The Frightful Recard of the Year in Marine Accidents

The Number of Wrecks at Sea Last Year Was Unprecedented—The Loss of Life in Some of the Larger Was Appalling-Tragic Fate of the Bourgogne,

inventions annually projected and for the year. tried by the navigators of today, and in spite of complete ocean charts designating the currents, trade winds, paths of travel and probable areas of bad weather during certain seasons of months shows that the list of casual- 1st day of May his squadron, with the ties on the sea is alarmingly large. Olympia as his flagship, startled the Not only are these accidents, wrecks and injuries included among the smaller and old-fashioned sailing sea craft engaged in the coasting trade, but especially have they been noteworthy among the large ocean liners, and mil-Hons of dollars' worth of property and capital invested in the latest improved types of ocean greyhounds and freight steamers are lying today on the bed of the ocean through the losses to commerce in this year alone.

The past twelve months have been exceptional in the severe storms which have from time to time swept the seas and played havoc with the shipping and other industries. Especially has this been true the past fall, and as a result hundreds of coasting vessels plying, along the shores of the United States have been consigned to the cold barren bed of the ocean, where their water-logged hulks are lying thickly encrusted with salt, or else beached along the coast, with their hulls gradually bleaching in the sun.

In addition to the elements, fire has had its share of the victims, and the late war with Spain has contributed not a little to the losses of ships sustained by the various countries this year.

The year opened auspiciously for shipping trade, and it was not until the 31st of January that the first heavy loss was reported, when the British mail packet Channel Queen was wreckd in a storm off the Guernsey coast, ind nineteen persons on board were rowned

A respite followed until the day after he destruction of the battleship daine while anchored in the harbor

In spite of the numerous modern | they may be included among the losses

Immediately upon the declaration of the war Commodore (now Admiral) Dewey was ordered to proceed at once to Manila and reduce the Spanish fortithe year which should be avoided by fications at that point and destroy the mariners, the record of the past twelve | Spanish fleet in those waters. On the

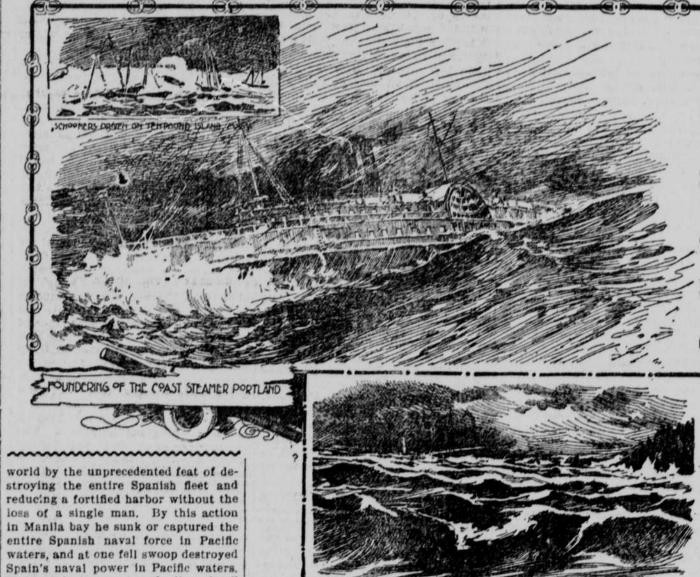
steerage passengers and sailors. The surviving passengers told astounding tales of cruelty. All order for the time being was lost, and men and crew fought like wild beasts to secure a seat or standing room in the lifeboats. Women and children were thrust aside, and it was stated some men even committed murder to escape from the doomed ship. At any rate, only one woman out of two hundred was rescued, and to substantiate the stories of the brutality a large proportion of the crew was saved. The bow of the Cromartyshire was stove in and she was partly dismantled, and had it not been for the calm sea she, too, might have foundered. This, without exception, resulted in greater loss of life than any other disaster of the year for any single accident or wreck.

