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TRANSPORT MEADE ON FIRE

SAVED BY DESPERATE FIGHTING

Five of Her Fire Brigade Suffocated in
Her Hold, and Many Overcome by
Smoke, Sent to the Hospital

Big Ship Was to Have Sailed This Morn-
ing for Manila With Eighth Infantry
and Two Batteries, and
Cargo of 3000 Tons

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Fire, which broke out in the transport Meade, lying at the dock at Folsom street, shortly before midnight, caused the death of three men by suffocation, and the injury of a score of others, mostly firemen. The dead were: Fire Captain Charles Dakin, of engine No. 4; Hoseman Thomas Hennessey, of engine No. 4; Third Officer G. Wallace, of the Meade. All were suffocated while fighting fire in the hold. The fire started in the forward hold, and spread rapidly to the cargo, which consisted of

the prompt action of their comrades saved many from death. Captain Dakin was found at the foot of the ladder leading to the smoke-filled hold. In the effort to rescue Dakin, Fireman McCloskey fell unconscious on his body, and was carried out with Dakin. The loss is not yet estimated.

The fore part of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the second infantry and two battalions of light artillery. Many thrilling and heroic rescues marked the fire. Sailing Captain George Wilson, of the Meade, fell down a hatchway, and lay unconscious with in reach of the flames. Chief Officer Lasack and others of the crew immediately rushed into the hold and brought back his limp form. Lasack was himself overcome by fumes, and was rescued by Fireman Cook. Eighty thousand dollars in gold, military treasure destined for Manila, was carried by soldiers to a place of safety on the dock. Captain Gilbert, of the fire department, was overcome three times by smoke, returning time and again to his work, until finally he was carried away unconscious.

Those overcome by smoke and removed to the hospital were: Firemen John Gilbert and Gabriel Cuno, Lieutenant A. Macleod, L. Cook, J. McCloskey; Captain Sullivan, Battalion Chief Fernandez, Lieutenant Conlan, Captain Bacon, Boatswain Leach, of the Meade; Fourth Officer Dahl, Third Officer Lasack and Captain George Wilson. Several firemen were reported missing, but later were located.

The bodies of Firemen Dakin and Hennessey were found in the hold after the smoke cleared away. Hennessey was still alive, but died in a few minutes. He gave his life in an effort to save Dakin. In the afternoon thousands of pounds of ammunition were stored. Had this ignited the ship and all its occupants would have been blown to pieces. The fire is believed to have been caused by lime in the cargo.

GOES TO MANILA.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Major Hugh J. Gallagher, of the commissary department of the U. S. army, who for the past year has been acting as assistant purchasing agent of the Isthmian canal commission, has been detached from that service recently and today started for Manila. Major Gallagher was assigned to duty as purchasing agent upon the reorganization of the Panama canal commission on its present lines. He has had considerable experience in such emergency work, for he was the officer in charge of the distribution of supplies to the Martinique sufferers and he also was the chief commissary officer of Gen. Chaffee's famous military expedition to Pekin during the Boxer troubles in 1900.

Damage to the vessel will amount to less than \$100, and the damage to the cargo is also very small. Major Devo, superintendent of the transport service, has appointed a board of inquiry to investigate the cause of the fire and the responsibility for the deaths.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The quartermaster-general has started an investigation as to the cargo aboard the transport Meade at San Francisco. It is stated that the time of which it is reported the vessel had 800 barrels in her hold, is in a class of freight prohibited on transports carrying soldiers. Devo will be asked to explain.

Body in a Trunk.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—W. P. Dolson, a marine, was found murdered, and the body packed in a trunk at the Lexington House today.

Treaty Will Fail.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The unofficial claim is advanced by Democratic leaders in the senate that the Santo Domingo treaty cannot be ratified. It is generally admitted that six Democratic votes must be secured to carry it.

One Hazer Will Stay.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Bonaparte has approved the recommendation of Superintendent Sands of the naval academy that Midshipman Miller, of Kentucky, convicted of hazing, be pardoned.

COULD NOT GET NEAR VALENCIA

Captain Cann Emphatic in
This Assertion and Sur-
vivors Agree With Him

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Capt. Cann, of the City of Topeka, which arrived this morning emphatically denies it was possible for him to have done anything towards saving the lives of the Valencia passengers. He said: "The Valencia was in behind a reef and it was impossible for the Topeka to get close enough to do anything at all. I wasn't going to run my own boat in there and break it up, and as far as launching a boat is concerned it would have been impossible."

