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300 HUNDRED DROWN

ITALIAN STEAMER WRECKED OFF HARMIGOS ISLAND.

Of Eight Hundred Passengers on Board, About Five Hundred Are Rescued—Brutal Panic on Board Ill-Fated Vessel.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 6.—The Italian steamship Sirio, from Genoa for South America, with 800 passengers on board, was wrecked off Hormigas Island, which lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos.

Three hundred of the emigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned. The archbishop of San Pedro, Brazil, also was lost.

The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew of the Sirio got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of ropes thrown to them from the shore. A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned. Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

The captain of the steamer attributed the wreck to his own imprudence and committed suicide. Just before he killed himself the captain declared the steamer had 645 passengers on board and that the crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 570 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

The steamer was threading a difficult passage through the Hormigas group, where the Bajos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately after she struck, and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board. The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power and sent out boats, which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Sirio are among the saved.

The survivors have gone into camp on the main square of the town at Cape Palos. Here harrowing scenes are enacted as the stricken families anxiously seek beloved members among the rescued. A mother who lost her three children went insane. The doctor of the Sirio gave up his wife and child as lost, but they were finally brought in by one of the rescuing boats, and the scene as this family was reunited was most affecting. One of the boats sent out by the fishermen brought in twenty-four passengers.

PANIC WORSE THAN SEA.

Italian Emigrants Fight With Knives for Possession of Boats.

London, Aug. 6.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Telegraph describes the Sirio disaster as one of the worst on record. The Italian emigrants, with knives in their hands and without regard for the women or children, fought with the greatest brutality for the possession of life buoys and boats. Many were killed or wounded, including several members of the crew who were attacked by emigrants.

Eye witnesses give awful pictures of the brutal panic on board. For half an hour the emigrants were masters of the situation. They completely overcame the crew by sheer force of numbers, and this in spite of the efforts of the officers, who tried to save the women and children first.

One report even states that a group of emigrants approached one of the ship's boats, which already was full and which was about to be launched, and dislodged the people, killing several with their knives. Just as they were about to occupy the boat themselves another body of armed emigrants came up and a fierce fight for the possession of the life boat followed. Many of the survivors brought ashore were seriously wounded and a number had sustained fractured limbs. Some of the injured subsequently died. It is said that the panic on board caused more loss of life than the sea itself.

The captain, in order to shorten the route and gain time, proposed to pass as close as possible to the dangerous rocky ledges surrounding the Hormigas islands. Without any warning, and while running at full speed, the Sirio crashed upon the rocks with terrific force. A few minutes later the vessel sank beneath the waves. The passengers were in a state of horror and panic. Many fell and were trampled to death. Dozens of men and women threw themselves into the sea. In the midst of this panic the

captain and officers of the Sirio endeavored in vain to restrain the people. This was not accomplished, for the vessel suddenly either broke in half or glided off the rocks and foundered in deep water. The captain purposely sank with his ship.

President Invites Millard.

Omaha, Aug. 7.—Senator Millard has just received an invitation from President Roosevelt to accompany the presidential party to Panama next November. It is the intention of the president and secretary of war to make a personal inspection of conditions on the canal zone, in order better to determine some vital points respecting engineering problems, and also to have a better understanding of the practical side of canal building. Senator Millard stated in an interview that he had not yet signified his acceptance of the invitation, but would endeavor to reach a decision in the matter within a short time.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Fences Are Coming Down.

Omaha, Aug. 1.—Special District Attorney S. R. Rush has returned from Valentine, where he had gone to investigate the land fencing conditions. He said: "We find the fences are coming down just as rapidly as the cattlemen can find help to remove them."

Woman Attempts Suicide.

Salem, Neb., Aug. 2.—At the home of her parents here, Mrs. Myrtle Grimes, aged twenty-two, the divorced wife of J. C. Grimes, shot herself in the left breast, missing the heart about an inch. Attending physicians say she will likely recover. She refuses to give a reason for the act, and expresses a wish to die.

Bigamy and Wife Desertion.

Beaver City, Neb., Aug. 3.—Walter DeGarmo, a man of good address, is in jail here on the double charge of bigamy and wife desertion. Three weeks ago DeGarmo married Miss Luella Thompson, a young lady of wealth and prominence. Within a week he deserted her. He was arrested, brought here, and in county court confessed he had an undivorced wife at Carthage, Ill.

Margrave Dies From Injuries.

Rulo, Neb., Aug. 2.—W. A. Margrave is dead. Mr. Margrave was about fifty-two years old and one of the wealthiest men in southeastern Nebraska. While returning from Preston, Neb., to his home Saturday his team became unmanageable and ran away. He was dragged over the dashboard. The doubletree broke and a large shiver was forced into his body. He suffered intense pain until death relieved him. He leaves a widow and four children. He was an old settler and was appointed overseer of the Indian interests. He amassed a fortune of at least a million dollars.

Lane Gets Burlington Letters.

Greeley, Neb., Aug. 4.—Every scrap of paper picked up after the burning of the two box cars is now supposedly in the hands of Assistant District Attorney Lane. He, with L. C. Wheeler of the secret service department, finished his investigation. Ten additional papers were received by the federal authorities from George Van Osdell, who lives three miles away from the scene of the fire. He found a number of Burlington records last Sunday when he visited the place where the fire occurred. Papers of various sorts have been received by Lane from four persons.

