

# SHIP BURNS AT SEA.

## Thirteen Passengers Die From Suffocation.

### SHIP RETURNS TO THE HARBOR.

All Exits From the Steerage, but One, Blocked by Freight—Steamer Is a Complete Wreck—Attempted Rescue by the Ship's Captain.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Mallory line steamship *Leona*, bound from this port for Galveston, put back, arriving at her docks about 9 o'clock Saturday night, almost completely destroyed by fire. The fire made such rapid headway that before the passengers in the steerage could be awakened 13 of them were suffocated and died.

Among the passengers were S. V. Winslow of Rutherford, N. J. On his return to this city Mr. Winslow told the following graphic story of the fire:

We left the pier at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon with clear skies and beautiful weather. We passed through, making excellent time, the chief engineer congratulating himself that all was well, and even making the remark to one of his assistants that he could not believe this good luck could continue, for the trip had started under such favorable auspices.

Sandy Hook was passed, and the lights of the Jersey shore were still visible when we went to bed. The passengers in the steerage had also retired to their bunks. The watch going off at 3 o'clock reported everything well and no suspicion of any fire or other trouble. The sea was very smooth, and there was no wind. The moon was shining brightly.

First Mate Wallace was pacing the bridge about 2 a. m. when he thought he smelled smoke coming from the forecastle. He went down the forward to the companionway and opened the door to the steerage. The moment he did this there was a burst of a flame which burned his face.

Wallace turned and ran on deck and gave the alarm of fire to the forward watch, telling him to awake the steward and have all the passengers aroused as quickly as possible, without creating any excitement.

The steward did this in a quiet manner, going to each stateroom and waking the occupants. He said in calm tones that there was a slight fire in the forward part of the ship and it might be advisable for the passengers to get their things together. It might be possible, he added, that the ship would eventually have to be abandoned.

There was no excitement among the steerage passengers. Most of them packed their luggage and carried it from their staterooms into the main saloon. They gathered in the saloon and remained there and after the officers had assured them that there was no immediate danger they took matters quietly.

The steward made frequent trips forward and came back with reports of the progress of the flames. He said that the fire was confined below decks, and as the flames did not rise very high, the passengers did not fully realize the extent of their peril.

Captain Wilder rushed on deck at the first alarm, clad only in an undershirt and trousers. He assumed command and at once ordered the crew to rescue the steerage passengers. On the same deck with the steerage, on the port side of the ship, a large quantity of cotton bedding was stored, separated from the steerage passengers by a board partition.

The main deck was almost completely filled with freight, cutting all exit from the steerage to the aft part of the ship. The only way out from the steerage was up the forward companionway.

The crew, on the captain's orders, rushed for the companionway and tried to descend. They were driven back by dense volumes of smoke, flames quickly following. The smoke and flames also came up through the ventilators, and it was apparent to all who were on deck that below decks was a roaring furnace.

When it dawned on the officers and crew that the unfortunates in the steerage were probably burning to death, Captain Wilder saw his crew driven back from the companionway and the realization of the horror below made him desperate.

He rushed to the stairs and boldly attempted to go below. He did not get down more than half a dozen steps when the increasing clouds of smoke and flames shooting up around him drove him back on deck.

During the excitement of the first half hour we did not know that anyone had gotten out of the steerage alive, but later we found, in the cabin, eight of them who had managed to get out. Their bunks had been nearest to the companionway, and they had been awakened by part of the crew rushing out of the forecastle.

The deck all forward of the pilot house was burned away, leaving the iron cross beams bare and red-hot. The heavy anchors dropped down below, their fastenings twisted and broken. The iron platings of the ship's sides glowed red-hot.

Taken all in all it was a terrible experience for those concerned.

### UNKNOWN PHILANTHROPIST.

Paris Charity Bazaar In Receipt of a Check For \$37,500.

PARIS, May 10.—An anonymous donor has sent the sum of \$37,500 to the committee of management of the charity bazaar in the Rue Jean Goujon, which was the scene of last week's terrible tragedy from fire.

This amount, with the proceeds of the first day's sale, \$1,800, equals the full receipts of the bazaar of 1885, and the committee is thus enabled to make distributions as before.

