

## STEERING GEAR LINER EMPRESS OUT OF ORDER?

Counsel for Owners of Storstad Alleges Steering Apparatus of the Sunken Steamer Disabled Night of Disaster—Quartermaster Cited as Authority and Inquiry Halted.

QUEBEC, June 18.—C. S. Haight, of counsel for the owners of the collier Storstad, which rammed and sank the steamship Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river, with the loss of more than a thousand lives, today startled the commission which is investigating the disaster with a statement that word had reached him that on the night of the disaster the steering gear of the Empress was disabled. He had been so informed, he said, by Quartermaster Golway of the Empress, about to depart for England.

Lord Mersey, chairman of the court of inquiry, immediately took a hand in the proceedings, and it was stated that Golway would be called as a witness this afternoon. Golway was on the bridge at the time of the accident, and according to Haight's statement, said the Empress' steering gear was jammed.

**Kendall Repudiates Story**  
Captain Kendall of the Empress, called to the stand, repudiated Golway's story, as did Chief Engineer Sampson.

Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railroad, owners of the Empress, denied any attempts had been made to get Golway out of the country.

George Smart, a passenger on the wrecked ship, confirmed Captain Kendall's assertion that the Empress was standing still or practically stationary at the time of the collision. John W. Black, a second cabin passenger on the Empress, testified briefly, then Chief Mersey ruled that it would be of no value to examine any more passengers.

**Tells of Signals**  
Robert Henry Brennan, second engineer on the Empress, gave an account of the signals received by telegraph from the bridge.

The witness admitted that it would take about an hour to gather full speed from a dead stop. The throttle had never been thrown wide open after leaving Father Point, he said, as the ship had not gained sufficient headway to permit it.

Lord Liddell, senior third engineer of the Empress, who had charge of the engines on the starboard side of the ship, corroborated the testimony of Brennan in regard to orders received.

**Says Gear Out of Order**  
When the hearing was resumed after luncheon recess, James Francis Galway whose accusations Haight had related, took the stand.

He said that he had made certain assertions about the steering gear of the Empress to Haight at the suggestion of a representative of a sailors and firemen union, whose name he did not know. He contended that the Empress sheered around in opposition to her helm when coming up the St. Lawrence and while on her last trip westward.

The witness said he had other trouble with the wheel in the river on the night of the disaster, between 1:00 and 2:00 o'clock. It had jammed, he said, for about three minutes. He insisted he had reported the matter to Second Officer Williams, who was on the bridge and who was lost in the wreck.

Captain Kendall was recalled by Lord Mersey who examined him. Captain Kendall said he was on the bridge all the time from Father Point. He said he had never known the Empress to steer badly, he denied that on the westward trip she had nearly collided with a vessel.

## OBREGON PREPARES TO ATTACK GUADALAJARA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 15.—General Alvaro Obregon wired to constitutional representatives here today that he was rapidly concentrating 10,000 men around Guadalajara for the attack on that city. Obregon is well equipped with artillery.

## VILLA DEMANDS FULL CONTROL OF REBEL ARMY

Ultimatum Sent Carranza Demanding Divorce of Military From Civil Affairs—Promotion of Officers and Disposition of Commands to Be in Villa's Hands.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 18.—That General Villa has presented an ultimatum to General Carranza demanding the absolute separation of the civil and military branches of the constitutional government, was the substance of dispatches received at constitutionalist headquarters in Piedras Negras today. A committee of three officers was said now to be in conference with General Carranza at Saltillo, presenting General Villa's plan.

According to constitutionalist officers at Piedras Negras, his plan is as follows:

First—Villa to have complete control of the army and to direct the military policy without interference, while Carranza is to have control of the civil government and foreign relations.

Second—Villa agrees to recognize Carranza as his superior, provided Carranza accords him recognition as supreme military chief.

Third—The promotion of officers and the disposition of their commands to be in Villa's hands.

Constitutionalists expressed their belief that if these demands were granted, General Villa would proceed with the campaign and take personal charge of the forces in the field.

Otherwise, they said, they thought he would persist in his resignation and retire to Chihuahua to await such time as he could serve the constitutionalist cause without friction. The third clause of Villa's alleged ultimatum was accepted here as a direct answer to General Carranza's promotion of General Natera to command the division of the center, and his resulting disastrous attack on Zacatecas.

## STEAMER BUELOW, CHINA LINE, ASHORE

WEYMOUTH, England, June 18.—The steamship Buelow of the China Line of the North German Lloyd went ashore today during a fog near Myrledene, to the west of Portland. A steamer was sent at once for Portland to bring ashore the Buelow's passengers, numbering 38 first class, 32 second class and 32 third class.

The Buelow went ashore on the rocks at the foot of the high, perpendicular cliffs dominating Blacknor Bay, to the west of Portland Hill.

The sea was smooth at the time of the accident and plenty of vessels were in the vicinity, so there was little danger to the passengers and crew. The salvage steamer Switzer later in the day left Dartmouth to go to the assistance of the Buelow.

