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100 PERSONS PERISH

TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE IN THE SEA OF CHINA.

Majority of Those Aboard Caught in Their Berths Without Warning—Sixty-Five Rescued Practically from the Jaws of Sharks.

Singapore: The mail steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes service, running between Java and Singapore, and on her way to this port, was in collision early Sunday morning with the steamer Onda, of the British-India line, and sank within two minutes. Seven European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Geniszky, the captain of the La Seyne, five European officers and 88 others, comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in the morning in a thick haze. The vessels were steaming at good speed and the Seyne was cut almost in half. There was no time for panic nor for any attempt on the part of the officers of the foundering steamer to get out the boats. The majority of those on board, were caught in their berths and carried down with the vessel. The force of the collision brought the Onda to almost a dead stop and her engines were at once slowed and boats lowered. The rescue work proved thrilling, for not only were the rescuing parties impeded by the darkness, but shoals of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage in the water. Sixty-one persons from the ill-fated steamer were finally dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many of them had been bitten by sharks and several are severely injured.

TO STOP WORK TWO WEEKS.

Big Strike Planned on Day A. F. of L. Officers Are Locked Up.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Plans for a general strike by wage workers throughout the country for two weeks beginning on the day the officers of the American Federation of Labor are imprisoned for contempt of court were inaugurated here Sunday at a meeting of the central labor union.

Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted by the union, which represents about 75,000 workers in many lines of employment in this city. Copies of the resolutions were sent to the American Federation of Labor, now in session in Toronto, Can., and it was decided to appoint a committee of five in this city to perfect plans by which organized and unorganized wage workers would unite to make the strike effective.

Subway Work Begins.

New York: Chairman Wilcox, of the public service commission, Saturday turned the first earth with a silver shovel to inaugurate the beginning of the Fourth avenue subway which will cross the new Manhattan bridge to Brooklyn and then proceed through Fourth avenue to South Brooklyn.

No New Cardinal.

Rome: The plan to create a new American cardinal has been abandoned, partly on account of the claims advanced by Latin-America and Canada and partly because of the difficulty in selecting an American prelate who would be agreeable to the major ity.

Many Indorse Movement.

New York: Announcement was made that distinguished men and women are behind a movement to raise \$2,500,000 before February 22 next for a George Washington memorial building at Washington, D. C.

John G. Carlisle Ill.

New York: John G. Carlisle, who was secretary of the treasury under President Cleveland, was reported Sunday as resting more comfortably at St. Vincent's hospital, where he lies seriously ill with acute intestinal troubles.

Telegraph Service in Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mex.: Gov. Creel announced that the Mexican government, in order to get better communication with northern Mexico, has ordered telegraph lines built into several remote regions.

Czolgosz's Brother Dead.

Aberdeen, Wash.: Frank Czolgosz, aged 40, brother of Leon Czolgosz, assassin of McKinley, is dead of heart disease.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Grass steers, \$5.00@5.75. Top hogs, \$7.95.

Lake Steamers Collide.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.: The steamer Charles Weston, of Tonawanda, N. Y., was beached on the Canadian shore of White Fish bay, Lake Superior, after a collision with the steamer Ward Ames, of Duluth.

Mail Robbers Held Guilty.

Omaha, Neb.: A verdict of guilty was brought in against the five defendants in the Union Pacific mail robbery case on all counts.

POWER RIGHTS CONSERVED.

Bullinger Holds Back 8,000 Acres of Public Land in West. Washington, D. C.: Secretary Bullinger issued an order for the conservation of the water power rights on public lands. Without waiting for decisive legislation to learn what will eventually be done with many lands valuable for water power, the secretary withdrew from disposition more than 8,000 acres of such land located in western states.

This land now being in the public domain will probably be affected by legislation to be enacted during the next congress. Until congress decides just what is to be done with the land and the terms upon which it is to be utilized the secretary will keep a tight hold upon it.

BOMBS FAIL TO EXPLODE.

