, the walls falling inward. The property loss, which cannot yet be estimated, is heavy. The employees had not reported for work and no one was injured.

FIXTURES BY THE POUND.

Keystone State Capitol Crafters Must Face Criminal Charges.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—Civil and criminal suits will be brought by Attorney General Todd against those responsible for the state capitol scandal. A complete list of the defendants will not be known until the inquiry is completed. The commission will hold no more public sessions until after the legislature adjourns on May 16.

As the commission cannot finish its work in time to report to the present legislature, as provided in the resolution creating that body, the investigators will send a report to the general assembly which will simply be an announcement that the inquiry is incomplete and a request that its time be extended indefinitely, and that it be authorized to make its report to Governor Stuart when ready.

The suits will be based on the testimony showing that the contractor collected from the state for 752 thermometers and installed only 363, and on the substitution of domestic for baccarat glass and an inferior glass for Tiffany favrite. The testimony also shows that while the more elaborate of the \$2,000 worth of lighting fixtures was to be mercurial gold, the bulk of those installed were merely lacquered, the latter process costing one-tenth the price of the former. All these fixtures were supplied to the state at a cost of \$4.85 "per pound."

GRAFT IN KANSAS CITY.

Investigation to Begin, Conducted by Governor Folk.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7.—Tomorrow morning the board of police commissioners will begin their promised investigation of charges of police corruption. The probable advent in Kansas City within the next week or so of Governor Folk, who has practically said he would come here and take a hand personally in the investigation, gives promise of sensational disclosures.

For a long time allegations have been made that graft was commonly practiced. It has been charged that it extended all the way from the protection of petty criminals to the covering up—for a consideration—of the graver crimes of murders, and dangerous crooks shielded, and appointments made at the behest of certain factions to pay political debts. Chief of Police Hayes has repeatedly said that he courted an investigation of his department, and he has offered to give the governor and the police commissioners all aid at his command.

READY FOR TRIAL.

Lawyers, Witnesses and Reporters Occupy All Available Rooms.

Boise, Ida., May 7.—Practically every available room in Boise, the capital city of Idaho, has been reserved for lawyers, witnesses, or newspaper men in attendance to the court which will try William Haywood on the charge of the murder of former governor Frank Steunenberg. While there is little or no public discussion of the case, the undercurrent of interest runs strong, and every incoming train brings additions to the very large number of people connected with the case who are already on the ground.

That there might be some delay has been dissipated by statements emanating from both sides. Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, and E. F. Richardson, of Denver, jointly leading counsel for the defense of Haywood, have both stated that they are ready for trial. Counsel for the prosecution, James H. Hawley, and Senator W. E. Borah, who have been engaged specially, are of the opinion that there will be no further delay.

Took Toll From Police.

Chicago, May 7.—That the city of Chicago has for years been violating the civil service law was brought to the light by the investigation of the police department, which resulted yesterday in indictments being returned against four city officers and two detectives under Mayor Dunne's administration. The investigation began ten days ago, following charges made during the recent mayoralty campaign that ex-Chief of Police Collins had used his department to further the interests of Dunne by receiving money from the police.

Linemen May Also Go Out.

San Francisco, May 7.—The linemen of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company held a meeting yesterday and were in conference with committees from the labor council and from the striking telephone girls on the question of declaring a sympathetic strike in support of the latter. No decision was arrived at so far as can be learned, and another meeting will be held today. There was practically no change in the strike today.

President's Words Denounced.

Mobile, Ala., May 7.—The Socialists of this city and surrounding places held a largely attended meeting at Fairhope, a single tax colony, today. The president's statement as to the undeniability of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were denounced.

Los Angeles Fears Strike.

Los Angeles, May 7.—Prospects for a local teamsters strike which last night appeared encouraging have suddenly taken a turn in the opposite direction and there is a possibility of a serious strike in the immediate future with many other branches of labor involved.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

JUDGE GRAY POSSIBILITY.

Conservative Democrats Favor Him for Presidential Candidate.

Washington, May 9.—A senatorial syndicate having for its object the control of the next Democratic national convention is in process of formation. William J. Bryan might call it a conspiracy, for it is decidedly anti-Bryan in character, while the work preparatory to launching the movement that is contemplated has been conducted with well guarded secrecy. Something tangible, however, is likely to transpire in connection with the movement within a few days, when the country will be let into some of the details.

Some of the plans of the senatorial syndicate are merely tentative, but at this time the candidate favored for the presidential nomination is Judge Gray, of Delaware. Unless something unforeseen happens, it is believed that Judge Gray will be the sure-enough conservative Democratic candidate for presentation to the national convention.

AFTER THE WATCH TRUST.

Its Goods Are Sold Abroad for Less Than at Home.

