

FORTY LIVES LOST OFF COLUMBIA BAR WHEN STEAMER ROSECRANS SINKS IN SEA

THREE CLING TO TOP MASTS OF SUNKEN SHIP

All Attempts to Get Life Line to Vessel Fail—All Aboard Perish Except Those Seen Hanging to Rigging—Vessel is Total Wreck.

Rosecrans Was Former Army Transport and Was Made Over into Oil Vessel—Called Jinx Ship.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 7.—The low storm clouds, blowing away, and the sea subsiding somewhat at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon it could be seen that there are still three men out of her crew of forty clinging to the rigging of the lone mast remaining on the sunken Associated Oil company's steamer Rosecrans.

The lifesavers are still attempting to shoot a line over the mast so that the breeches buoy might be brought into use, and the tug Oncoenta is still cruising in the vicinity.

All the remaining members of the crew have disappeared with the steel hull of the tanker, which is wallowing the shallow waters of Peacock Spit, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Blizzard is Raging
A blizzard is raging and a six-mile an hour wind prevails.

Mountainous waves are breaking over the vessel and her foremast and most of her deck fixing have already been washed away and the vessel is breaking up.

The Rosecrans, which was formerly a federal transport went ashore early this morning while trying to negotiate the Columbia bar in the teeth of a howling gale. She is wedged into the end of the spit, where she lies exposed to the full brunt of the storm. Her \$18,000 cargo, consisting of 15,000 barrels of crude oil was awash early.

The rigging to which members of the crew might have clung for safety is practically all down and there is not a member of the crew in sight. The position of the ship is fifteen miles northwest of Astoria and additional lifesavers are being rushed from there to aid the Cape Disappointment crew.

Second Trip of Ship

This was the second trip of the Rosecrans to this vicinity. She was known as the "Jinx" ship of the Associated Oil fleet on account of her having met a series of mishaps since being taken over by the company. A few years ago she burned off the California coast and only her steel hull remained. On the occasion of her first trip to Astoria she was buf-

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SINGLER FILES \$15,000 BONDS IS NOW SHERIFF

August Singler officially became sheriff Tuesday morning when he appeared with bonds to the amount of \$15,000. V. Emerick, L. Warner, E. Warner, Vawter, McDonald and Ulrich are his bondsmen. As yet he has appointed no deputies. The additional \$40,000 bonds required for Singler as tax collector are farouh through a bonding agency.

Sheriff Singler notified the county court that he desired to have no trouble between it and himself and was told that if he wished his desire realized he would not appoint Coleman as chief deputy.

The court spent most of its time today redividing the road districts and was aided by suggestions from former Judge Dunn of Ashland, and members of the old court.

75 PERCENT OF ORANGE CROP REPORTED LOST

Worst Blow to Citrus Industry in History of California—Many Districts Report Entire Destruction and All Lose at Least 50 Per Cent

Damage Estimated at From Ten to Twenty Millions of Dollars—Smudge Pots Used.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Southern California citrus growers today face a staggering loss as the result of the frosts of the last three days which culminated this morning in the most killing visitation of the white death in recent history of the Pacific Coast citrus belt.

According to citrus experts, fully one-half of the crop of the entire southern section of the state has been enough ruined or damaged. The loss already, it is stated, will be between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

Lowest on Record
The lowest temperature in the history of many sections of Southern California was registered during the night. Many of the citrus centers are facing extremely large ruin of crops.

A fifty per cent loss yesterday was followed by a similar loss among what remained last night of the orange crop, and today it is estimated that 75 per cent of a \$4,000,000 crop is ruined in this vicinity.

The great Riverside district probably will suffer a 40 per cent loss. High winds after midnight tempered the effect of the frost and saved a portion of the crop.

Corvina Total Loss
Corvina, one of the most prosperous orange sections, records almost a total loss.

The San Diego lemon districts at Chula Vista and El Cajon suffered heavily. The loss has not been estimated.

Other crops than citrus suffered severely. Reports from Ventura pointed to a loss in truck garden sections. The garden loss around Los Angeles will probably approximate \$1,000,000.

