

SINKS IN A COLLISION

Ferryboat Northfield Goes Down With Hundreds of Passengers.

LOSS OF LIFE IS NOT YET KNOWN

Jersey Central Express Boat Mauch Chunk Does the Mischief—As Crash Came Water Was Instantly Filled with Struggling Men and Women.

NEW YORK, June 14.—One of the most frightful ferry collisions in the history of this city took place at 6 o'clock this evening just off the foot of Whitehall street. The Northfield of the Staten Island ferry, crowded to the guards, was run into and sunk in nine minutes by the Jersey Central railroad express boat Mauch Chunk. A score or more of passengers are dead, but the total drowned may not be discovered for days.

Within three minutes after the collision the water was filled with frantic men and women, screaming for help and struggling to keep above the surface. Before the Northfield had gone more than 200 feet from its slip it became apparent that a collision was inevitable.

The captains of both vessels rang furiously to their engineers to stop and back, full speed astern, and both boats whistled loudly. Then the crash came. A startling cry of fear as if from one voice was heard, then the shrieks and shouts of the hundreds packed on the Staten Island ferry. Scores of women fainted. Others leaped madly into the water. The boats after an instant's pause succeeding the ramming, separated. Through a great ragged hole torn in the ferryboat's side water streamed in a torrent. Many of the women were hysterical and with whitened faces and tears running down their cheeks they clutched to the life savers, which were tightly secured in a network of wires.

With but few exceptions every man aboard behaved like a hero. All knew the Northfield was mortally hurt. It was rolling heavily and sinking rapidly. But these men, some of them laborers going from their work, others bankers from Wall street returning to their country houses on the island, thought first of the women and children. Scores of men seized little ones in their arms or took charge of the two or three women nearest them and encouraged them and cheered them with assurances of safety. Many of the women refused to be quieted, seized life preservers and jumped.

Tugs and craft of every sort, hearing the dying siren of the stricken boat, steamed full speed toward her from the bay and from North and East rivers. The Northfield was just floating, a crippled hulk, as the first tug boat reached it. In scores of cases, women climbed over the rail on the saloon deck and held their hands beseechingly to the tug boats, almost letting go their hold before the boats were within 100 feet.

As fast as the pug nose of a tug boat bumped against the side of the Northfield it was black with struggling men and women, grasping in terror at anything that promised a hand-hold to safety. In the front part of the Northfield a dozen men passed women and children to the nearest tugs, picking them off the side guards, where they clung in water to their knees and half unconscious with terror.

12:30 a. m.—No bodies have yet been recovered from the Northfield. The loss of life can only be estimated by reports to the police from eye witnesses. There was a full tide flowing and there is little hope of recovering any bodies tonight.

May Adopt Australian Plan.

HAVANA, June 15.—Senors Brava, Silva, Aleman, Betancourt and Zayas have been appointed by the constitutional convention a committee to draw up the electoral law. It is probable that the Australian system will be adopted.

Illinois Keeps Up Pace.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 15.—The battleship Illinois arrived at the shipyard this afternoon at 5 o'clock after a remarkable run down the coast, during which she made an average speed of fifteen knots under natural draught.

American Banks Abroad.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The state department has been informed by Deputy Consul General Hanauer, at Frankfurt, Germany, that steps are being taken for the creation of a federal bureau of technicians in the empire.

Conger in Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Hon. E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, is in Washington for the purpose of calling on the president and Secretary Hay preparatory to his return to Pekin. He expects to see both these officials today. Mr. Conger has been kept fully advised by the state department of Chinese affairs since his departure from China, but desires a personal interview with the president and Secretary Hay.

THE UNION PACIFIC DEAL.

Reported Control of St. Paul Sends Up Stock of Both Roads.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The rumor was circulated in Wall street, whether for stock jobbing purposes or not remains to be seen, that the Union Pacific has got control of the St. Paul by the transfer to John D. Rockefeller of \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock by an unnamed holder, supposed to be James Henry Smith, known as "Silent" Smith. The story was denied by St. Paul people, but as it had the effect of sending Union Pacific up 5 1/2 points and St. Paul up over 4 points, both issues were heavily dealt in.

According to the story, Smith and his associates had in their possession \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock which has for years been locked up. Recently J. J. Hill wanted to control the road in connection with the Great Northern, and learning that the Smith coterie controlled nearly a third of the capital stock, which is 881,520 shares, or \$88,152,000, he made overtures looking toward the acquisition of their share.