## RECEIVER FOR LORIMER BANKS

CHICAGO, June 18.—Application for a receiver for the La Salle Street Trust & Savings bank, the Lorimer-Munday bank, was made today by Attorney General P. J. Lucey in the Cook county circuit court.

The petition was based on the report of the state bank examiner, showing a depleted condition of the bank assets.

The petition, which was filed in the name of State Auditor James J. Brady, was taken before Circuit Judge Windes, who set the hearing for tomorrow. Based on the report of D. V. Harkin, bank examiner, who closed the La Salle Street bank last Friday, the petition recites that the institution is "wholly and irrevocably insolvent," and that the appointment of a receiver is necessary to conserve the remaining assets for the benefit of the depositors and creditors.

## CUBAN GUNBOAT, ITS MASCOT AND TROPHY WON BY THE CREW



THE PATRIA



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## AUGUSTUS HEINZ, COPPER MAGNATE, REPORTED DYING

NEW YORK, June 18.—F. Augustus Heinz, the copper magnate, is dying at his home in this city, according to a statement made in court today by his counsel, William Travers Jerome.

Mr. Jerome appeared in an attempt to reopen the case in which a judgment for \$275,000 was obtained against his client.

The judgment against Heinz was obtained by default by Edwin Gould and William Nelson Cromwell. It was for a promissory note given after the panic of 1907, in part payment for stock of the Mercantile National bank, which Heinz took over.

Alton B. Parker appeared for Gould and Cromwell today, opposing the motion to reopen the case.

"I would like to have your honor go in person to be sure that nobody plays 'possum on us,'" he said, "for in my long experience I know that any man who does not want to be examined can have hemorrhages galore."

Mr. Jerome said Mr. Heinz was suffering with liver trouble and was so subject to hemorrhage that he could not leave his home. Supreme Court Justice Erlanger said he would go to the Heinz house and ascertain his condition.

The Cuban government has decided to pattern its system of nautical training for officers after that used by America. The readiness and conscientiousness with which the Cuban government has done this became apparent when the Patria, a training ship, arrived at New York and went to anchor in the Hudson river.

## BASELER FREED FROM PENITENTIARY THROUGH BRYAN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 18.—Harry C. Baseler, former paying teller of the Third National bank here, sentenced June 11, 1913, to five years' imprisonment for embezzling \$15,000 from the bank, has obtained his freedom and has been with his family here for ten days.

This became known today when United States District Attorney Houts said Baseler's attorney had telephoned him of the commutation of his client's sentence. Mr. Houts said he had not been informed officially of the release of Baseler.

After reports that a high government official had interceded in his behalf were circulated Baseler said he understood the Rev. Harris Gregg, pastor of a Presbyterian church here, had gone to Washington to see Secretary Bryan in his behalf.

Baseler is the teller who brought about the arrest of Raymond Liano, when the latter attempted to change a \$10,000 bill that was part of a \$200,000 currency shipment stolen in Havana, Cuba, a few years ago.

## SYLVIA PANKHURST FREED FROM PRISON

LONDON, June 18.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was released today from Holloway jail. She had been imprisoned since June 10, when she was arrested while participating in a procession from the East End of London to Westminster, where she had intended to demand an interview with Premier Asquith.

## EIGHTH ERUPTION OF MOUNT LASSEN NOW IN PROGRESS

REDDING, Cal., June 18.—The eighth eruption of Mount Lassen since it last became active on May 30, was distinctly visible here today, notwithstanding a thick haze that obscured the outlines of the mountain, fifty miles away.

REDDING, Cal., June 18.—There seems to be no doubt today that Mount Lassen is now smoking from two craters—the original vent near the summit from which all the serious eruptions since May 30 have broken out, and a new blowhole on the south slope, which nobody has dared explore to date.

The new vent was first reported two days ago in identical messages from separate stations of the Northern California Power company. Today R. G. Milford, superintendent of the company, telephoned from a power house six miles from Mantion and twenty-five miles distant from Mount Lassen, that dense smoke is pouring from the south slope. The activity seemed to him greater than any previously reported from that south slope. The activity seemed to him greater than any previously reported from that source.

Since the violent eruption of last Sunday nobody has ventured to explore the volcano above the timber line. Probably no visit will be made to either crater until they cease smoking.

## LONG TIME LOAN FOR ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

ST. LOUIS, June 18.—Plans for negotiating a long term loan with which to begin the building of one of the greatest medical colleges in the world are being considered by the faculty of St. Louis university, a Jesuit college, which ultimately will come into possession of the estate of James Campbell, the value of which is estimated at \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000, according to a story printed here today.

By the terms of the Campbell will, the entire estate passes to the university for the building of a hospital and for the advancement of medical science, as soon as Campbell's widow and only daughter die, or if the daughter has children, twenty-one years after the death of the daughter.

## PROTECTORATE OVER NICARAUGUA

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The proposed treaty with Nicaragua, granting the United States Inter-oceanic canal and naval base concessions for a \$3,000,000 payment and proposing the extension of a protectorate over that republic, was again discussed today by the senate foreign relations committee.