Rosa Belle Davis of Delaware, O., arrested some time ago, in default of bond was placed in the county jail. The grand jury found a true bill against her, and the defense appeared in court, compelling the prosecuting attorney to go to trial. This he could not do, so he recommended that the indictment be quashed, which was done, and the woman told to take advantage of her freedom, but she asked to be allowed to remain, preferring the cell to freedom. The sheriff has written to her brother in Augusta, O., and if she does not consent to go with him she will be committed by process of law to get out of jail.—Continued Commercial Trib-

### KILLED BY EARTHQUAKES.

Islands of Guadeloupe and Montserrat Badly Shaken.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Earthquakes are shaking the islands of Guadeloupe and Montserrat of the Leeward group in the West Indies.

The cable a few days ago reported that a number of persons had been killed at Guadeloupe.

Details were supplied by the Quebec liner *Madiana*, which arrived here from Leeward island ports.

When the steamer reached Antigua, 40 miles from Guadeloupe, on May 1, everyone in port was discussing the shocks.

The heaviest had occurred two days before, when 50 negroes had been killed outright by being buried in the ruins of their houses.

In a brick church, a congregation of 200 people were caught by the collapse of the walls and 50 crushed to death.

Those in the streets saw the houses sway back and forth, and the walls of brick structures crack.

The report also said that 25 or 30 people had lost their lives at Point-a-Pitre.

Twelve houses of brick in Guadeloupe had been demolished and scores of others cracked and ruined by the shocks.

From Antigua the *Madiana* steamed to Montserrat, arriving there May 2. There, too, a state of terror existed. That town was rocked like a boat at sea on April 30. Six houses were destroyed, but no lives lost.

This island, more the earthquake had not been noted for the purity of its people, but while the *Madiana* was in that port meetings were held at short intervals in all of the churches, which were crowded with worshippers.

The inhabitants finally believed that it was an account of their iniquities that they had been visited by earthquakes, and that if they did not turn they would all be utterly destroyed. Not only were services held twice daily in the small churches or chapels, but of an air meetings were held.

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Professor Herman Shaffer of Rochester Fell From a Window.

ROCHESTER, May 12.—Herman M. Shaffer, a professor in the Theological seminary, was accidentally killed by falling out of a window at his home.

Professor Shaffer has been ill for some time and confined to his bed. His wife, who had been in attendance on him, went to the lower part of the house. When she left the room Professor Shaffer got out of bed, and, it is supposed, attempted to raise a window for fresh air and in his weak physical condition lost his balance and fell to the pavement, striking on his head and killing him instantly.

The deceased leaves a son in Milwaukee and a daughter in Chicago.

He was born in Germany in 1839 and early in life engaged in business in Boston, where he was very successful. In 1867 he became pastor of the First Baptist church of New York city, where he remained until 1873, when he became connected with the Rochester Theological seminary.

Believe the Loining Sank. ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 12.—The crew of the French vessel *St. Jean* are confident that the Norwegian bark *Loining*, which collided with the *St. Jean* on the Grand Banks during a fog on the night of May 6, sank within a few hours after the collision with all hands. The *Loining* appeared to be seriously injured, and in the morning, when the fog had cleared away, there was no sign of the vessel or any of her boats.

Dismissed the Case. ROCHESTER, May 12.—Upon motion of Assistant United States District MacKay, Judge Cox granted an order discontinuing the action against George N. Wolfe of Buffalo, who was accused of endeavoring to secure a pension through false pretenses. The court reserved decision in the case of Charles P. Gaschill of Buffalo, accused of aiding and abetting in the misappropriation of the funds of the First National bank of Niagara Falls.

Young Girl Pardoned. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 12.—Governor Bradley refused to allow Dora Crech, a 12-year old girl convicted of perjury in Owsley county and sentenced for one year, to come to the penitentiary, and granted her a full pardon. The governor threatened to pardon every juvenile convict out of both state prisons unless the legislature at once provides funds for the state schools of reform.

Distinguished Tourist at the Falls. NIAGARA FALLS, May 12.—His excellency, Chang Yen Hoon, secretary of the treasury, minister of foreign affairs and member of the privy council of China, accompanied by 10 officials and 19 servants and his private secretary, arrived here and left for New York later, whence they sail today for England to be present at the queen's jubilee.