The Topeka brought six survivors of the wrecked steamer Valencia. They are: Frank Lehn, freight clerk; P. Esume, baker; Wm. Raymond, messman; J. Primer, fireman; Jas. Welsh, waiter, and P. O'Brien, waiter. Each of the survivors had a graphic story to tell of the awful sea tragedy. They were of the same opinion as Captain Cann, that the rough sea made it impossible for either the Queen or Topeka to do any more than they did do. Frank Lehn was affectionately greeted by members of his family. He praised Captain Cann for his work in picking up the life raft with 19 passengers. Lehn says he and other members of the Valencia crew begged the women to go aboard the life rafts when the steamer Queen first hove in sight of the wreck.

"As we pulled away we could see the poor souls huddled together on the after deck. Oh, how I pitied them as I realized that there was a lingering death. We had little hope of saving our own lives, but it was the only chance." Other survivors said the life preservers were in good condition.

Seattle, Feb. 1.—Bunker has arrived here. He sticks to every charge he made, and demands a rigid investigation by a federal board of inquiry. He charges Captain Cousins with wilful neglect, saying he could have saved lives if he had even tried. More than 50 passengers were still in the rigging when the Queen left on the order of Pharo. Many damage suits will be instituted in the federal court this week.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The charge that certain vessels that might have rescued the ill-fated passengers of the Valencia had failed to perform their obvious duty will be thoroughly investigated by the steamboat inspection service. Inspectors are now taking testimony at Seattle.

Bodies Coming Ashore.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—One body has drifted ashore at ong Beach, but no description is given. The body of Sibbey and the two Marks children arrived here on the Queen this afternoon.

Seattle, Feb. 1.—The sensation of the investigation this morning was the testimony of Captain Wallace Langley, who has been a pilot in the Vancouver waters for years. He was on the Queen when she went to the rescue, and he said no effort was made to get near. He said lifeboats from the Queen could have reached the wreck, and the steamer, too, could get much nearer. He severely criticized the tug Ozar for not going near, as it could have saved many lives. He testified that a few months ago he saved another wreck, 200 yards from the Valencia, and during worse weather removed her heavy machinery and dismantled the vessel. He practically puts the lie to every statement of the officials of the Pacific Coast Company. Captain Beach, a pilot in the employ of the Pacific Coast Co. took the company's side of the story.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Metcalf this afternoon sent a telegram to the local steamboat inspectors at Seattle, ordering a thorough investigation of the Valencia wreck, the conduct of her officers and crew, and also the conduct of the rescue.

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COAT OF WHITE WASH

(Four O'Clock Edition.)

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 1.—The committee of the city council appointed to investigate charges of graft and bribery against Mayor Wright, and several councilmen, reported found they found no evidence against the mayor, but that two witnesses testified they heard Councilman J. J. Conrad solicit a bribe from G. M. Savage, manager of a paving company; that Conrad pretended to be acting for the mayor and four councilmen. The report is looked upon as a whitewash.

HAZER CHAPIN FIRED

(Four O'Clock Edition.)

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 1.—Midshipman Edwin LeRoy Chapin, of Pasadena, Cal., was today dismissed from the naval service for hazing. This is the sixth dismissal.

The order of dismissal was sent to Chapin in the presence of the full brigade of midshipmen at the dinner formation. Chapin is a member of the first class, which will be graduated February 12th.

M'KINLEY SAFE IN SHANGHAI

State Land Agent West received news today confirming the statement made several weeks ago that Horace McKinley had gone to Shanghai. While not divulging the source of his information, Mr. West seems satisfied the statement is reliable. Nothing has yet been learned of the whereabouts of Pater, or the women in the case.

Portland, Feb. 1.—Government officials admit Horace McKinley and S. A. D. Pater, the principal witnesses for the government in the coming land fraud prosecution, have fled to foreign lands. Pater is reported to be in Honduras and McKinley in China, with the son of a prominent Eastern millionaire, who is floating a street railway proposition.

COSTLY FIRE AT PANAMA

Panama, Feb. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed 28 buildings, including the Concordia hotel and 15 stores. Loss \$500,000.

Northern Implement Dealers Meet.

Crookston, Minn., Feb. 1.—Nearly 500 delegates are in attendance at the annual convention of the North Dakota and northern Minnesota implement dealers' association, which opened here today. Many prominent implement dealers and manufacturers from all parts of the two states and even from other states, are here and some of them will deliver addresses before the convention. Among them are B. B. Clark, editor of the American Thrasher, C. F. Hubbs of Louisville, Ky., W. R. Wooder of Battle Creek, Minn., and a number of prominent dealers from North Dakota.

Senator Heyburn Sick.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, was taken suddenly ill this morning, and his symptoms indicate an attack of appendicitis.