Washington, May 8.—Charles E. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' association, today conferred with Assistant District Attorney Purdy concerning an investigation which the department is making into the methods of the so-called "watch trust." Mr. Keene presented to Mr. Purdy, he said, evidence concerning the operations of the alleged watch trust. He asserted that American-made watches could be purchased in various European countries for much less than they could be bought in this country, and that the alleged watch trust sold watches to foreign dealers at a much less price than they quoted to American dealers. He exhibited American watches which he had purchased abroad for less than he could buy them in this country.

AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN.

Will Visit Portland and Seattle on Behalf of His Countrymen.

Washington, May 11.—T. Takahashi, of Seattle, has been in frequent consultation with the Japanese ambassador the past few days regarding the Japanese situation in the far Northwest. The ambassador is greatly interested in Takahashi's statement that business men of Oregon and Washington generally are not hostile to Japanese and has promised to visit Seattle and Portland in a few weeks for the purpose of making personal investigation. The exact date of his trip cannot be fixed until the ambassador has concluded the ceremonies in connection with the entertainment of General Kuroki and party in this city and James-town. Takahashi will participate in the Kuroki reception here and start for home in about ten days via New York and Boston.

May Sever Relations.

Washington, May 9.—Although the actual news of the severance of diplomatic relations of Guatemala and Mexico has not reached here, officials have no doubt that Mexico has taken the action that will result in giving to the Guatemalan minister in Mexico passports for his withdrawal. The American minister in Guatemala is now preparing to return home, and the American charge, Philip Brown, secretary to the legation has been instructed to look after Mexico's interests in the Guatemalan capital.

Express Rate Too High.

Washington, May 7.—The Interstate Commerce commission has rendered its first opinion in a case involving the reasonableness of an express rate. The case was brought by the society of American florists, who claimed that the rate charged by the United States Express company on cut flowers from New Jersey points to New York city was unreasonable. This rate, until July, 1906, was 50 cents per hundred pounds, and at that time was raised to \$1. Commissioner Lane, who delivered the opinion, holds that the rate could be reduced to 60 cents.

Fine Berth for Wood.

Washington, May 8.—The order assigning various officers to command department proposed by the general staff was issued today by the adjutant general of the army. It provides that Major General Wood shall be relieved from the command of the Philippine division and shall assume command of the department of the East at Governor's island, relieving Major General Grant, who is ordered to assume command of the department of the Lakes at Chicago, relieving Brigadier General Carter.

Another Attempt on Cabrera.

Washington, May 8.—Another attempt to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala, according to a dispatch received today by Minister Toledo, was made yesterday. In this instance, what is described in a general way in the advices as a "mine" was placed not far from the mansion of President Cabrera, apparently with the intention of exploding it at a time when it would be most destructive. The mine was discovered.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 9.—Today's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, \$265,288,079 gold coin and bullion, \$99,555,988; gold certificates, \$43,325,960.

CHINA SENDS GRATITUDE.

Viceroy Thanks America for Gifts to Relieve Famine.

Washington, May 10.—A dispatch received today from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai says: "The viceroy of Liang Kiang province requests me to offer his sincere thanks to the American people and government for magnificent gifts sent to relieve the suffering Chinese of the Kiang Peh famine district. In addition to this request of the viceroy, have received similar expressions from all the ranking Chinese officials of this section of China."

Special arrangements are being made by the viceroy to assist in the landing and handling of the cargo of the army transport Buford. The news of the coming of the Buford has spread throughout the whole empire. The Red Cross today decided to remit \$1,000 additional by cable at once to Mr. Rodgers for famine relief.

HAS POWER TO REGULATE.

Railroads Are Creatures of Nation, Says Judge Farrar.

Washington, May 7.—That the United States has full power under the constitution to govern and control railroad corporations is declared by Judge E. H. Farrar, of New Orleans, in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt. The railroads, he says, are creatures of the Nation. This fact places them under the rule of the nation, and has the dual result both of regulating the roads and protecting them from an unjust exaction by the states. The roads can be protected, he says, against the prejudice of the local jury by giving them the right to sue and be sued in the Federal courts. The national government should provide the manner and extent through which the roads should be taxed by the states.

Investigate Artesian Wells.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Jones has just received assurances from the director of the United States geological survey that the request for an investigation on artesian water possibilities in the Yakima valley will be complied with. The region specified is Gold Creek valley, in the vicinity of township 12 north, range 24 east. From a superficial investigation of this region it appears that artesian possibilities are excellent. The investigation contemplated will develop all the facts possible.

Henry M. Hoyt Will Quit.