Secretary Bryan and Charles A. Douglass, attorney for the Nicaraguan government, discussed further terms of the treaty and answered questions. A sharp fire of questions was directed at Mr. Douglass to develop whether the main purpose of the pact was to continue the present Nicaraguan government in power and to show whether there was any relation between that government and the American bankers.

## SLIGHT HOPE OF MEXICAN PEACE BY MEDIATION

Mexican Delegates Consistently Holding Out for Huerta Adherent for the Provisional Presidency—Wilson Firm for Neutrality Approved by Constitutionalists.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—While administration officials said today they still had hopes for a successful outcome of the mediation at Niagara Falls, they were more doubtful than they have been at any time, probably, since the conference began.

Officials close to the president feel that Senor Rabasa's published note of yesterday disclosed anew that the Mexican delegates are consistently holding out for a Huerta adherent for the provisional presidency. President Wilson is equally determined in his view that unless a man approved by the constitutionalists is chosen the new provisional government will be in trouble from the outset.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 18.—The answer of the United States to the statement of the Mexican delegates to the peace conference that insisted on a constitutionalist for provisional president would be "tantamount to abetting and even exacting fraud and violence at the elections," was being prepared today by Justice Lamar and was expected to be made public before night.

Although the American delegate were not offended at the publication of the Mexican statement, there was considerable speculation as to the motive for making it public at this time. The statement which was issued by Mr. Rabasa was a paraphrase of a memorandum given to the American delegates last Friday.

### Defense of Position

It was made known that the American delegation answered almost immediately the memorandum received from Mr. Rabasa. The response was considered by the American delegates as an adequate defense of the position they had assumed toward the establishment of a new provisional government. It is said to declare that the Mexican delegation had not taken into consideration the fact that the United States had no candidate for permanent president of Mexico, and that under no circumstances would the American government be a party to any influence on the elections of any country. Its preference for a constitutionalist for provisional president was due wholly to the conviction that a man from that party must be taken in order to insure the disarmament of all factions that otherwise would menace the new Mexican government if a man not satisfactory to the constitutionalists should be installed in place of Huerta.

## OREGON WOOL SOLD FOR EIGHTEEN CENTS

MADRAS, Ore., June 18.—At the wool sale here today 500,000 pounds was disposed of, the highest price being 18 cents. One grower sold 150,000 pounds at 17 1/2 cents. The lowest price paid for any grade of wool was 16 cents.

## STEAMER CRASH DAMAGED BOTH OCEAN LINERS

Kaiser Wilhelm II Docks With Hole in Her Starboard Side—Passengers in Dining Saloon Are Badly Drenched by Water—Steerage Badly Excited.

SOUTHAMPTON, June 18.—The Kaiser Wilhelm II of the North German Lloyd Line was docked here today and divers immediately began to examine her hull in order to ascertain what damage she sustained in her collision yesterday with the British steamer Incemore.

It was known on her arrival that the liner had a hole in her starboard side. The damage to her upper works was concealed by tarpaulins, but apparently was only trifling.

Arrangements were at once made to transfer the passengers to the Imperator, which is to sail for New York today.

### Both Preceding Slowly

The captain of the Incemore declined to make any statement, but one of the crew said both steamers were proceeding slowly.

The first class dining saloon of the Kaiser Wilhelm II was badly drenched with water and the passengers were compelled to take their breakfast today in a saloon on the upper deck.

A. G. Eames of Chico, California, a passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, said:

"I was in my cabin when I heard a sound like the rip of a cannon. My steward entered afterward and began speaking German. I said: 'For God's sake get out of here,' as I wanted to dress, but he caught hold of me and pushed me out, saying they were closing the watertight compartments and that if I did not hurry I should be shut in.

### Steerage Excited

"When I reached the deck I found the first and second class passengers behaving very coolly, but there was great excitement among the steerage passengers. The women were shrieking and crying and the men running aimlessly, waving their hands.

"One woman, who I believe was an Italian, threw her arms around my neck and I had to force her off.

"I cannot understand how the collision occurred because our fog signal was sounding all the time. We had come almost to a standstill and had just started moving again when we were struck."

The majority of the first class Imperator, but a few returned to the Kaiser Wilhelm II and were transferred to the don to make their own arrangements. The Imperator also is to pick up passengers waiting for the Kaiser Wilhelm II at Cherbourg.

### Report of Owners

BREMEN, June 18.—The North German Lloyd issued today the following statement concerning the collision between the Kaiser Wilhelm II and the Incemore:

"The Kaiser Wilhelm II was struck near the third group of boilers. She sprang a leak, which, however, could be kept under control.

"The damage to the Kaiser Wilhelm II apparently is less than at first supposed. Repairs probably will require only a short time and will be undertaken at Southampton."

## ADMINISTRATION WINS WOODMEN CONVENTION

TOLEDO, O., June 18.—Administration forces won in the national convention of the Modern Woodmen of America, when a vote was taken today in a stormy session. Wrangle on the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials ended in a vote of acceptance, 233 to 125. The report of the credentials committee bars from the convention the contested insurgent delegations.

After the adoption of the report, adjournment was taken until this evening, when a night business session will be held.

The session today began under auspices similar to those of Wednesday's stormy meeting.