Lord and Lady Minto Have Narrow Escapes from Death. Ahmedabad, British India: Lord Minto, the viceroy of India, and Lady Minto had a narrow escape from being killed by bombs. They were driving through one of the streets, when without warning two bombs were thrown at their carriage. A dragon, who was riding alongside, spurred forward, and with outstretched sabre intercepted the first bomb, hurling it some little distance away into a sand pile. The second bomb struck the viceroy's jemidar, a native lieutenant holding an umbrella over Lady Minto, and fell harmlessly to the ground. Neither bomb exploded, as the soft sand acted as a buffer. On examination they were found to contain picric acid.

BONES OF PRIMEVAL MAN.

Important Find in Prehistoric Burying Ground in Ohio.

Ashtabula, O.: Prehistoric burying grounds which may rival the famous Great Serpent mound near Cincinnati, were discovered at Point Park hill, near here, when workmen unearthed the complete skeleton of a primeval man.

The skeleton, according to Dr. F. D. Snyder, a scientist and member of the International Geographic society, shows marked deviations from that of the present day human being. The femur is curved like that of the ape, the tibia is flat at the joint, and the humerus has a perforation no longer found. The skull slopes back and the lower jaw protrudes.

K. of L. Elect Officers.

Washington, D. C.: With the election of officers and the selection of Washington as the place for holding its next annual meeting, the convention of the Knights of Labor was brought to a close. The following officers were chosen: General master workman, Simon Burns, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; general worthy foreman, P. J. McCarthy, of Boston; general secretary and treasurer, J. Frank O'Meara, of Washington, D. C., and national organizer, Thomas H. Canning, of Boston.

Fight Duel with Pitchforks.

Laporte, Ind.: In a pitchfork duel between Clarence Benninghoff and John W. Rank, farmers, Benninghoff received injuries which probably will prove fatal. His body is a mass of wounds inflicted by the fork Rank wielded. The men have been enemies for years. Rank is under arrest.

Insane Arkansas Governor to Return.

Little Rock, Ark.: Gov. John S. Little, who was taken from the governor's office three hours after his inauguration three years ago, has returned to Little Rock, accompanied by his son and physician, and will enter the state hospital for the insane. He has been in a sanitarium at St. Joseph since October, 1908.

Many Koreans Slain by Japs.

Victoria, B. C.: According to mail advices from Corea there is great activity in the campaign against Korean insurgents and during the operations in October in Chollado 334 are said to have been killed and 1,065 captured. The Japanese loss was only three killed.

Legal Limit Halts Two Trains.

Alton, Ill.: Two crews on Wabash extra trains after completing the legal limit of sixteen hours' work abandoned their trains near here and went to sleep in the cabooses. A special train from here pushed the two stalled trains into Alton, where new crews took charge of them.

Motor Bus Kills Rich Woman.

New York: Mrs. Frank C. Jones, wife of a New York capitalist and daughter of the late George B. Lamar, a New York banker, was run down and killed by a Fifth avenue motor bus. She was on her way to a bank and had \$2,000 in her purse.

Texas Drought Broken.

El Paso, Tex.: A drought of several months' duration has been broken by snow and rain. The heaviest rain in two years fell in western Texas.

Castro to Live in Malaga.

Santander, Spain: Sipiiano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, will go to Malaga; there to reside permanently.

Lightning Kills Flying Ducks.

Chillicothe, Mo.: During a heavy rain lightning killed a flock of ducks flying over the home of Jacob Bruner, a few miles south of this city. Bruner walked into his yard and picked up 46.

Robbed by Two Highwaymen.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Two masked highwaymen held up a hotel at Midvale, near here, and robbed ten smelter employes of pay checks and cash aggregating \$600.

SEVEN TO PLEAD GUILTY.