560, perishing as the ship plunged

downward to her ocean grave. Nearly

all of the cabin passengers perished,

the majority of the survivors being



On the 2d of October a severe hurricane raged in Georgia and along the coast of that State and South Carolina. The next day reports began to come in of the extensive damage done. The entire sea coast was submerged and numerous vessels were driven by the tremendous waves over the shore and stalled in the marsh back of the sea line after the storm subsided. Immense damage was done to the rice crop and dwellings adjoining the sea coast. Four vessels were torn from their moorings in Savannah, the British schooner Syanara, bound for St. John's, New Brunswick; American schooner Millville, to Millville, N. J.; the Fannie L. Child, for Boston, and

the Italian bark Franklin, and were all more or less severely damaged. The Stephen Bennett went ashore off Sandy Hook, and the Isaac H. Tillyer and the Wandering Jew sunk in the storm. The British steamer Lucania was also partly disabled in this storm on her trip to Queenstown.

On the 14th of October the Atlantic Transport Company's steamer Mohegan, formerly the Cleopatra, of the Wilson & Furness Lehland Line, leaving London for New York on the 13th with fifty passengers and a crew of 150, went ashore off The Lizard, between Manacles and the Lowlands, and 116 of the 161 persons on board were lost, as it was next to impossible to rescue

On the 29th of July a severe storm anybody with the heavy sea running.

ONE GLASS OF WINE.

Many Think It Changed Course of Politics in This Country.

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the Democratic party in 1860. The story is worth telling, says the Atlanta Constitution. After the breaking up of the national Democratic convention at Charleston the party in Georgia held a state convention. Great excitement prevailed. The leaders of the party could not agree. It was a critical period.

The majority report indorsed the seceders or bolters at Charleston, while the minority report opposed their acticy. The leading champion of the mhiority was Herschel V. Johnson and his followers were confident that his eloquence and logic would carry the day.

It is quite likely that such would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap. Ex-Gov. Johnson began his speech before the noon adjournment on the second day and concluded after dinner.

Old men who remember that speech say that it was a powerful argument and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would demolish his opponents with a few sledge-hammer blows,

But the overconfident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the strain of the morning session so much that he was unable to eat anything, and he took a glass of wine upon an empty stomach to strengthen himself. This was a fatal mistake. That one glass of wine perhaps changed the destiny of the nation!

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine had nauseated him. He was hazy, verbose and unintelligible at times. His style and argument lacked vigor, consistency and positiveness. His friends looked at one another in despair. The men on the other side were exultant. It was evident that the speaker had damaged his own case.

Then Howell Cobb and Henry R. Jackson followed each other for the majority report. They spoke with an air of expectant triumph and captured the convention.

The majority report was adopted. It is unnecessary to follow the history of the next few weeks. The national Democracy was completely disrupted and put two tickets in the field. Lincoln was elected and the country was plunged into a civil war. Had Johnson succeeded in inducing the Georgia convention to adopt his conservative ideas, it is safe to say that other southern states would have fallen into line with our commonwealth and the national Democratic party would have remained united.

This is the story of what a little glass of wine did. It ruined a great party, caused a disastrous war, and, besides the loss of life, cost the south over \$4,000,000,000. Perhaps this is rather speculative, but there are many who believed it a generation ago.

Baltimore & Ohio

From time to time articles appear in various papers about the so-called "Hill control" of Baltimore & Ohio. together with exhaustive details or various struggles which are supposed to be in progress between Mr. Hill and other people in the Baltimore & Ohio board. The details of these struggles are very interesting, but are open to the criticism that they have no existence in fact. The plain facts of the matter are, first that Mr. Hill does not control Baltimore & Ohio, nor has he at any time expressed any desire or taken any steps in that direction: second, that there has at no time been any differences of opinion between Mr. Hill and the Baltimore & Ohio people with regard to a selection of general manager, the selection of Mr. Underwood being satisfactory to everybody; and third, that the delay in regard to Mr. Underwood's acceptance of the general managership of Baltimore & Ohio was due to matters connected with the Soo Line more than anything else

It is pretty well understood here that Mr. Hill was invited to interest himself in Baltimore & Ohio, on the theory that he could be of great service to the property as an adviser, and to this end he, with some of his friends, purchased a substantial interest in the preferred stock of the company. This interest is nowhere near a controlling interest, but is still very large. It may be said without fear of contradiction, that there is en-tire harmony in Baltimore & Ohio circles from top to bottom.