Chinamen Will Be Returned. WASHINGTON, May 12.—The secretary of the treasury is informed of the arrival of 37 Chinamen at San Francisco to take part in the Nashville exposition. Of this number, only 31 are needed to comply with the terms of the contracts entered into by the Exposition company, and the remainder will be returned to China.

Used His Foot For a Brake. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 11.—James Kennedy, while bicycling down a hill at Gosport, placed his foot between the forks to act as a brake, when he was thrown heavily to the ground. His skull was fractured, and it is expected that he will die.

Struck by a Bursting Shell. NEWBURY, N. Y., May 12.—Samuel Middleton, son of the late Dr. Middleton, was struck by a bursting shell in the "pouncing" room of Mosie's hat factory at Mathevan and probably fatally injured. He was employed in the shop.

A Good Catholic Honored. The University of Notre Dame confers its laurel medal this year on Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet of New York. In his specialty Dr. Emmet ranks at the head of the medical profession in America, and he has long been recognized as an authority by the leading physicians of Europe. Surgeons and hospital nurses are indebted to him for his invention of some valuable instruments as well as for numerous medical works. Dr. Emmet is a devout Catholic, having been converted to the faith in 1867. His family is a famous one in Irish and American history. His father was a political exile, and his great-grandfather was the immortal ballad star, young patriot, Robert Emmet.

—Ave Maria.

# AUTONOMY FOR CRETE.

## This Condition Insisted Upon by Germany.

### GREECE WILL GIVE HER CONSENT

Greek Troops Will Be Withdrawn and the Counsel of the Powers Accepted—Heavy Rains Prevent Fighting at Domokos.

ATHENS, May 11.—The conditions insisted upon by Germany, the chief of which is that Greece shall give her formal consent to the principle of autonomy for Crete, will be accepted by the Greek government.

The note of the powers has not yet been presented, but it has been drawn up and is to the following effect:

Upon a formal declaration by Greece that she will recall her troops and agree to such an autonomous regime for Crete as the powers in their wisdom shall deem best, and accept unreservedly the counsel of the powers, they will intervene in the interests of peace. The note will probably be presented after the German minister has received final instructions.

It is understood that Greece, in her reply, will assent to all of these conditions.

M. Halli, the premier, and M. Skouliou, the minister of foreign affairs, had a long interview with Mr. Egerton, the British representative, which has caused considerable comment. It is believed to be connected with the expected intervention of the powers.

A dispatch from Domokos says that heavy rains there prevent fighting.

### CONSTANTINE'S ADDRESS.

He Hopes to Drive the Invading Army From the Land.

ATHENS, May 12.—Crown Prince Constantine issued the following address to the troops at Domokos:

Soldiers—The Greek army retired to Domokos because our positions at Pharusos were not strong enough against an enemy greatly superior in numbers. But the positions you occupy here are so strong that our army may be considered invincible. I am confident you will be able not only to repulse with success every attack of the enemy, but you will shortly be able to take the offensive and compel him to abandon Greek territory.

Remember you defend the sacred soil of the Fatherland and the honor of the king and nation. The enemy must not be allowed to make a further step into Greece. I know you have suffered and are still suffering many privations, after having been obliged to fight so many days, but we must endure these privations patiently, confident that we are doing our duty to our Fatherland.

CONSTANTINE. The Greek commissariat has collapsed. The only rations now received by the soldiers are bread and cheese. Not even coffee is procurable.

### QUIETLY RECEIVED.

Recall of the Troops From Crete Causes No Disaffection.

ATHENS, May 11.—The recall of the forces from Crete has been received with resignation by the public.

The Delianis organs attack the government bitterly for appealing to Europe, but most of the papers accept this as inevitable and violently attack the Ethniké Hetairia, asking it to render an account of its action.

### BURIED ALIVE.

Hypnotized Patient Recovers Before the Anticipated Time.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 12.—Professor Ferris, the hypnotist, hypnotized Fred Smith and placed him in a coffin and buried him in a vault lot, with a ventilator shaft leading to the grave, with the understanding that he was to be left there until morning.