Indicted Wyoming Cattlemen Will Accept Prison Terms. Lincoln, Neb.: A Journal special from Basin, Wyo., says:

The seven cattlemen indicted for the killing of three sheepsman will enter pleas of guilty and accept prison sentences as the result of an agreement entered into here. Herbert Brink, convicted of murder in the first degree, will be granted a second trial, allowed to plead guilty and receive a life sentence. George Sabin and Milton Alexander will each receive twenty-year sentences, and Eaton and Dixon will escape with three years each. Two others accused of complicity in the killings, but who confessed to the grand jury and turned state's evidence are to be given their freedom.

CANADIAN CONGRESS OPENS.

Second Session of Eleventh Parliament Called to Order. Ottawa, Ont.: The second session of the eleventh parliament of Canada was opened by Earl Grey. The general interest which exists in Canada in the new American tariff was indicated by the fact that R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, asked if the government had any correspondence bearing upon it. Finance Minister Fielding said the government had no correspondence on the matter and held that it would be improper for it to take any action until the United States government had decided how the Payne tariff law will be applied against Canada.

Norway's Cabinet to Resign.

Christiania: As the result of the general election going against the government, Premier Knudsen announced that at the session of parliament in January his cabinet will resign. The totals of the election, which have just been revised, show that the Rightists and Liberals, who coalesced, won sixty-three seats, as forty-seven for the Left, or governmental party. The Socialists got eleven seats.

Seek to Remove Oleo Tax.

Chicago: A campaign of education looking to the removal of the tax on oleomargarine was planned at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Live Stock exchange. It is held that oleo is a product of the cow, the same as butter, and should receive the same consideration as butter.

"Museum Thief" Rearrested.

Columbus, O.: Clarendon Henri, the man known as the "museum thief," was arrested at the gates of the penitentiary by an officer from Washington, D. C., who afterwards took him before the United States commissioner. Henri completed a four-year sentence for stealing a valuable painting from a Cincinnati art gallery.

Not Piano Maker's Widow.

New York: Through a hasty and incorrect identification a woman who committed suicide in New York was described as "Mrs. Marie L. Estey, widow of a widely known piano manufacturer." Investigation shows that the victim in reality was Mrs. Marie L. Estey, a dressmaker of this city.

Pope Receives Mrs. Bowen.

Rome: Pope Pius received in private audience Mrs. Bowen, sister of Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia. The pope expressed his pleasure at receiving Mrs. Bowen and inquired about the archbishop, in whom he showed great interest. The pope sent Archbishop Ryan his apostolic blessing. To Mrs. Bowen the pontiff presented his photograph bearing his signature.

Woman Buys Shiloh House.

The sale of the late John Alexander Dowie's fine residence at Zion City, known as Shiloh house, and its fine brick barn to Mrs. Emma C. Gring, wife of a railroad official living at Newport, Pa., is practically completed. She pays \$24,000, which is only a fraction of what the building cost.

Winnipeg Terminus of St. Paul.

Winnipeg, Man.: The St. Paul road will extend its northwestern lines into Winnipeg next year. The road will be brought north from Fargo, cutting midway between the Casselton branch and the main line of the Great Northern into Grand Forks. From there it will run west to Larimore and from there north to Winnipeg.

Big Distillery Burns.

Cincinnati, O.: The immense plant of the Union Distilling company, known as the Edgemont Springs distillery, at Carthage, a suburb of this city, was almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000; fully insured.

Tramp Pays \$50 for Supper.

Kewanee, Ill.: Fifty dollars in bills was in a letter received by Mrs. Frank H. Davis from a tramp to whom she gave supper ten years ago. The letter is signed simply "The Tramp," but tells that the writer now is in comfortable circumstances at Cripple Creek.

Zbyszko and Gotch Matched.

Buffalo, N. Y.: It is announced that the wrestling match for the world's championship between Frank Gotch and Zbyszko, the Polish champion, will take place in Buffalo on Thanksgiving.

Hitchcock Favors Hayward.

Washington, D. C.: It is believed that Postmaster General Hitchcock will ask for the appointment of Wm. Hayward, of Nebraska, secretary of the republican national committee, as first assistant postmaster general of Washington.

Wants Jews Disfranchised.