Smith could not be persuaded to sell, and Hill took the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road. Then followed the fight over the Northern Pacific, which resulted in the recent panic. Mr. Rockefeller is now supposed to have induced Mr. Smith to sell his shares. It is said that among Smith's associates were two of the St. Paul directors.

A LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS UP.

Engineer and Fireman Killed and Another Man Injured.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 14.—As a result of a boiler explosion on a Union Pacific engine two men are dead and a third fatally injured.

The dead: ENGINEER CHARLES J. FULMER, Omaha.

FIREMAN DAVID JENKINS of Omaha.

Injured: William Fleming, head brakeman, Omaha, severely scalded, leg broken; may recover.

The engine was one of the large class, No. 1831, drawing train No. 17, in charge of Conductor Wallace and Engineer Fulmer. When about four miles east of Clark's the boiler exploded without a moment's warning. The engine is said to be completely destroyed. One car was derailed and traffic delayed about four hours. Parts of the wrecked engine were found 100 yards from the track. The boiler, which was found fifteen feet or more from the track, half buried in the soft mud and its pipes and sheathing wonderfully twisted, has been dug up and subjected to a careful examination with a view to determining if possible the cause of the explosion. This, however, is still a mystery.

Let Government Buy Corn.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 14.—A number of members of the Farmers' Alliance listened to an address by George H. Phillips of Chicago at the West hotel. The address dealt principally with corn and corn "corners." "Let the government," he said, "tax the farmer a cent a bushel on his corn crop and with the money build elevators in which to store 100,000,000 bushels of corn and pay 40 cents, Chicago basis, for it."

American Coal for France.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Consul General Gowdy at Paris, in a communication to the department of state, expresses the opinion that American coal can be advantageously placed in competition with coal imported from other countries into Europe, especially in view of the recent imposition of the English export tax on that product. The main obstacle in this regard, he says, would be the high rates of ocean transportation.

White House Sick Report.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—After the usual morning consultation of Mrs. McKinley's physicians the following bulletin was issued: "Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that her condition continues to improve."

Former Fairfield Boy Drowns.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., June 14.—A telegram from Kansas City announces the death, by drowning, of Glen Prickett, the youngest son of the late Hon. W. S. Prickett. He was born and brought up here.

Mrs. Pullman Wants Divorce.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Mrs. Lyn Pullman today filed suit in the Cook county court for divorce from George M. Pullman on the ground of desertion.

Professional Swine Judges.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 14.—The Association of Professional Swine Judges met here in connection with the annual meeting of the State Swine Breeders' association. The association expressed a serious grievance against the Iowa state fair management on account of the fair people having disposed of a building for \$50 which had been for many years used by the judges of swine, leaving them without any place for headquarters.

A MAJORITY OF THREE

Cuban Constitutional Convention Adopts the Platt Amendment.

ONLY FOUR DELEGATES ABSENT

Vote Represents Actual Majority of the Entire Body—Senor Ferrer Believes Acceptance to Be the Best Solution to the Cuban Problem.

HAVANA, June 13.—The Cuban constitutional convention today accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of sixteen to eleven. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion.

Immediately after the opening of the session Senors Tamio, Valluendas and Quesada, constituting a majority of the committee on relations, submitted as a substitute for the committee's former report the Platt amendment as passed by congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the constitution. In the vote on the resolution twenty-seven delegates present divided as follows: In favor of acceptance: Senors Capote, Villuendas, Jose M. Gomez, Tamayo, Monteagudo, Delgado, Betancourt, Giberger, Llorente, Quesada, Sanguilly, Nunez, Rodriguez, Berriel, Quilez and Ferrer.

Opposed to acceptance: Senors Zayas, Aleman, Eudaldo, Tamayo, Juan Gualberto Gomez, Cisneros, Silvala, Fortun, Laeret, Portuondo, Castro and Manduley.

Senors Rivera, Correo, Gener and Robau were absent. Senors Gener and Robau voted against acceptance in the previous division.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island.

Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island. Just to what extent the United States will require practical evidence of this fact is not definitely known, but the officials here think that such steps should be taken by the Cubans as will demonstrate their ability to maintain order and peace, so that the interests of all the people, native and foreign, shall be adequately protected. An effective police force and other measures necessary to the preservation of good order and sanitation are deemed as essential prerequisites in the formation of the new government. The mere physical question of the withdrawal of the American militia from the island can be accomplished without much delay.

One cabinet officer, speaking of the matter tonight, expressed the opinion that if the other requirements are met our withdrawal might be accomplished during the summer and that Cuban independence might be a reality by next autumn.