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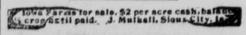
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After the Grip

Thousands of people say Hood's Sarsapa-

rilla quickly restores the appetite, regulates

the heart, vitalizes the blood, cures those

sharp pains, dizziness, heavy head, that

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of Havana, February 16, when the French line steamer Flachet was wrecked on the rock-bound coast on Tenerifie, off the Canary Islands, and so fierce was the raging storm that thirty-eight of the crew and forty of the passengers were lost.

Following immediately on this casualty great anxiety was felt towards the latter part of February concerning the French line steamer La Champagne, from Havre to New York, which was greatly overdue, and a huge sigh of relief went up from the numerous friends and relatives of the passengers of the unfortunate steamer when she was towed into Halifax badly injured.

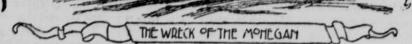
Following rapidly on this news word was received from Asiatic waters in the shape of a cablegram from New Caledonia, dated March 1, that a segunboat, and on the 22d of the same month the bark Almy, for Glasgow, was wrecked. On the following day forty-eight men of the Newfoundland sealing steamer Greenland perished

War haring been declared between was turned from these losses and rivet-

This performance was duplicated off Santiago harbor by Rear Admiral Schley on the 3d of July, when the Atlantic squadron, under command of Admiral Cervera, comprising the Cristobal Colon, the Almirante Oquendo. the Vizcaya, the Infanta Maria Teresa and the torpedo-boats Furor and Pluton, were sunk in the short space of two hours by the American fleet, with the loss of but one man killed and less

than ten wounded. This engagement rendered Spain powerless, as it dereally powerful naval force remaining swath in the shipping in that region that Spain possessed.

The day following this great victory. while the nation was celebrating the the West Indian islands open to comglorious news, an accident occurred. which was destined for many people amount of shipping was damaged. to change their joy into mourning and | Two vessels were sunk off the Windgloom. While steaming through a dense fog sixty miles off Sable island da, 1,447 tons, Captain Dodge, from vere hurricane had destroyed a French the French Line steamer La Bour- Rio Janeiro; the American bark Gray sogne, from New York to Havre, col- Lynwood, of 592 tons, Captain Gilley, lided with the British ship Cromartyshire. The Bourgogne was making 18 lying at Barbados, besides two barkenor 20 knots an hour, while the British tines, were blown out into the ocean vessel was making five, with sails set. and cast ashore and wrecked at St. The shock was terrific, and in ten min-for seals in the Alaska for seals in the Alaska the shock was terrific, and in ten min-terrific, and in ten min-vincent, British West Indies. Extenutes this superb liner, with the greater | sive damage was also done to the naportion of her crew and passengers, tive vessels, many being blown out to the United S. Nes and Spain, attention settled and sank. The Cromartyshire, sea and swamped. Following this while almost in a sinking condition news was received that the Leopard, of ed upon the unprecedented successes herself, at once proceeded to rescue as Labrador, with a crew of eighteen and doned. chieved by the American naval fleets, many of the unfortunates as possible. twelve passengers, was lost during a ad while the Spanish war vessels but only succeeded in rescuing 165 of severe storm off the northwest coast ere not destroyed by storms, still the 725 persons on board, the balance, of that region on September 27.



ravaged the northeast coast of Eng- | On the 17th the barge Electra, with land, damaging much shipping and 1,300 tons of coal, sprang a leak off ravaging the coast, leaving desolation | Montauk Point, and went to the botand ruin in its wake.

On the 11th of September a hurricane in the British West Indies, in addition to destroying thousands of tral States coast, and a number of buildings and rendering 50,000 people stroyed at once and forever the only homeless and destitute, cut a wide the crews escaping in boats. and killed 500 people. This storm was widely heralded and word cabled to all munication. In spite of this a vast ward islands. The British ship Loanfrom New York for Port Spain, both

tom like a ball of lead.