Odessa: The municipal council has petitioned Emperor Nicholas to disfranchise the Jewish voters.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

BLEACHED FLOUR EXPERTS.

Nebraska University Men to Testify in Des Moines.

The board of regents of the University of Nebraska detailed Chancellor Avery and Prof. Alway, of the department of agricultural chemistry, to go to Des Moines, Ia., to give expert testimony in the coming test trial of bleached flour cases.

Chancellor Avery, who was for years at the head of the chair of chemistry in the university, is the pioneer investigator of the bleached flour process, and will testify that the process of bleaching is non-injurious, thereby taking issue with Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department at Washington. Prof. Alway is understood to hold the same views as the chancellor.

CORN A GOOD AVERAGE.

Average Yield Per Acre Reduced Because of Adverse Conditions.

The corn crop of Nebraska for the year 1909 is not nearly so bad as it might have been. The acreage this year was 6,477,282, against 6,339,019 in 1908; the average yield per acre was 28.17 bushels in 1908, and 25.7 this year. The yield this year was 169,179,137 bushels, against 178,599,789 last year.

The average yield per acre this year was reduced not because of a general reduction over the state, but merely in the southwest section, confined to a small area. In the North Platte country the yield per acre was the largest in the history of the state, surpassing the 1908 yield.

LINCOLN MAY BE DRY.

Clubs Dispensing Liquor Likely to Be Forced Out of Business.

City Attorney Flansburg has asked that the temporary injunction granted Lincoln clubs permitting them to dispense liquor be dissolved. These injunctions were secured pending the settlement of a test case involving the right of clubs to dispense liquor without a license, which the supreme court dismissed.

The city attorney urges that there is no basis for the injunctions. If his plea is granted Lincoln will be "dry," no liquor now being sold or dispensed except in the clubs.

FIGHT OVER HENRY REWARD.

Deputy Sheriff Flannagan and Mrs. Palmatier Both Claim Money.

A fight for the state reward of \$200 offered for the capture of Frank Henry, of Douglas county, who shot his wife some time ago, is on before Gov. Shallenberger. Ira Flannagan, a deputy sheriff, and Mrs. Charles Palmatier, of Florence, are the rival claimants. Mrs. Palmatier says Henry came to her house and she immediately went to the police station to inform the police. In the meantime, she says, the deputy sheriff "budded in" and arrested Henry. She thinks, however, she is entitled to all the money.

Girl and Money Disappear.

George Bennett, a farmer youth from Hayes Center, with the aid of the police, is hunting for Mamie Armstrong who failed to meet him at the court house in Omaha, to conclude a brief but fervent love affair and incidentally he is searching for \$1,000 in currency which he entrusted to her keeping as a testimonial of his good faith.

Cattle Stealing Charged.

Complaint was filed in the county court at Lexington against George Watson and Earl York, charging them with unlawfully appropriating to their own use and benefit two head of cattle belonging to Lew Hock. Each furnished bonds and was released from custody until November 23.

Otter and Minks.

L. F. Hilsinger began trapping for muskrats and mink this month around Herman and has sold 65 muskrat and mink skins. He has found some good otter signs close to the river and has ordered traps, and fully expects to catch an otter before many days.

Reveler Must Face a Jury.

Roy Parker, charged with shooting 17-year-old Ralph Bishop at a Halloween celebration on the night of October 30, with intent to do great bodily injury, was brought into county court at Broken Bow for preliminary hearing. He was held to the grand jury.

Thomas Himbarger of Wymore.

Thomas Himbarger of Wymore, charged with assaulting his brother-in-law, William Lumbard, with intent to commit murder, in county court at Beatrice pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Beatrice Girl Tries Suicide.

Miss May Austin, bookkeeper for the Jonz Automobile company at Beatrice shot herself through the right side just below the breast, supposedly with suicidal intent.

Plymouth Man Found Dead.

John C. Stroh, of Plymouth, was found dead at the home of his son, John C. Stroh, in West Beatrice, where he had been visiting the last few days. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

ON TRAIL OF LIQUOR MEN.