General Wood communicated to the War department officially the fact that the amendment had been adopted.

When Secretary of State John Hay read the dispatch he said: "As an old friend of Cuban independence for the last thirty years, I am most gratified to learn that the Cuban convention has done what is so clearly to the advantage of the Cuban people."

Closing Down Shipyards.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 13.—A special from Newport News, Va., says: It was announced that 1,000 men will be laid off at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company on account of the machinists' strike.

Mrs. Botha Reaches Brussels.

BRUSSELS, June 13.—Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant General Louis Botha, arrived here today. She was received at the railway station by Dr. Leyds.

Stillwell's Bond Issue.

MEXICO CITY, June 13.—The bond issue of the railways taken over by the Stillwell group of American capitalists, and which they will extend to Tampico, giving this city a direct route to that port, is \$9,000,000 (gold).

Hears Committee Reports.

MILWAUKEE, June 13.—Today's session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Honor, was taken up mainly with the consideration of reports from the committees on credentials, necrology and laws. Rhode Island's right to a second representative in the supreme body was recognized. The laws committee's report approved all the official decision rendered by the supreme dictator since the last session and the entire report was adopted seriatim.

NO HOPE FOR SEVENTEEN MEN.

Imprisoned in Burning Shaft, with Black Damp Filling Pit.

PITTSBURG, June 12.—Time only adds horror to the mine explosion which occurred at No. 2 mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at Port Royal. Three men were rescued and seventeen others are imprisoned in the burning mine. Last night the mine was reported at the offices of the company here to be on fire and Division Superintendent William McCune and F. E. Allison of this place started for the scene. They entered the mine with Fire Boss John Kreck, who carried an open lamp. Three explosions followed at intervals of a few moments, the large fan being inadequate to counteract the rush of fire damp. Many of the miners escaped, but latest reports state that McCune and Allison with fifteen miners are beyond reach of rescue.

ENGLAND HAS THREE RIVALS.

Admiral Seymour Considers the United States the Greatest.

SHANGHAI, June 12.—Admiral Sir Edward H. Seymour, British commander-in-chief of the China station, was the principal guest of the China association at its annual banquet last evening. In the course of a speech protesting against the policy of trade exclusion, the admiral said Great Britain had three powerful rivals, the United States, Russia and Germany. Of the three the United States was the greatest of its trade rivals, but the rivalry was not in conflict with Great Britain's policy of the open door. Germany was a keen competitor both as regards trade and sea power. Great Britain some day would have to reckon with the latter. Russia was not only extending its territory, but was repressing trade.

Five Counterfeiters Found.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 11.—Sheriff William M. Law of Black Hawk county and Special Detective George Jeannin arrested five men here today, charging them with counterfeiting. They were completely equipped with dies for making 10, 25 and 50-cent pieces and dollars. The dies were manufactured. It is alleged, by one of the men under arrest, who is employed in one of the foundries in this city. It is not believed much spurious coin has yet been floated or made. The men under arrest are Will English, Will and Frank Fans-termaker, Frank Raphael and Mike Hubbard. They will be turned over to the United States authorities just as soon as officers arrive here to take them.

One Missionary from Omaha.

NEW YORK, June 12.—A series of meetings will begin today before the Presbyterian foreign mission board for the purpose of bidding farewell to forty-four missionaries from various parts of the country. The exercises will extend until June 19 and the meetings will be addressed by some of the most distinguished men in the denomination. One of the missionaries is from Omaha.

Conger as Far as Congo.

CHICAGO, June 12.—E. D. Conger, United States minister to China, passed through Chicago last evening on his way to Washington, where he will see the president and receive his final instructions as to what is the policy of the administration and what course he shall pursue in Pekin. Mr. Conger sails from San Francisco June 17.

Corn Mostly Cultivated.

BANCROFT, Neb., June 11.—The heaviest rain of the season fell here yesterday, doing a great deal of good to the growing crops. Corn is mostly plowed once and prospects for a good crop were never better. The cool weather of the last week has made an excellent prospect for small grain.

Captain Wilkins is Dead.

DES MOINES, June 12.—Captain J. E. Wilkins of this city, a prominent dry goods merchant, and heavily interested in the zinc mines, died at Joplin, Mo., from the effect of an injury received while stepping off a passenger train at Carl Junction, Mo.

Buyers Have the Money.

MEXICO CITY, June 11.—American capitalists who bought the short railroad line here which they will extend to Tampico deposited as forfeit money \$85,000 gold. H. H. Melville of Boston is one of the men principally interested.