Seattle, May 9.—Henry M. Hoyt, United States attorney for the Second division of the judicial district of Alaska, tonight confirmed the report of his resignation of office. He admits the possibility of continuing in the government service, but declares he knows nothing of any plan to prosecute alleged Washington land frauds. His successor has not been selected, but his assistant, George B. Grigsby, is thought to be the most probable choice.

Wants Experts for Land Office.

Washington, May 7.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the general land office, has asked Secretary Garfield to assign to duty in his bureau two of the business experts who are to be engaged by the secretary to suggest improved plans for the betterment of the service of his department, to assist in developing certain reforms now in progress in his bureau in order that particular attention may be paid to the divisions of mail and files and accounts.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 8.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—New Pine Creek, Benjamin F. Griffith, vice H. M. Fleming, resigned. Washington—Lamar, Albert S. Gross, vice M. L. McNelly, resigned. John J. Rezek has been appointed regular, Samuel P. Soule, substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1; Roy M. Cowles regular, Whitney H. Cowles substitute, route 2, Wenatchee, Wash.

Cruiser Tacoma Leaves Santiago.

Washington, May 8.—The cruiser Tacoma, by orders of the Navy department, has left Santiago, the scene of the recent collision between the sailors of that ship and the police, and gone to Guantanamo, thus removing the possibility of further friction.

Surgeon Noble Sent to Canal.

Washington, May 9.—Captain Robert E. Noble, assistant surgeon, is relieved from duty at Fort Casey to take effect upon arrival at that post of First Lieutenant John R. Bosley, assistant surgeon, and will then repair to this city for duty with the Isthmian Canal commission.

Opens Actors' Fair at New York.

Washington, May 8.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the president touched a button at the White House which opened the fair for the benefit of the actors at the Metropolitan opera house in New York.

Awards Carrying Contract.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Garfield awarded the contract for transportation of supplies from Seattle to Reindeer stations and schools in Alaska for the coming season to Captain Michael White, of Ballard, Wash.

New Register at Halley.

Washington, May 7.—Alvin McMahon was today appointed register of the land office at Halley, Idaho.

AMERICAN RAILROADS AS THEY ARE TO-DAY.

The following figures, just compiled, show the statistics of the American railroads for 1906:

Aggregate trackage of United States, 315,000 miles.
Total locomotives, about 50,000.
Total cars, freight and passenger, about 20,000,000.
Total private cars, about 112,000.
Spent in rolling stock during past eight years, approximately \$2,500,000,000.
Total trackage under block system, 53,133 miles.
Net capitalization of railroads, \$12,625,000,000.
Capitalization per track mile, about \$40,000.
Number of stockholders, about 225,000.
Paid employees, \$900,828,208.
Total revenue from passengers, \$494,955,235.
Total revenue from freight, \$1,584,652,399.
Gross revenue, \$2,510,790,030.
Net earnings and income, \$904,431,568.
Average length of passenger's journey, 32.74 miles.
Average number of passengers, per train, 53.
Number of employees, 1,460,778.
Average daily earnings of employees, \$2.09.
Killed: Passengers, 418; employees, 3,807.
Injured: Passengers, 11,185; employees, 55,524.
Two hundred and seventy-nine operating companies went through the year without killing a single passenger on their 119,462 miles of track, but they injured 2,533 during the year.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

Of all the secrets held by the fetsam and jetsam of many years, none is stranger than that of the beeswax of the Oregon beaches. Long before the white man came to the great Northwest by ship or prairie-schooner, vessels from the Orient had skirted the coast. Bits of wreckage have told the story of Chinese junk boats on the shore, but the most curious evidence of this Eastern traffic has been found on the Oregon coast, south of the Columbia River. Mr. Clarke gives an account of this treasure-trove in his "Pioneer Days."

When Lewis and Clark made their famous expedition, they learned that the native Indians of Oregon had for many years found lumps of beeswax on the sandy shores. Beeswax is practically indestructible in water, but these pieces had pounded in the surf until they were black and battered almost beyond recognition.

In 1814 Henry, engaged in the fur-trade, wrote an account of finding masses of this wax. The pieces were scattered over a wide stretch of coast, and were now covered, now uncovered by the blowing sand. Some of the lumps were softened into all shapes and sizes by the heat of the sun, and bleached nearly white. Others were square, and stamped with strange characters.

In 1895 a Mr. Howell, walking on the beach, saw something exposed in the sand. It proved to be the corner of some large squares of beeswax weighing several tons. Many smaller blocks were also found, all bearing the stamped letters I H S. Besides these squares of wax quantities of large candles were discovered. In looking up the matter, it was learned that as far back as records ran these tapers had been found with the wax on the shore.

Of course the explanation may be that some Oriental ship bearing church supplies for a mission farther south went to pieces on the Oregon coast many, many years ago; but what should a ship bound for Mexico or South America be doing so far north, and what use could any mission have for such an enormous quantity of wax?