Suits Brought Against Two Omaha Hotels.

The decision of the Nebraska supreme court sustaining the 8 o'clock closing law has thrown a bomb into the camp of the liquor dealers and their followers, and at the same time it has created a feeling of assurance among those who are anxious for the enforcement of law and order.

Shortly after the news of the court decision reached Omaha, a meeting of the Personal Rights league was called, and practically at the same time the Liquor Dealers' association went into executive session, both continuing behind closed doors for several hours.

The Anti-Saloon league at Omaha filed complaints against the Rome and the Henshaw hotels, two of the largest in the city, charging them with unlawfully selling liquor. More than a hundred witnesses are named, and it is alleged that almost daily illegal sales have been made since July 1.

ROBBERS NEARLY LIBERATED.

Daring Attempt Made to Free Men Held in Omaha Jail.

The first sensation of the trial of the five men charged with the robbery of the Union Pacific's "Overland Limited" train at Mud Cut, May 22 last, came Wednesday in the announcement that a daring and almost successful attempt to liberate the prisoners was discovered Wednesday night at the county jail in Omaha.

When found the bars and plates of the cage where the men are kept had been saved until a very little more work would have opened the way to freedom. On the top of the cage were found two long, heavy iron bars, evidently intended for use in prying loose the bars in the outer windows of the jail, and a long rope by which the men could have reached the ground.

Two saws with which the cutting of the cage was done were found hidden in the broom.

TWO KILLED IN OMAHA.

Negro Murdered at Door of Home by Robbers—Burglar Slain.

Two men were shot and killed early Wednesday in different parts of Omaha. James L. Gaines, president and manager of the Masconomo club, a negro organization, was shot and killed at his own door as he arrived home at 1 o'clock, and \$400 in money and a diamond stud are said to have been taken from his person.

Charles Story, a white man, recently discharged from the Nebraska penitentiary, was shot and killed by William Smith, a negro, while trying to break into the latter's room. Smith fired through the door.

Home-Made Revivals.

Instead of paying \$1,000 for the services of some noted evangelist to conduct revival meetings and additional expenses of at least \$500, Rev. Alexander Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church at York, has begun a series of revival meetings, introducing new and attractive features that is interesting hundreds who attend and will result in many conversions.

Locked-Up Babies Burned.

Agnes, 1 year of age, Annie, 3 daughters of Joseph and Mary Zidarick, of Omaha, burned to death while their mother had gone to get fuel to keep them warm, and Rose, 4 years of age, the eldest child, was terribly burned, as a result of a fire that broke out in the home, where the children were left asleep in their bed. Rose will recover.

Hastings Couple Elope.

Erskine G. Fellers, formerly assistant electrician of Hastings, eloped Sunday morning with Miss Goldie Alexander for the second time within a little more than a year. His former wife was the only witness of their sudden departure. It is supposed the couple has gone to Chicago to be married.

Boy Starts Prairie Fire.

A spectacular prairie fire occurred about seven miles south of Broken Bow near the farm of Will Frey. It is said to have originated with a small boy and a match. The boy was burning a bunch of dried grass and the fire got beyond his control.

Five People Go Crazy.

Five people in Buffalo county were arraigned before the insanity commissioner during forty-eight hours. Three were taken to the asylum at Hastings and the other two, man and wife, now await the verdict of the insanity commission.

The supreme court Tuesday handed down a decision, reversing the finding of the lower courts in the case of Mrs. Alma Shevalier, of Lincoln, sentenced to the penitentiary for five years after being found guilty of perjury, and a new trial is ordered.

Pioneer Dead.