Grain Growers in Session.

ST. PAUL, June 12.—The second annual convention of the Grain Growers' association of America opened at the state capitol this afternoon, President M. P. Moran of Graceville, Minn., presiding. The afternoon session was devoted to listening to addresses by General Moses E. Clapp, S. R. Vansant, Henry Wolfer, warden of the state prison, and Hugh O'Donnell, editor of the Farmers' Tribune of Minneapolis.

TEN YEARS IN THE PEN

George Coll Enters Upon His Sentence for Killing Thos. Ryan.

TWO TRIALS DID NOT SAVE HIM.

Jacob Huber Killed by a Vicious Bull—A Young Man Jumps From a Bridge to Save His Life—Other Matters Here and There in Nebraska.

CHADRON, Neb., June 12.—So far as the authorities of Dawes county are concerned, the sheriff, Charles F. Dargan, have performed the last act in the case of the state of Nebraska vs. George Coll. In this case the defendant was charged with murdering Thos. Ryan. The trial was a sort of warfare between the cattlemen and sheepmen and resulted, after a hard fought contest on both sides, in the conviction of young Coll. The defendant set up the plea of self-defense. He alleged that he was herding his father's sheep on the range and that Thomas Ryan, the deceased, met him and called him names, and threatened to ride over him and that he thought he was going to kill him, and before the horse reached the defendant he, being on foot, pulled up his Winchester and shot Ryan through the body, killing him almost instantly. The state proved that at the time of the tragedy Ryan was unarmed; that he was a peaceful and law-abiding citizen; that he did not at any time use the language reputed to him. There was also evidence tending to show that older heads had advised defendant to shoot Ryan, and for this reason the jury found defendant guilty of murder only in the second degree, and recommended that the court give him the lightest sentence possible. Their wish was complied with, and Coll was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed to the supreme court and at the last sitting was affirmed, and Sheriff Dargan took Coll to the penitentiary.

Music in the Air.

June is the month of roses, but is the month of music as well. From the 1st to the 29th, inclusive, Bellstedt's famous band that gave such delightful music at the two expositions, will hold forth at Omaha, giving two concerts each day. In this aggregation every man is a thorough musician and "when the band begins to play" there is instant recognition of true merit from the enthusiasm that takes hold of the vast audiences. Remember that it is only this month opportunity will prevail for hearing one of the best bands that ever made music west of the Missouri. The railroads will make concessions for those desiring to attend.

Killed by a Bull.

MADISON, Neb., June 12.—A vicious bull killed Jacob Huber at his farm six miles northwest of town. The animal had been dehorned, but made wounds with his stubby horns that caused death. The deceased was an old settler and leaves a wife and six children in well-to-do circumstances. Mr. Huber was in a lot alone at the time when attacked by the beast. The bull tossed and trampled him and he was dead when found.

Forced to Jump from Bridge.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., June 12.—Ernest Terry, a young tourist and a printer by occupation had a remarkably narrow escape from being killed. He was walking over a Missouri Pacific trestle about a mile north of town, and when half way across, he was startled to hear the whistle of a rapidly approaching train. To escape death he jumped to the ground, forty feet below, where he remained unconscious for some time.

Big Crop of Alfalfa.

ELM CREEK, Neb., June 12.—The recent rains have given encouragement to all. The ravages of the chinch bug are checked. The damage from drouth had not become noticeable. The crop of alfalfa is the heaviest in years, averaging three to three and one-half feet in height.

Lieutenants Discharged.

LINCOLN, June 12.—Adjutant General Colby has issued an order which reads as follows: "It appearing that the exigencies of the service do not require the addition of Battery A, light artillery, Nebraska national guard, such increase in said organization is discontinued and all orders giving authority heretofore are hereby revoked to take effect June 17, 1901, the date of the expiration of the term of office of said officers."

A Case of Unrequited Love.

CRESTON, Neb., June 12.—Cecil Moran, 18 years of age, and a son of O. S. Moran, who lives a few miles southeast of this village, attempted to quit this world of trouble and unrequited love by taking morphine. He sent a letter to his sweetheart by messenger and when she did not send a reply he mixed a quantity of the drug with chewing gum and proceeded to chew it down. The doctors were in time to save him.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—After the liberal receipts of the past few days the supply on sale seemed rather light. The market was not what might be called active, but still no material change was noticeable on the more desirable grades and all such kinds were sold in fairly good season. Good to choice beef steers were in fairly good demand at just about yesterday's prices. Buyers, however, did not take hold with as much life as they have on some days, and for that reason sellers found it a little difficult to dispose of the commoner grades at what they considered steady prices. The cow market opened a little slow, but still the good to choice grades brought just about the same prices as were paid yesterday. The grassers and the common to medium grades were neglected and if anything the tendency of prices was downward on that class of stuff. Good bulls brought steady prices, but the common kinds were hard to move at any price, as no one seemed to want them. Steers were not far from steady if of desirable quality, and veal calves sold in yesterday's notches. Stockers and feeders sold without material change.