COMIC OPERA TRIAL

Garfield Let the Whole Gang
Tern States Evidence, and
All Are Immune

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Edward F. Swift was cross-examined this morning by District Attorney Morrison in the beef case. He did not remember having refused information about hogs or sheep, but mentioned only the "beef industry." He wasn't prepared to answer the questions whether he attended the meeting of his company where private cars were discussed. He did not remember refusing to furnish information concerning the National Packing Company, or how much stock the witnesses' company holds in the National. The witness did not yield everything demanded by Garfield, because Garfield reserved certain things. Swift referred Morrison to his counsel on a number of questions, including the alleged concealment by the witness of the fact that he is a holder of stock in the Aetna Trading Company, the Oppenheimer Co., Kenwood Co., and subsidiary concerns.

SOLDIERS MURDER CITIZENS

Warsaw, Poland, Feb. 1.—Four Jewish members of the "Band" were executed in the citadel this morning. Six others are held for death. Many casualties are reported as having resulted from the anti-semitic riots at Maysoff in the province of Kiel, where peasants attacked the shops and houses. Advice from the Baltic provinces say the atrocities of soldiers sent to the Pacific country are indescribable. An average of five men are executed daily, and the people swear vengeance.

DOLLARS WITH A GAIN

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Denver, Col., Feb. 1.—The new mint began operations today, with thirty millions in gold bars on hand awaiting coining.

Copper War Settled.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
New York, Feb. 1.—There is every probability that the copper war between Rogers (Amalgamated) and Heine (United) is on the way to settlement. Wall street was given an intimation of this today, when the nature of some of the negotiations were allowed to leak.

The Moroccan Talkfest.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Algiers, Spain, Feb. 1.—The Moroccan conference today adopted, with modification, the draft of a taxation project. The Moorish delegates objected in part, and will refer the proposals to the Sultan. The question of reforming the custom duties was not considered.

Bell Next Chief of Staff.

(Four O'Clock Edition.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Brigadier-General J. Franklin Bell has been selected to succeed Bates as chief of Staff in April.

February Twenty-Seventh

You may hear three first-class artists, a basso, a violinist and a pianist at the M. E. church. The admission price will be 50 cents.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Wheat, 84½; corn, 44½; oats, 30½.

CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE.

The Busy Store

Offers wonderful bargains this great sale. The enormous increase in our business the past year widens the scope of this remarkable sale and nearly doubles your buying opportunities. Read below and see a few examples of the savings offered. It is hard to find words forceful enough to impress upon economical buyers the importance of a visit to our store. Read on:

DRESS GOODS.

25c Fancy Scotch Plaid Dress Goods, yd.12½c
65c Fine Colored Cashmeres, yd 39c
50c Fancy Dress Goods, yd.29c
15c Broadcloth, 56 in. wide, yd.75c
60c Fancy Rain Proof Dress Goods, yd.39c
\$1.35 All Wool French Serge, yd 95c
\$2 English Rain Proof Cloth, yd\$1.45
65c Black Wool Dress Goods, yd 39c
65c White Cashmere, yd.39c
60c All Wool Albatross, all colors, yd.48c
75c Silk Finished Black Velvet, yd.49c

DOMESTICS.

1000 yds. Fancy Calicoes, yd.4c
1000 yds. 8-13 Outing Flannel, yd5c
500 yds. 12½c Wrapper Flannel, yd.8-13c
Best 8-13c Apron Gingham, yd 5c
Special prices on Sheeting, pillow casing, sheets, pillow cases, white bed spreads and towels.
12½c Fancy Lace Serim, yd 8-13c
\$1.25 White Bed Spreads, special79c
Muslins, yd 5c, 6¼c, 7½c and 8-13c
8-13c Heavy Crash Toweling, yd 5c
39c Bleached Table Linen, yd.25c
Better ones at small prices.

LADIES' COATS AND SUITS.

\$5.50 Rain Coats, price.\$4.50
\$15.00 Rain Coats, price.\$8.50
\$20 Rain Coats, price.\$10.90
Ladies' Suits.
. . . \$6.90, \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50
\$12 Silk Petticoats, price.\$6.90
Silk Waists . . . \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50

NEW MILLINERY.

Beautiful New Hats at small prices.
\$5 New Hats, special\$2.95
Flowers, Feathers and Trimmings now on sale; Violets, 5c bunch.

200 DOZ. CHILDREN'S 20c FAST

BLACK COTTON STOCKINGS,

ALL SIZES, SPECIAL FOR

THIS SALE ONLY, A PAIR

10c

WAISTINGS.

18c Fancy Persian Waistings, yd.12½c
20c Swan's Down Flannel, yd 12½c
95c French Flannel, yd.49c
75c Fancy White Mercerized Waistings, yd.49c
MEN'S 50c WINTER UNDERWEAR.25c

Salem's Greatest Growing Store
McEVOY BROS. Corner of Commercial and Court Streets