OCEAN DISASTER

COLLISION OF TWO FRENCH PAS-SENGER STEAMERS.

ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Terrified People Cling to Ship as it Plunges to Ocean's Bottom-Rescue Work Rendered Difficult by Masts Causing Eddy in Water.

MARSEILLES-More than 100 persons, passengers and crew, were drowned near Marseilles Sunday in a collision between Insulaire and Liban, passenger steamers belonging to the Fraissinet Steamship company of Marseilles. Liban sank, 117 passengers and firemen being saved, while the remainder perished.

The steamer Liban left Marseilles in the morning on its regular trip to Bastia, Corsica, and was run down and sunk by Insulaire off the Maire islands.

The collision was witnessed from the pilot boat Belchamp, which immediately steamed up to render aid. The force of the collision had cut a great hole in Liban's side and it was already making water rapidly. The captain saw that the only chance was to run the steamer aground, and Liban was headed full speed for the shore, but within seventeen minutes after the collision, and while still in deep water, the fore part of the steamer plunged beneath the waves and a few minutes later it had disappeared.

In the meantime Belchamp, the steamer Balkan, also belonging to the Fraissinet company, and other vessels had drawn near and were making desperate efforts to rescue those on board. Belchamp rescued forty persons, Balkan rescued thirty-seven passengers and up to the present it is known that in addition seventeen of the crew were also saved

Officers of Balkan describe the scene just before Liban disappeared as a terrible one. As the vessel was sinking it was inclined to such an angle that its masts struck the water, causing an eddy which made the work of rescue most difficult. A mass of human beings was clinging to the test of handling wireless messages befoundering vessel and uttering despairing cries as it went down. At the same time the boilers exploded, intensifying the horrors. For a few moments the victims were seen struggling in the sea, then the waves closed over them and all was silent. Of about 200 passengers who were aboard Liban it is feared half were drowned.

Balkan launched three boats and test. the other vessels did all possible to save the victims in the short time that elapsed between the collision and the sinking of Liban.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION.

Row Between Cattle Men and Homesteaders in Kansas.

WASHINGTON.-The commissioner of the general land office has ordered an inspector to make a rigid investigation into the reported killing of a family of homesteaders by cowboys in northern Kansas because of the cutting of the wires of the Dewey Cattle company by the homesteaders. The fact that the cattle company's tences were on public land, renders the proposed inquiry pertinent, but the facts as to the killing which may be ascertained, will be reported to the district attorney. Incidentally the inspector will investigate the Dewey dozen freight cars belonging to one company's fence and it is probable the tragedy will serve to strengthen the determination of the interior depart- river. The Burlington lost seventeen ment to force the pulling down of range fences.

Shake Hands While Dying.

EL PASO, Tex.-Two men are dead and one is dying as the result of another Texas duel at Eagle Lake, when Marshal Kinard and William McDow shot each other to death, and Pierce Hammond, a bystander, received a mortal wound. McDow shot Kinard and as he fell Kinard shot McDow, the latter saying as he fell: "We are both done for, let us be friends." They then shook hands and died.

In Government's Favor.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The court of appeals in the District of Columbia decided the second class mail matter case in favor of the government, reversing the decision of the lower court The case was that or the postmaster general against Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and involving the admission to the mails as second class mail matter of certain publications.

Census of the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- A report numbers, is 220,000.

THE SPORT OF THE MILLIONAIRE.



EMIGRATE TO UNITED STATES

Iron Workers Forced to Leave Aus-

VIENNA.-There is a wholesale emigration of miners and workmen in the iron districts of Austria to the United States in consequence of the unprecedented stagnation of the iron | Friends at the Seat of Government Reindustry. Hundreds of men have been discharged since the beginning of the year and the mines and iron works are operating short time. Wages have fallen and in many instances the men are earning less than 50 cents a day and their families are suffering severe ly. There is faint hope of any immediate improvement in the situation and whose colonies of workmen are leaving the country.

TEST THE WIRELESS SYSTEM.

Messages Exchanged Between Mayors of Chicago and M.!waukee.