STATE LEVY FIXED AT 7 MILLS.

Assessed Valuation of Nebraska is \$8,000,000 Higher Than Last Year.

Lincoln, Aug. 3.—The state board of assessment voted down unanimously the plea of Assessor Miller of Lancaster to raise the Douglas county assessment and then voted down a motion made by Eaton to lower the assessment of Lancaster county merchandise 5 per cent.

The levy was fixed at 7 mills, divided as follows: 4½ mills state and 2½ mills school levy. The total assessed value of the state is practically \$313,703,000, an increase of over \$8,000,000 over last year.

HEAVY GRAIN MOVEMENT.

Low Rates, Which Go Out Aug. 10, Are the Impelling Power.

Omaha, Aug. 1.—The movement of wheat and other grain promises to be enormous from Omaha and other Missouri points during the next ten days.

Aug. 10 all of the lines from the Missouri river to the north, east and south restore the old rates on grain. Until that date the 8-cent rate on wheat and the 7-cent rate on corn will apply to Chicago. As a result, the grain men are making an extra effort to get their stuff. It is estimated that the Omaha roads have orders for between 5,000 and 8,000 freight cars.

New wheat is coming in rapidly, and the only thing that will retard the movement will be frequent rains that will prevent farmers from threshing.

PROHIBITIONISTS NAME TICKET.

State Convention of Party is Held at Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln, Aug. 1.—Nebraska Prohibitionists held an all-day state convention at the Oliver theater, with an attendance of nearly 200 delegates. A state ticket was nominated, with the exception of United States senator, which was passed over, with the understanding that the state committee would designate the candidate. Following is the ticket:

Governor, Professor H. T. Sutton, Bethany; lieutenant governor, Rev. J. D. Forsythe, University Place; railroad commissioners—J. S. McCleary, Beatrice; H. A. Girard, Monroe; Samuel Lichty, Falls City; secretary of state, J. M. Bell, York; auditor, W. E. Nichol, Minden; treasurer, W. H. Maddox, Falls City; school superintendent, Bert Wilson, Humboldt; attorney general, J. D. Graves, Peru.

The platform reasserts adherence to the principles of no traffic in liquor, but insists that the people have the right to vote out the saloon by states, counties or municipalities, and to that end declares for the enactment by the next legislature of a county option law. Declaration is made for the initiative and referendum; election of United States senators by direct vote; for a law prohibiting railroad passes and the granting of rebates; for a reduction of freight rates and government ownership of railroads, telegraphs and telephones.

New Packing House is Financed.

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 6.—Definite information was received from New York City announcing that the company which is to build a \$250,000 packing plant in Beatrice had been organized and incorporated for \$1,000,000. The company is to absorb the American Dressed Beef company, an independent concern, and will establish several packing plants in towns in the west and south. Mr. G. Sweeney of Kansas City, the promoter of the company, is en route home from New York and will be ready to start work on the plant in Beatrice in a short time.

Hamlin Safely Lodged in Jail.

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 6.—Sheriff Dunkel, accompanied by Albert Smith, a fellow employe of John Hamlin, and who was in the party when Hamlin shot Miss Rachael Engel, returned from Dannebrog, bringing with them the would-be murderer of Miss Engel, and he is now safely lodged in jail. There is at present no uneasiness as to any attempt at mob law, though during the last two days of the carnival, with its big crowds, considerable talk was heard along this line. Miss Engel is this morning reported to be in practically the same condition, the paralysis continuing.

RAILROAD TO BRANCH OUT.

Harriman After More Business for the Union Pacific.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Not content with having more or less of a corner on the traffic between the Missouri river and the middle and south Pacific coast, E. H. Harriman is now going to build enough branch lines in the intervening territory to make the Union Pacific an active competitor for local freight.

Kansas and Nebraska will be gridironed with rails, and Harriman will enter into active competition with the Burlington, Northwestern, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific and St. Paul. Harriman intends to get his full share of the traffic developed in this section.

One of the first lines to be built will be from Omaha to Lincoln, and the surveyors have finished their work already. From North Platte to Bridgeport the Union Pacific has started the construction of a 150-mile line. Another line is being surveyed from Stromsburg, Neb., to Lincoln, which will be sixty miles long, and also a 100-mile line from Norfolk to Sioux City.

FOODS, DRUGS AND DRINKS

Nebraska Food Commissioner is Preparing a New Bill.

Lincoln, Aug. 7.—Foods, drugs and drinks, including all cough drops, cough syrups, headache tablets and mysterious powders dispensed in Nebraska, will be pure and known for their contents in case of the passage and enforcement of the new pure food bill now being drafted by Food Commissioner E. L. Redfern. The bill will be presented to the next legislature. Mr. Redfern will spend a large part of the remaining summer in building up the measure.

In its essentials it will closely follow the federal pure food law. This will mean important changes in the present law, which lacks force. Mr. Redfern cannot, under the present law, secure samples of foods and drugs, excepting by favor of the manufacturers. The new bill proposes compulsory submission of samples, giving the two inspectors, whose appointment the bill contemplates, power to buy any kind of food they choose for laboratory analysis.

The new bill proposes strict label regulation. Every food and drug is to be carefully described in the label.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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