By the death of Christian Henry Menck, who died suddenly of heart failure, there has been removed from the stage of activity at Grand Island



Game Warden Gillus has returned to Lincoln from a trip over the state, where he has been planting fish. He placed fish as follows: Blue river above the dam at Milford, 1,500 crappies, cat and yellow bullheads; St. Michael slough at Milford, 1,500 crappies, 500 black bass and crappie; Pleasanton lake, near Ravenna, 600 black bass; Victoria creek near Anselmo, 600 black bass; Jambog pond, Ashton, 400 sunfish; Swan lake, Cherry county, 800 black bass, crappie, 500 rock bass; Big creek, 500 trout; North Loup near Brownlee, 500 rainbow trout; Twin lakes near Hyannis, 600 bass; Tsump lake, 500 black bass; Spring lake near Gering, 500 black bass; Irrigation lake near Minatare, 500 black bass, 500 cat. The bass are 5 months old and measure from 3 to 5 inches length; crappie, the same age and measure from 3 to 4 inches; the catfish are from 6 to 8 inches in length and are 1 year old. The game warden put 500 bull frogs 2 years old in Swan lake.

Attorney General Thomson has filed in the federal court in Lincoln an answer to the allegations of the Northwestern railroad in its attack upon the legality of the 2-cent fare law and the other railroad legislation enacted by the legislature of 1907. In denying the allegations of the railroad that the 2-cent fare law had caused a loss of revenue to the corporations the answer alleges the fact to be that the railroads have made more money under that law than they did make under a rate of 3 cents a mile when passes were in vogue. The answer sets out that the railroads did not receive 3 cents a mile per passenger prior to 1907, but received during the year ending June, 1907, not more than 2.216 cents per passenger per mile. In that same year the railroads received \$1,417 gross revenue per passenger train mile, where during the fiscal year ending June, 1909, \$1,536 revenue per passenger train mile, an increase of 8.4 per cent.

Gov. Shallenberger and Secretary of State Junkin have signed a contract for the establishment at the state penitentiary of a factory for the manufacture of shirts for laborers. This contract is with a Chicago firm in which it is said there are some Omaha people interested. It provides for a payment of 62 1/2 cents a day for the convicts, the state to furnish heat, light and power. The firm furnishes a superintendent and its own machines. It also agrees to furnish shirts to the inmates of state institutions at exactly cost of making and material. The firm also contracts to sell its output outside of the state.

Adj. Gen. John C. Hartington has received special permission from the war department at Washington to permit Lieut. Col. W. Edmond Baehr, First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, of Omaha, to attend the United States army garrison at Fort Crook. A limited number of national guardsmen from the different states is allowed by the government to attend military post schools and a money allowance is made them in accordance with their rank. Lieut. Col. Baehr will receive an allowance of about \$80 a month for a school term limited to six months.

Secretary of State Junkin is going after owners of automobiles who are delinquent with their annual license fee of \$1. Some of the delinquents the secretary of state has declared cancelled and anyone desiring a low number for a machine may get one by applying early to the secretary and paying up the money due. Those who are in arrears on their license fee will be arrested just as soon as caught running a machine on a license which has run out. These names are now being copied and will be certified shortly to the various county sheriffs.

City Attorney Flansburg has officially informed the members of the Lincoln city council that they cannot legally enter into contract with the city and sell it goods. This opinion came up as a result of the action of Alderman Hoppe in selling hardware to the city. Councilman Hardy objected to the payment of the bill and the city attorney was asked to decide the question, and he did.

Fred J. Kinyon, chairman of the county board of Lancaster county, died following an operation for appendicitis. He was stricken several days ago. He did not rally. He leaves a widow. He has been a member of the county board six years.

Fred G. Koester, lieutenant in company D, First Nebraska, has sent his resignation to Adj. Gen. Hartigan. Lieut. Koester has moved from Norfolk, the home of the company, and that was his reason for resigning.

Capt. G. E. Boggs, of Hastings, commanding Company D, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, has filed his resignation with Adj. Gen. Hartigan. The resignation has not been accepted. Gen. Hartigan is going to Hastings to investigate the situation.

Chester Daniel French, the sculptor, who is to construct the monument to Abraham Lincoln on the state house grounds, has telegraphed that he will be in Lincoln during this month.