MILWAUKEE. - The first official tween Chicago and Milwaukee under the Marconi system was successfully carried out Tuesday evening. Messages were exchanged between the mayors of the two cities, also between the business men who were at either end to witness the demonstration. The electrical conditions in the atmosphere at times interfered comewhat with the

At the stations at either end signal poles 240 feet high have been erected. The instruments are sheltered in a small building in close proximity to the signal poles. The system will be used to conduct experiments with lake

RAILROADS HIT VERY HARD.

Losses From Flood and Fire Several

Millions. KANSAS CITY, Mo .- The extent of the damage to the railroads operating in and out of Kansas City caused by the flood can scarcely be estimated. Outside of the very considerable item involved in the loss to freight in cars and buildings, nearly all lines out of Kansas City suffered severe losses in freight flooded, burned or lost down the river may amount to \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000. By way of illustration, a company and standing on tracks in the west bottoms were washed down the loaded cars by fire in Harlem and nearly three times that number were burned in the west bottoms.

DEATH LIST GROWS BIGGER.

Eighty are Now Reported Drowned by South Carolina Floods.

COLUMBIA, S. C.-Though the great flood is passing on to the ocean laden with debris of every description, and the swollen streams are subsiding in the Piedmont region, the loss of life and property is increasing and a conservative estimate places the property loss at not less than \$3,500,000. At Clifton alone -100 operatives are missing from the village and all are believed to have been lost. Dead bodies were washed ashore here and there and occasionally a dismembered limb floated to the banks.

The loss at Clifton's three mills will approximate \$2,000,000. At Pacolet the loss is nearly \$1,000,000. The greatest want among the survivors is States circuit court for the southern' at Clifton, where 500 are destitute.

Conger Calls Count Cassini.

PEKING.-United States Minister has been received at the war depart- | Conger has cabled Secretary Hay sug- sylvania Railroad company filed in the ment from General Sanger, who has gesting an inquiry into the authenti- United States court of appeals an ancharge of the census in the Philip- city of the published interview with swer to the suit recently instituted by pine Islands, in which he states that the Russian ambassador, Count Cassi- the Western Union Telegraph comthe work of taking the census of the | ni. The count was reported to have | pany, which asked the court to modify islands is progressing very well. Gen- denied the correctness of Mr. Con- its decree, which held that the Penneral Sanger says that the reports thus | ger's statement of the Russian | de- | sylvania Railroad company had a legal far indicate a Christian population mand on China and to have ex- right to remove the poles and wires of 7,000,000. The population of Ma- pressed surprise that Minister Conger of the telegraph company from along nila, according to the report, in round should have acted upon unreliable in the right of way of the railroad comformation.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT REACHES WASHINGTON.

GIVEN FORMAL WELCOME HOME

joice to Have Him Back in Safety After the Long Trip, Covering Over Fourteen Thousand Miles.

WASHINGTON - President Roose velt returned to Washington at 7 o'clock Friday night from his memorable trip of over two months throughout the west. He was given a hearty reception by the people of the capital, who lined the sidewalks as his carriage, escorted by the battalion of high school cadets, was driven to the White House. The president cordially responded to the greetings given him and repeatedly stood up in his carriage and waved his hat and bowed his acknowledgments. He looked the picture of health.

There was a large gathering of officials at the railroad station when the president arrived. They included Secretary Root, Secretary Hitchcock and Secretary Cortelyou and Postmaster General Payne. Drawn up in line were Commander-in-Chief Kimball of the Department of the Potomac of the Grand Army of the Republic and a detachment of Spanish war veterans under command of Colonel Hodgson.

The president spent a very few minutes in exchanging greetings with the assembled officials. He talked longer with Postmaster General Payne than with any of the others, the later throwing his arms about the president and apparently whispering to him.