Even Highland Hit

HIGHLAND, Cal., Jan. 7.—For the first time in the history of Highland, a fifty per cent loss faces orange growers today. The damage here is in excess of \$1,500,000. Highland lies in a supposedly frostless belt.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 7.—The intense cold was unbroken here today and lemon crops in the Santa Barbara district are practically ruined. The loss, it was estimated, will be about \$200,000. The temperature at 7 a. m. today was 23. Flow-

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SINGLER BRINGS MUSIC IN THE AIR TO PEACEFUL REALMS OF JACKSONVILLE

There is turmoil in the quiet precincts of Jacksonville and low murmurings of protest and rebellion and all because August Singler, new sheriff, has taken his abode in the classic shade of the Jacksonville oaks. No one has it in for August and ordinarily all Jacksonville would welcome him to its midst, but in the party he is working for August now has eight blooming kids and three night booming blood hounds—and thereby hang three tails.

Neighbors say that the Singler kids make music during the day and the Singler bloodhounds take turns serenading the moon and stars at night and when the nights are cloudy they practice up on what they are going to sing the next clear

SHIP COMBINE PUT ON GRILL BY COMMITTEE

Congressional Investigation Brings Out Details of Alleged Trust—South American Shipping Absolutely Controlled by Foreign Lines.

Trust Dominates Press and Cable Service Against United States and Throttles American Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The merchant marine committee of the house began today hearings to probe the alleged existence of a shipping trust. A large number of shipowners and agents here are prepared to testify at the investigation which probably will continue for about a month.

A special effort will be made by the investigators to discover to what extent trans-continental railroads control over-sea freight and passenger carriers, and to what extent foreign governments own or subsidize vessels.

The workings of the Brazilian shipping pool which controls all exports from ports of that country, were taken up first. Sidney Storey of New Orleans, president of the Panama-American steamship company, testified that the Brazilian government had encouraged the formation of his company. He said the shipping pool had been boycotted and forced out of business.

Storey asserted that the shipping facilities of South America were absolutely controlled by five foreign steamship lines, to the exclusion of American commerce or the establishment of independent lines. The lines embraced in this combination, he said, were the Southern American, the North German Lloyd, the Royal Mail Packet, the Hamburg American and the Prinz Steamship company.

Storey charged that the combination not only controls the shipping interests of South America, but also dominates the press and the cable service against the United States, delays the mails, throttles American commerce with South America by confining exports from that country to the United States to New York, and by charging prohibitive freight rates. He further stated that the Argentine Republic and Brazil both desire the establishment of an American-owned fast mail, passenger and freight steamship line, but that it will be impossible to compete with the foreign combination until the United States government agrees to protect shipping.

Vice-President-elect Thomas R. Marshall will cease to be governor of Indiana on January 13, on which date he will be succeeded by Samuel N. Raiston.

MISS HELEN GOULD AND HER FIANCEE.



FINLEY J. SHEPARD AND HIS FIANCEE, MISS HELEN GOULD, LEAVING CHURCH.

This unusual photograph of Miss Helen Miller Gould and her fiancé, Mr. Finley J. Shepard, was taken as the couple were leaving church Sunday morning on their way to Miss Gould's Fifth avenue home in New York. This is the first picture taken of Miss Gould and Mr. Shepard together.

DRANK COCKTAILS AND PLAYED CARDS IN TOMBS PRISON

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A shake-up among the keepers in charge of prisoners in the Tombs was forecast today as a result of an unexpected visit to the jail last night by two assistants of District Attorney Charles S. Whitman, who found unmistakable signs of a "poker party" in the cell of John McNamara, alias "Australian Mack" formerly a San Francisco saloonkeeper, who is held here in connection with the \$274,000 robbery in September, 1911, of the Branch Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C.

In McNamara's cell were Percy Davis, a republican alderman who is serving a sentence; Jack Sullivan, former member of Big King Zelig's gunmen, known as "King of the Newsboys," and two wiretappers, recently arrested. It was evident that the five prisoners had been drinking cocktails. The keepers, it is alleged warned the "party" in time to hide the cards and other gambling accessories.

It was learned today that the jailers have been in the habit of permitting the group to gather after the warden and the head keeper had left the Tombs. All prisoners are supposed to be locked in their cells at 4 o'clock every afternoon.

AMERICANS APPEAL TO MADERO FOR AID

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 7.—Sixteen American residents of the mining town of Ciéneguillas, state of Durango where three American companies are located today demanded protection from President Madero of Mexico from rebel depredations, according to a dispatch received here today. The state department at Washington was also asked to investigate conditions there.

WATER POURED BY HOGSHEAD IN OIL STOCKS

Frenzied Finance Practised in Organization of California Petroleum Company—Banks Promoted Sale for Bonus of Syndicate Stock.