HE DIED FIGHTING.

How Prince Louis Napoleon Was Killed by the Zulus.

How Prince Louis Napoleon was killed by the Zulus June 1, 1879, is told graphically in the book by Sir Evelyn Wood, who took part in that war. The little party which the prince accompanied was surprised and attacked. Sir Evelyn writes: "The Zulus in pursuit ran first after the two white soldiers who were on the flanks, three or four men, headed by Labanga, following the prince. His horse had jumped just as he was mounting, and his sword fell out of its scabbard. He was very active and was vaulting on his horse in motion when the wallet on the front of the saddle broke away, and he fell to the ground, being at this time only sixty yards behind the (British) fugitives. There were seven men who actually fought the prince. When Labanga, pursuing the fugitives, first saw Labanga, he was running away from the prince, who was rushing at him. Labanga, crouching in the grass, threw an assagai at him. The first assagai stuck in the prince's thigh, and, withdrawing it from the wound, he kept his foes at bay for some minutes. In the native's words: 'He fought like a lion. He fired two shots, but without effect, and I threw an assagai at him, which struck him, as I said at the time, but I always allowed Labanga's claim to have killed him, for his assagai hit the prince in the left shoulder, a mortal wound.'

Shots Fired in Labor Riots.

Coomesville, Pa., May 7.—Benjamin Carter, a negro strike breaker, was stabbed in the back, two negroes were arrested for carrying firearms, and patrolmen and members of the state constabulary were fired upon tonight during a riot between white men and negro strikebreakers at the plant of the Sligo Iron & Steel company. The mills have been closed since April 13 until a few days ago, when several carloads of negroes were imported from Pittsburgh.

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Mexico City, May 7.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have not been severed. Tonight, the sub-secretary of foreign affairs, Jose Alegria, emphatically denied the report emanating from Washington to the effect that Minister Gamba had been recalled.

CONFLICT IS FEARED

Violence Seems Certain in San Francisco Labor War.

MILITARY FORCES ARE PREPARED

United Railways May Huddle Under Eagle's Wing by Asking for Federal Injunction.

San Francisco, May 7.—An air of nervous expectancy hangs over the city of San Francisco. It is such a quiet, suppressed sentiment as bespeaks approaching conflict. The situation is serious with a gravity born of uncertainty. The United Railroads propose to resume the operation of its lines with non-union men. Two thousand union men are on strike, and, while neither side will discuss the possibility of violence, the situation has been carefully canvassed by the police, the militia and the officers of the regular army.

There is a settled feeling in the city that the case cannot be operated without violence of some sort. Wherever the subject was discussed, the opinion was expressed that trouble was inevitable. While still hoping that no outbreak will attend the running of the cars, the authorities have made preparations for any emergency. General Funston arrived last night and assumed command of the department of California. The militia armories are being guarded and the police force has been given emergency orders.

The situation is complicated by the telephone strike and the vast industrial army made idle by the ironworkers' strike. Among the unions the feeling prevails that the defeat of the carmen would be the heaviest blow the unions could receive.

Reports are current that, if trouble attends the attempt of Mr. Calhoun to run the cars, he will force the issue upon the government, either through a request for a receiver or through injunction proceedings in the Federal court.

PREDICTS COAL FAMINE.

Union Pacific Official Says Road Will Sell No More Coal.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 7.—"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before, and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its line, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a statement attributed to W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad, by the Wyoming Tribune today.

"The small dealers," Mr. Park is further reported to have said, "have in a way depended upon the railroad for the supply of coal to help them out, and, unless they store their own coal during the coming summer, they will face a famine in the winter. Coal consumers along other lines where a similar arrangement has been maintained by coal-carrying roads will meet the same emergency. The Union Pacific will store coal as usual this summer, but will have none to sell."

TORNADO WASTES PRAIRIE.

Wrecks Villages and Kills People in Northern Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in Northern Texas and which at some places assumed the proportions of a tornado, according to meager reports received here tonight, has resulted in the loss of at least three lives, the injury of many other persons and great damage to property and crops.

Several villages were wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telegraph and telephone wires details are almost impossible to obtain. At Depert, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 200 yards wide.

Record Trip Around Horn.

Los Angeles, May 7.—A special to the Herald from San Diego says that the steamer President, one of the vessels afloat, now engaged in an effort to break the existing record for a voyage around Cape Horn, is reported to have passed San Diego yesterday afternoon. The message was received by wireless telegraph and stated that the President, which left Philadelphia March 23, would arrive at San Francisco tonight or Wednesday morning. If the estimate is correct the President will make the trip in 46 days.

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