The president, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Captain W. S. Cowles, in full rniform, then entered a carriage and with his party, which included Attorney General Knox, Secretary Wilson and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, was escorted by a battalion of high school cadets along Pennsylvania. avenue to the White House grounds. At the entrance to the grounds the cadets halted and the president and his party passed them in review. The avenue was lined with people and the applause which the president received on every hand was outspoken and cordial. The fire engines of the city were stationed at the intersecting streets on the avenue and the tolling of the bells added to the welcome of the presi-

While the review of the cadets was taking place a large crowd of people repaired to the rear of the White House, where the Marine band gave a concert in honor of the arrival home of the chief executive. The people expected that the president would appear for a moment to acknowledge the greeting home that would be given him, and in this they were not disappointed. The band played the "Star Spangled Banner," and then, as the president appeared on the portico, struck up "Hail to the Chief." The president made a brief speech.

No Habeas Corpus for Wright. WASHINGTON, D. C .- The United States supreme court has refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Whittaker Wright, the financial operator who is in custody in New York awaiting extradition on charges made in England. The opinions affirms the decision of the United district of New York.

An Answer Filed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-The Penn-

STRIKE IS

UNION PACIFIC AND WORKMEN REACH AGREEMENT.

THE MEN TO RETURN TO WORK

All Old Employes to Be Reinstated Without Discrimination - Piece Work Will Not Be Enforced-May Go on Piece Schedule or Not.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF June 3 and all old men return to work

June 8. ALL OLD MEN REINSTATED, without discrimination.

AVERAGE INCREASE in wages of about 7 per cent.

MATTER OF PIECEWORK left to discretion of employes.

OMAHA.-The Union Pacific machinists, after being on strike for over eleven months, on Wednesday reached an agreement with the company, the essential points of which are those stated above. The boiler makers having previously adjusted matters with President Burt and Presipeace with President Burt immedichinists' affairs. They will continue their conferences until an end is reached. Every indication points to a settlement with them

The final settlement of the machinists was effected and ratified Tuesday afternoon. For three days the five members of the machinists' international executive board had been in conference with President Burt and Superintendent McKeen at headquarters here. The local and district committees took no active part in the deliberations until the terms of the agreement had been reached and then the local and district men were choice western wooled lambs, \$6.75@ invited to participate in the ratifica- 7.00; fair to good wooled lambs, \$5.50@ tion. This procedure was mutually agreed on at the outset. From the first of this conference the utmost secrecy as to the deliberations has been observed. The only statement made came at the conclusion of the conference

Hugh Doran, chairman of the machinists' executive board, officially announced for the workmen that the strike had been settled along the lines indicated above and that the terms were entirely satisfactory to the men.

Late in the day this statement was made officially at Union Pacific head quarters, as comprising the cardinal features of the settlement:

1. The settlement was made on the same basis substantially as that of the boiler makers, which was in accordance with the recent telegram of Mr. Harriman to Mr. McNeil.

2. All old men are to be reinstated. without discrimination, if they desire to be and make application within sixty days.

Strike is declared off June 3 and lakes is practically suspended. men return to work June 8.

4. The matter of piecework is to be left to the men themselves.

the spirit of friendliness, cherish no miles, animosity and old discipline is to obtain.

No new men are to be employed during the sixty days within which old men are given to return to work.

The machinists say their wage schedule has been raised on a graduated scale, averaging about 7 per cent. The question of what to do with the non-union men who took strikers' places and those who were employed in the shops when the strike began and remained there was not dealt with in the terms of peace, but was left to adjust itself.

GOVERNMENT PROMPT TO ACT. Will Supply Subsistence and Tents Where Needed.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The war department is exerting its full powers and going to the extreme warrant of the law in aiding the flood sufferers in the west. Putting aside all technical questions as to the power of the department to move in the matter without violating the law prohibiting the expenditure of government supplies without direct order of conassumed full responsibility for the ex- ing, he having already served a long tension of relief where it is necessary to save human life, and if necessary congress will be asked later to approve this exercise of authority.

By direction of the department the military officials in the distressed region will not only provide tents to shelter the homeless, but will be allowed to exercise their judgment as to the issue of such military supplies and rations as can be spared from the military posts.

Vrooman's Resignation Accepted.

economics from the union labor stand- the recommendation.

************** THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

*********** SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle-There was a liberal supply of cattle, but the demand was in good shape and the feeling was if anything little better, trading was active, but the late arrival of trains delayed the market to quite an extent.