But those in the neighborhood at 1 o'clock were surprised to hear agonizing cries coming up the shaft: "For God's sake, let me out of here!"

He was soon dug up, and the professor explained that he had not been sufficiently hypnotized.

The young man vividly portrayed his agony when he woke up and found himself buried.

Lost Control of the Wheel. NEW YORK, May 10.—John P. Urbanak, 31 years old, of Hoboken, was drowned at the ferry slip at Fifteenth street, Hoboken. He was just learning to ride a bicycle and jumped on a friend's wheel and rode about the pier. Losing control of the machine the bicycle struck the string piece and Urbanak went overboard head first, the bicycle going also. Although an experienced swimmer Urbanak did not come to the surface. Grappling lines were then brought into use and in 30 minutes the bicycle was brought up, Urbanak's body rising to the top of the water directly afterwards. The youth had evidently been entangled in the bicycle.

American Wagons For England. CORTLAND, N. Y., May 12.—The London agent of the Cortland Wagon company called that he had closed contracts with the British government for a large supply of mule wagons. Last Saturday the company received an order for four sample wagons to be shipped at once, and this dispatch indicates that the contracts had been closed without waiting for the arrival of the samples. The so-called mule wagons are ordinary farm wagons.

Fire in the Circus Mollie. PARIS, May 10.—The ring and stables of the Circus Mollie were burned, a fireman and a policeman being seriously injured. M. Casimir Perier was to have presided at the opening of a charity fête in the circus, but the function was postponed in consequence of the terrible calamity at the charity bazaar last Tuesday.

A Welsh colony is flourishing in Argentina.

Gerard Wallop, Esq., is the name of the secretary of the British National Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Since the year 1880 the Paris police have arrested as many as 30,000 children who were being trained for begging and vice.

During the past few weeks there have been some of the highest tides ever known in the Thames.

### HAVEMEYER AND SEARLES.

Their Trial Comes Next—Will Occur on May 17.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The cases of President Havemeyer and Secretary Searles of the American Sugar Refining company were selected for trial on the 17th of this month for refusal to answer questions put by the senate sugar trust-investigating committee.

District Attorney Davis advised the counsel for the various witnesses that the next case would be called on that date, and that Havemeyer and Searles would be the first proceeded against.

The attorneys were instructed to produce them in court then.

A rumor was circulated that Broker Elverton R. Chapman of New York, already convicted to serve 90 days in jail for refusing to answer the questions of the senate sugar trust-investigating committee, had been summoned to appear here immediately to serve his sentence, but it was denied at the district attorney's office that any further action in his special case had been taken.

His attorneys were notified to produce him some time ago, and the government has since been waiting on them, though the district attorney has stated he will not wait much longer. The next step to be taken, if Chapman fails to appear, would be the issuance of a bench warrant for him.

### BONDSMAN WANTED RELEASE.

Fearing That John Hart Would Ship and His Bail Be Forfeited.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Captain John D. Hart, who was convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for having aided in a filibustering expedition to Cuba, but which sentence was suspended pending an appeal to the United States court of appeals, was brought into the United States circuit court on a bail plea sworn out by William Welner, one of Hart's four bondsmen.

Hart is under \$7,500 bail, and Mr. Welner informed the court that he had reason to believe that Hart intended sailing on the steamer *Ethelred* for Port Antonio, Jamaica, for the purpose of evading the sentence, and that his bail would then be forfeited.

Welner asked the court to be released as bondsman. Judge Dallas, however, refused to grant the request.

Hart admits that he intended sailing on the *Ethelred*, but says he was going on a business trip. It is said that his daughter and an attorney, who were to accompany him, sailed without him.

Hart is now under the surveillance of a private detective, who was engaged by Welner, and who has orders not to lose sight of him.

### MORE VICTIMS.

Three More Deaths Result From Drinking Poisoned Spring Water.

LOUISVILLE, May 13.—A Pikeville (Ky.) spring water persons have died from drinking poisoned spring water. They are Edward Minnie, Miss Ducas Alberte and John Tompkins. Tompkins' wife and two children are fatally ill from the same cause.

As yet chemists have failed to learn what poison is being used, and there is no clue to the identity of the guilty parties.