Four Brokers Manufacture Market on Stock Exchange—Refuse to Divulge Bankers' Names.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Manipulation of the stock of the California Petroleum company today occupied the attention of the house investigating the "money trust." C. G. Henry, a New York broker, testified that \$17,500,000 of the company's stock was floated, the physical assets of the company representing a cash expenditure of only \$8,000,000.

Henry described the interest manifested by many banks in promoting the stock of the California Petroleum company. He said that twenty-four bank officers subscribed for \$5,000 worth of promotion syndicate stock, receiving "presents" of \$50,000 in profits without actually receiving a single share of stock.

Henry admitted that four brokers had "manufactured" a market for the stock on the New York stock exchange, but denied this constituted manipulation. He flatly refused, however, to divulge the names of the officers of national banks subscribing to oil stock. Chairman Pajo threatened to punish him for contempt but Henry still refused to give names.

TWO DEATHS DUE TO COLD SNAP

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Reports received here today at the weather bureau indicate that the backbone of the cold snap in California is in sight. Although another severe frost is predicted for tomorrow morning in the citrus belt, temperatures in the central and northern parts of the state already are on the up grade and within twenty-four hours it is expected normal conditions will be restored. The high wind which has prevailed about San Francisco bay for several days has virtually subsided.

Two deaths are believed to have been due directly to the cold weather in San Francisco. James Clark, 26, a stablesman out of employment was found dead in an alleyway this morning. The coroner's office attributed his death to cold and exposure.

A. G. LeFevre, an aged cigar dealer, died after remaining throughout the evening in his stand, exposed to the biting north wind.

SINGLER HAS TILT WITH COUNTY COURT CLAIMING CORONER ONLY HIS SUPERIOR

Sheriff August Singler, Jackson county's Sherlock Holmes, made a startling discovery and suffered a rude shock Monday when he informed the county court that it had no jurisdiction over the sheriff's office, and that only the coroner had authority over him.

Singler had offered a \$10,000 bond signed by Vawter, McDonald, and Wm. Ulrich, as sheriff. The court informed him that \$15,000 would be required of him, as sheriff and \$40,000 as tax-collector.

Singler started to argue the question, stating that the court had no jurisdiction over the sheriff's office. "The county court knows its busi-

BALKANS GIVE TURKS UNTIL END OF WEEK

If Sultan's Envoys Do Not Request Reopening of Conference, Allies Will Reconvene and Formally End All Peace Negotiations.

Powers Expected to Step in and Quietly Show Turkey That Adrianople Must Be Abandoned.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Balkan envoys will give the Turkish representatives until Saturday to request a reopening of peace negotiations, according to semi-official announcements here today. If the Turk plenipotentiaries do not make this request the Balkan delegates will reconvene the conference to formally end the negotiations.

Although the situation here admittedly is delicate, diplomats here do not expect a renewal of hostilities. Many expect the powers to step in before Saturday and quietly show the Turkish envoys that Adrianople must be abandoned to the allies. The Turkish representatives were up all night exchanging code telegrams with Constantinople.

The Balkan representatives have plainly rejected Turkey's terms but they do not desire to incur responsibility for resumption of war, fearing it would displease the powers.

A dispatch received here from Vienna today says the Turkish commander at Adrianople is considering surrendering to the allies, but no other confirmation of this report is obtainable.

HERRIN SUMMONED TO DISCUSS DISSOLUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Summoned to attend a conference of officials of the Harriman lines to decide upon a new plan for dissolution of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific merger, William F. Herrin, chief counsel for the latter corporation, is on his way to New York today. Before leaving he said he did not know what the next move would be, in view of the supreme court ruling against allotting Southern Pacific stock owned by the Union Pacific to stockholders of the last named corporation.

ROCKEFELLER ILL FROM GOUT IN VOCAL CHORDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Affidavits that William Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, is suffering from "gouty inflammation of the larynx and windpipes and a swelling of the vocal cords," were presented to the house committee investigating the "money trust" today by Doctors Watler, Chappelle and Samuel Lamont, the millionaire's physicians. House Sergeant at Arms Riddell for several weeks has vainly attempted to serve Rockefeller with a subpoena directing him to appear before the probers.

Dr. Chappelle stated that Rockefeller has undergone six operations, is scarcely able to whisper, and that another severe attack might prove fatal. The millionaire trembles violently at all times, he said, and can sign his name only with difficulty.

Chairman Pajo is skeptical over the physicians' report. He announced he would have one of the government experts examine Rockefeller and decide whether the millionaire is as ill as represented.