Hogs—There was another heavy run of hogs, and as advices from other points were unfavorable to the selling interests the market opened 5c lower than the close yesterday, or 5 1/2c lower than yesterday's general market. Sellers did not like to cut loose at the figures offered and as a result it was late before the market was under way. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$5.82 1/2 and \$5.85, with some of the choicer loads going from that up to \$5.92 1/2. Sheep—The supply of sheep was rather light this morning and as packers wanted all that were on sale it did not take long to clear the pens. There was no particular change in the prices paid and the situation could best be described by calling it a good, steady market. Clipped lambs sold from \$4.25 to \$4.75 and wethers went from \$3.65 to \$3.75, while ewes brought \$3.10.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Best beef steers, steady to 10c lower; packers and feeders, steady; other cattle, 5 1/2c lower; choice dressed beef steers, \$5.40@5.55; fair to good, \$4.90@5.35; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@4.90; western fed steers, \$4.90@5.50; Texans and Indians, \$4.50@5.35; Texas grass steers, \$3.25@4.25; cows, \$3.25@4.75; heifers, \$3.50@5.35; canners, \$2.25@3.15; bulls, \$3.20@4.65; calves, \$3.50@5.50. Hogs—Market steady to 2 1/2c lower; top, \$5.05; bulk of sales, \$5.55@5.60; heavy, \$5.35@5.65; mixed packers, \$5.85@6.00; light, \$5.75@5.87 1/2; pigs, \$4.60@5.70. Sheep and Lambs—Market steady to 10c lower; western lambs, \$4.50@5.10; western wethers, \$3.75@4.25; western yearlings, \$4.25@5.50; ewes, \$3.25@4.75; culls, \$2.25@3.00; Texas grass sheep, \$3.25@3.90; Texas lambs, \$3.25@4.25; spring lambs, \$4.25@5.25.

GEN. MILES ON THE FLAG.

"Most Glorious Ensign Ever Unfurled as Emblem of a Free People."

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 15.—At the temple of music on the Pan-American grounds Flag day was observed under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic societies. Lieutenant General Miles was received with enthusiasm.

General Miles reviewed the history of the flag. "Whatever may have inspired Washington to draft the design," he said, "the result was the bequeathing to the nation, to maintain unsullied in all its original luster and for all nations to behold and respect, the most glorious ensign ever unfurled as the emblem of a free people. During her century and a quarter that our flag has floated in the air other nations have fallen into decay and their ensigns have been lowered for all time, but our beloved standard is one of the oldest now in existence, having remained unchanged (except for the addition of stars) while its glory has been seen in the light of three centuries."

MRS. M'KINLEY OUT OF DANGER.

Physicians Decide to Issue No More Bulletins.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Mrs. McKinley's physicians held their usual consultation and decided to discontinue the issuance of bulletins. It is said that her condition continues to improve slowly and the doctors consider it useless to give out a bulletin each day under the favorable progress she is making. Should her condition grow worse the bulletins will be resumed.

Dr. Rixey, on leaving the white house at 10:30 o'clock, said Mrs. McKinley was doing well and maintaining the normal improvement. Mrs. McKinley reclined on a rolling chair in her room during the day.

Five of the Largest Cities.

LONDON, June 15.—A preliminary census volume just issued gives the population of the five largest cities of England, exclusive of London, as follows:

Liverpool, 684,847; Manchester, 543,969; Birmingham, 522,182; Leeds, 428,953; Sheffield, 380,717.

The total number of males in England and Wales is 15,721,728; of females, 16,854,147; men serving abroad in the army, navy and merchant marines being excluded.

Indianapolis is Winner.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 15.—The Modern Woodmen of America at the opening of today's business session of the head camp adopted a resolution giving the executive council power to change the place of next meeting in case it was found impossible to get acceptable railroad rates. Five cities were presented for the place of meeting in 1903. Indianapolis, 334; Grand Rapids, Mich., 240; Saratoga, N. Y., 23; Los Angeles, 17; Denver, 8.