The big end of the receipts was again made up of beef steers, but all the local buyers and also some from other markets were out in good season and the cattle began moving toward the scales at an early hour. The prices paid were as a general thing a little higher than those in force the day before, but not much different from those paid yesterday forenoon.

There were very few cows and heifers included in the offerings and buyers took hold freely and everything at all desirable changed hands readily at steady to strong prices. The choice cattle were of course in the best demand and especially light weight heifers of good flesh and quality. Bulls, veal calves and stags all sold in just about yesterday's notches. dent Harriman in New York, only the There were not enough stockers and blacksmiths now remain without the feeders in the yards to make a marfold and they began negotiations for ket, but as is generally the case in the latter part of the week, not many cattle were wanted. The few desirable ately upon the conclusion of the ma- grades that did arrive sold at practically steady prices.

HOGS-There was a heavy run of hogs and as prices at all points continued downward, values here also suffered a decline. The market could best be described by calling it active and generally a dime lower than yesterday. The bulk of the sales went from \$5.7216 to \$5.7716, with the long string at \$5.75. The light loads went from \$5.70 down and the choicer grades from 5.771/2 to 5.85. Owing to the activity the big bulk of the hogs were out of first hands by the middle of the forenoon.

SHEEP - Quotations for clipned stock: Choice western lambs, \$6.25@ 6.75; fair to good lambs, \$5.25@6.25; 6.50; choice lightweight yearlings. \$5.25@5.50; fair to good yearlings. \$4.75@5.25; choice wethers, \$4.75@5.00; fair to good wethers, \$4.25@4.65; choice ewes, \$3.75@4.25; fair to good ewes, \$3.00 & 3.50; feeder lambs, \$2.50 @ 1.50; feeder yearlings, \$2.50@2.50; feeder wethers, \$2.50@3.50; feeder ewes. \$2.00@2.75.

FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

And Heat So Intense that Flames Cannot Be Approached.

SARATOGA, N. Y .- The sun is obscured by dense smoke and ashes from Adirondack forest fires.

Reports from the Catlin lake region are that the fires cover a territory fifteen miles in width, and twenty miles in length, and are still spreading despite the efforts of hundreds of fire

The heat is so intense and the smoke so dense that the fighters cannot approach within two miles of the fires. Navigation on the Adirondack

A steamer with a gang of fire fighters has been missing on Long lake for three days. The fires in the Cold 5. All men are to return to work in River region cover twenty square

TRANSFER ORDER IS ISSUED.

Western Division Free Rural Delivery Comes to Omaha.

WASHINGTON - First Assistant Postmaster General Wynn issued an order to transfer the rural free delivery headquarters of the western division from Denver to Omaha, change to take effect July 1.

The organization of this division comprises eleven special agents and ten route inspectors, whose territory includes Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and New Mex-

Kieffer Gets New Trial.

STURGIS, S. D .- The celebrated case against Matt Kieffer has again been reopened through the efforts of his attorney, who received the following telegram from the clerk of the supreme court at Pierre: "State Kieffer reversed. New trial ordered.' This means that Kieffer will be gress, Acting Secretary Sanger has brought back to this city for a rehear-

Plague of Locusts.

time at Sioux Falls.

ST. PETERSBURG-The Trans-Caspian territory is threatened with serious famine in consequence of the plague of locusts. The pests have appeared in such myriads that it is impossible to protect the grain and fruit crops from their ravages. Famine already prevails in Turkestan.

Bids for the New Ships.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The board CHICAGO, Ill .- The board of ad of construction of the navy departministration of Ruskin university has ment has recommended to the secreaccepted the resignation of Wakter tary of the navy the acceptance of the Vrooman as trustee, without reference | bids of the Newport News Shipbuildto his personal or business affairs. ing company, the New York Shipping The board emphatically declares company and the Fore River Ship and against the propaganda of political Engine company for the construction socialism, though one of its depart- of the three sixteen-ton battleships, ments is sociology, with courses in for which bids were opened on Wedeconomic and industrial history and nesday. No action has been taken on

Iowa Farms 34 Per Acre Cash. balance 16 crop till paid. WULHALL. Slour City, Ia.