### Liquor Tax Relief.

ALBANY, May 13.—State Commissioner of Excise Lyman made the following ruling in the matter of filing prescriptions by regular pharmacists, where the same contains alcohol or other liquor, viz: That where, in good faith, a pharmacist is obliged in the preparation of bona fide medical preparations, to use alcohol or other spirits in the compounding thereof for the purposes of medicine, it is not a violation of the liquor tax law so to do, although in a town where such medicine is prepared or prescription filled the sale of liquor as such is prohibited under the different sections submitted under the local option provisions of the liquor tax law.

William K. Smith on Trial. ROCHESTER, May 13.—In the United States court the case of William K. Smith, ex-assistant postmaster of Hornellsville, accused of embezzling \$455 of government funds between October, 1894, and January, 1897, is on trial. The defendant is well known in Hornellsville. He is a trustee of St. Anne's Catholic church there. The postal authorities claim to have positive proof of his guilt. The defendant asserts his innocence. Charles A. Dolson of Hornellsville and John B. Stanchfield of Elmira are attorneys for the defense.

### Dismissed the Case.

NYACK, N. Y., May 13.—After the conclusion of testimony in the Thompson-Blauvelt case Lawyer Truax moved that the case be dismissed and made a vigorous speech. Judge Hirschberg dismissed the case on the grounds that the divorce is conclusive proof that the husband has forfeited all claims or right to his wife; that after the divorce was granted she was judicially dead to him, and that public policy is opposed to anything of this kind.

### Break in the Champlain Canal.

TROY, N. Y., May 13.—About 250 feet of the bank of the Champlain canal gave way and it will be several days before boats can pass through that waterway. The break is between Waterford and Mechanville. The break was caused by quicksand. Considerable farm property in the neighborhood was damaged. The estimated loss to the state is \$40,000.

### Mayor Will Hold the Office.

OMAHA, May 10.—Mayor Bronck has a force of 11 picked policemen patrolling the city hall. He reiterates his intention of holding to the office of mayor at all hazards. His term of office expired at midnight Sunday night. Mayor-elect Moore will make no effort to secure control of the office by force.

### Bicycles Carried Free.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The passenger committee of the trunk line association, at its meeting, decided to accept bicycles as personal baggage between states, except between Canada and the United States. Between these points the wheels will have to be checked and paid for as regular baggage.

### Postal Clerks in Convention.

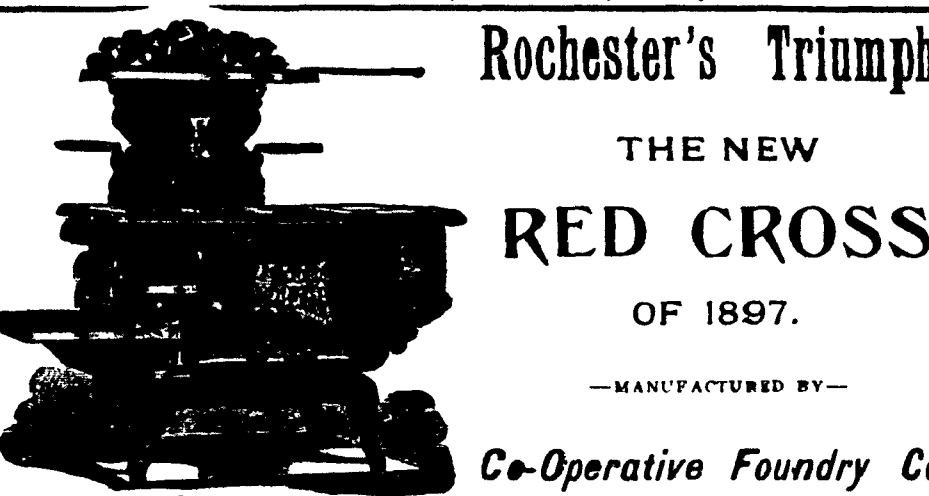
BUFFALO, May 13.—The members of the ninth division of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks held a meeting in this city. Delegates to the convention to be held in Philadelphia on June 15 were elected.

### Checker Champion Dead.

SARATOGA, May 13.—Isaac Clute, 75 years old, ex-champion checker player of the United States, is dead.



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