On the 19th a heavy storm was reported off the New England and Cenfishing schooners foundered, most of

In Asiatic waters on the 23d of June a Chinese war vessel was wrecked at Port Arthur, and 130 of her crew drowned, and at the same time the Chinese junks and fishing craft suffered severely, and on the 26th of October 60 Japanese were drowned as a result of a collision between two steamers.

Another storm swept the Atlantic coast on the 11th of November, and as a result the newly raised Maria Teresa, which was proceeding to Newport News, had to be abandoned, the crew believing her to be in a sinking condition. The vessel did not sink, however, but stranded on Cat Island, where she rapidly went to pieces. During this storm the Westmeath was aban-

On the 15th of November the British steamship Londonian salled from Boston for London with a large general cargo and 650 head of cattle on deck. On the 23d, in a violent gale, the ship shifted the greater part of her cargo and also capsized. For two days the men were in danger of drowning, and then the Vedamore hove in sight and rescued forty-five of the crew by three days of hard work, during which time several men of the Vedamore were nearly drowned from the huge waves breaking two of their lifeboats while attempting to rescue the imperiled sailors. On the third night the ships parted company, and the Vedamore believed the Londonian had swamped and the captain and twentytwo men on board had been drowned.

A week later, however, the steamship Maria Rickmers discovered the derelict, with eight additional survivors, including the captain, half starved to death, hoping against hope that they would be rescued, and succeeded in saving them but a few moments before the doomed ship sank. It seems another boat load had tried to get to the Vedamore, and all but seven were dashed to pieces or drowned by their boat being crushed like an egg shell against the side of the Londonian.

A Linguist. Guyer-Poor Downtrod! Quizzer-Why pear? Guyer-His wile's a lingulat .- New York Journal.

Mollified.

He kissed her boldly on Market street, opposite the Phelan building. "Sir!" she shrieked, "you are an atter stranger to me. What means this

familiarity?" "Miss," he replied, bowing low, 'though we never met before, you must excuse me. I bet my friend that I would kiss the prettiest girl I saw on the block."

A soft, forgiving smile replaced her wrathful glance.

"You are forgiven this time," she said, sweetly, "but please don't let it occur again."-San Francisco News Letter.

More for Her Money.

"I hear that your daughter has broken off her engagement with the count. Is it true?" "Yes; she ran across a chance to get a duke at the same figure."

A Foolish Question.

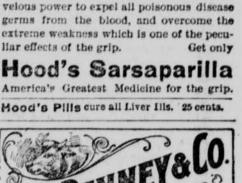
The Preacher-And do you go to Sunday school, my little man? The Little Man-No. Christmas is past, ain't it?

ARMY AND NAVY.

Of the \$361,000,000 appropriated for the war there will, it is estimated, remain unexpended Jan. 1, 1899, a total of \$61,000,000 plus for the army, and \$33,000,000 plus for the navy; in all \$94,816,165.03.

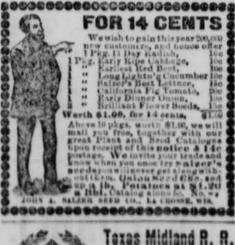
Spain, with her population of less than 20,000,000, asks for an army of 140,000, while the American congress questions whether 100,000 is not too many for a republic of 75,000,000, which has fallen heir to the distant provinces which Spain is no longer compelled to provide for.

The proposed institution of honor medals in the navy and the list of promotions for meritorious service may obscure the fact that the United States is really very charry of gifts of this kind. The Military Gazette of New South Wales says that the Victoria cross was given to 175 men in the Indian mutiny, 109 in the Crimes, 28 in the Zulu war and 15 each in Afghanistan and New Zealand. The crosses given for other campaigns do not run into two figures. None of these affairs, except the Indian mutiny, compares with our civil war in daring adventure, and of course all of them put together do not approach the number of men we put in the field, says the Army and Navy Journal, but the honor medals recorded in the last army register number only 141, and the certificates to enlisted men 28. During the last year there have been one or two additions to the medallists. There have been so many swords of honor presented by personal admirera lately that an impression is given of great liberality in such matters, but this exuberant giving does not spring from enngress,





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