King Expects to Be Eaten. The king of Siam apparently possesses a sense of diplomatic humor. He is quoted as saying he has no idea that "benevolent assimilation" will let him alone. "I know," he said, "that I shall be one day eaten with English or French sauce. The latter is too tasteless. I prefer the English sauce, mixed with the famous Japanese sauce."

A Royal Coal Stoker.

The story is current that the Duke of Cannaught, when coming home from India in the battleship Renown, determined to inquire personally into the conditions of naval stokers. In spite of protests he descended into the boiler room. Having been provided with a proper kit and a shovel, he proceeded to stoke coal with all the enthusiasm at his command. At the end of half an hour his royal highness confessed that he had enough, and he yielded up his shovel with the admission that naval stokers have no

Why It is the Best is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10

An Interesting Old Coin. While George W. Rogers of Adams, N. Y., was doing some spring plowing last week he turned up a gold medal about the size of a modern quarter. It bears the date of 1816, and on one side are the words: "Sir Isaac Brock, the Hero of Upper Canada." On the other, "Success to Commerce and Peace to the World," with a monument represented in the center.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption nas an equal for coughs and colds. -John P BOXER. Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Oldest American Naval Veteran.

In the naval home in Philadelphia William Mackabee will celebrate his 100th birthday next September. He is the oldest living veteran of the American navy. Born in Baltimore in 1803, he joined the frigate Constitution as an apprentice in 1817. He served nearly continuously in the navy until old age sent him to the naval home.

When Your Grocer Says be does not have Deflance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Deflance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz to the package and sells for same money as 13

Never take a spear to kill a fly. A folded newspaper is better.

An Historic Billiard Table.

There is a billiard table in London at the present moment that can boast of a lifetime of two centuries and a long acquaintance with men who have made history. It belonged originally to Louis XIV., passed into the possession of Napoleon I., and now, in its old age, has come into the hands of Messrs. Orme & Sons, and is on exhibition in Soho square. This celebrated table is smaller than an Engfish table. The body of the table is a block of oak, weighing 10,000 pounds, covered with a cloth of electric blue. The frame of the table is of rosewood, and the six pockets-perhaps the most striking feature of the tableare reproductions in bronze of queer. hideous old gargovies. When the ball falls into the pocket the lower jaw of the gargovle drops, and the ball is found in the mouth. Itis a clever bit of ancient mechanism.

They All Saved the Seeds.

A western politician is authority for the following story: Mark Hanna once gave a banquet in Ohio to fifty farmers. The dessert was to be twenty-five luscious Georgia watermelons. The day before the dinner Mr. Hanna had the melons plugged and poured a pint of champagne into each mellon, then placed them on ice. After the dinner each farmer got half a melon. rhey began tasting them, winked at each other, looked wise, and before the affair was over every farmer was slipping the seeds into his vest packet,

Wet boots and expected pleasures are hard to put off.

THAT'S THE TIME

When Proper Food Is Necessary.

Proper food is never more necessary than when recovering from a wasting sickness, when over-eating would be fatal, and yet the body needs nourish-

ment and plenty of it. At this time the condensed food Grape-Nuts is shown to be one's most powerful Friend. Four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream will sustain a healthy man for half a day, and a less quantity in warm with will build up the convalescent wonderfully. No stomach is too weak to digest and relish Grape-Nuts. "I was taken sick with typhoid fever and everyone who has had this disease knows how weak and lifeless a person feels when beginning to recuperate.

"I had to be very careful about my diet and could eat only very light foods. These did not seem to nourish me and instead of getting better every day I was just at a standstill and everyone began to fear a relapse. One day while lying in bed very much discouraged my sister, who was reading to me from the paper, read an article about Grape Nuts and we decided to send for a package.

"From the very first meal of Grape-Nuts I began to improve, strength came in bounds and leaps, with the result that I was soon out of bed; my change for the better seemed simply marvelous. My mind is clear and strong and my body sturdy. I am now entirely recovered." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There is a reason. A dessert that helps the body, that's the thing! Any number of them in the little recipe book in each package

or Grape-Nuts.