

OIL TANKS EXPLODE

Vessel at San Francisco Wrecked and Burned to Water's Edge.

HARBOR FLOODED WITH BLAZING FUEL

Pier Catches Alight and is Likewise Speedily Consumed.

SEVERAL WORKMEN THOUGHT TO BE DEAD

Twelve Are Missing and Ten Injured Go to Hospital.

GENERATING GAS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE

Four Chambers Burst First, but Soon After Three Others Also Go Up, Dealing Destruction to Three Hundred Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the steamer Progress today in which Harry Corona and Rodney Gibson, employes of the Fulton Iron works, were seriously injured and twelve others are missing.

The Progress was laid up at the Union Iron works and was being converted into an oil burner, when one of its tanks exploded. A second explosion followed. The steamer was burned to the water's edge and will be a total loss.

The Progress is owned by the Saginaw Steamship company of New York and arrived here a few months ago from the Atlantic coast. It was formerly called Wells City and was 285 feet in length, with a gross tonnage of 1,919 tons.

The Progress has been burned to the water's edge. Fire companies are now flooding it. Three hundred men were working on board at the time of the explosion.

Many have been taken to the hospitals in the city. Ten of the sufferers were taken to the Presidio hospital.

The second mate, Jordan, of the Progress, who had a narrow escape from death, says he lost three men who shipped lately from the east.

The first mate, Sloan, and Theodore Harding, both escaped.

The first explosion occurred at 9:30 o'clock in the first four oil tanks and the remaining three tanks exploded at 10:10, making it impossible at this time to tell how many men have been killed or injured.

The army rendered prompt assistance and Colonel Rice, Captain McIntyre, Dr. Mathews and Chaplain Smith were soon on the scene. Progress is a complete wreck.

Among the missing is First Assistant Sparks and a time keeper named Maguire.

Van Tassel thinks the boilers exploded and set fire to the oil. He found himself on the upper deck, having been blown out of the fire room. He thinks there were thirty or forty men in the fire room.

The fires, he says, were started yesterday, as the officers were to give a speed test to the machinery.

Authorities say gas caused it. The first explosion is accounted for by the authorities at the iron works as having originated from the generation of gas in one of the oil chambers.

The force of the explosion tore the ship asunder and the fuel poured out on the water and beneath the pier of the works, which immediately took fire and was consumed.

The vessel did not sink, but little expectation is felt that there will be any salvage on it. Progress has been undergoing repairs in order to fit it for the carriage of oil. It is to have had its trial trip on Sunday.

The iron works estimate its loss at \$30,000. The loss on the steamer is not accurately known, but it is expected to reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

GOVERNORS ATTEND SHOW

Savage and Cummins Among Evening Speakers at Chicago Live Stock Exposition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—This is governor's day at the International Live Stock Exposition and at least half a dozen are in attendance, with members of their official staff.

This evening Mr. John A. Spier of the exposition, will entertain the visiting governors at a dinner at the Transit house. The program tonight will consist of short speeches by the visiting chief executives and the parade of the prize winners of the show in the Dexter park pavilion.

This afternoon annual meetings of the National Hereford and National Shorthorn Breeders' association were held.

Among those present at the evening exercises were Governor Savage of Nebraska and Governor Cummins of Iowa. Both made congratulatory addresses.

Awards today were as follows: Poland-China—Hogs and three sows over 1 year old; First, D. F. Dorsey & Sons, Perry, Ill.

White—Boar 2 years old or over; First, Dorsey Bros., Perry, Ill. Boar 1 year old and under; First, Dorsey Bros., Perry, Ill. Boar, 1 month old; First, Dorsey Bros., Perry, Ill. Boar under 1 month old; First, C. Hints & Son, Fremont, O.

CATTLE—Short-horn—Cow 3 years old or over; First, Roberts, G. M. Casey, Clinton, Mo. Hereford—Cow or heifer 2 years old and under; First, Queeny, Ind. Miss Caprice, & Son, Fowler, Ind. Miss Caprice, Guggel & Simpson, Independence, Mo.

HORSES—Percheron—Champion mare, any age; First, Regina, S. S. Spangler, Milan, Mo.

RAILROADS MAKE AGREEMENT

St. Paul and Harriman Lines Arrange for Future Western Traffic.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 3.—Traffic and operating officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads met here today to agree on future traffic arrangements between the Harriman lines and the Milwaukee road.

It was announced after the meeting by E. J. Darling, president of the Milwaukee road, that on and after January 1 the Milwaukee road would operate through Chicago and sleepers from Chicago to the Pacific coast, on an agreement similar to that which existed for years between the Northwestern and Union Pacific systems.

VON HOLLEBEN MAY RETIRE

Prince Henry of Prussia is Stated to be Considering a Candidacy for German Ambassador at Washington.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—In the Dr. von Holleben's retirement as ambassador at Washington, which is considered a possibility by the Emperor, William's choice of his successor is Prince Henry of Prussia.

The prince returned from the United States, where he attended the opening of the new building of the New York Chamber of Commerce, keen for the appointment at Washington, if it occurred. His desire was conveyed to the emperor, who approved of it.

His majesty attaches considerable importance to the social side of the embassy at Washington and considers that the wealthy prince and princess of Prussia are especially fitted to dispense German hospitality at that capital.

The prince is powerful and the matter will not be allowed to rest. Prince Henry of Prussia only left the diplomatic service because of former Chancellor von Caprivi's ruling that anyone marrying a foreigner must resign his post.

Chancellor von Buelow's candidate is Dr. Mumm von Schwartzkopff, the German minister to China.

Another possibility is Baron Speck von Sternberg, German consul general at Calcutta, who is not unfavorably regarded at the Foreign office, though he is liable to attack from some quarters, as he is supposed to be an unusually warm friend of the United States.

Baron von Sternberg's friends affirm that President Roosevelt six months ago expressed a preference for the baron to succeed Dr. von Holleben when the latter is retired.

Some such expression from the president appears to have been conveyed to this government.

Prince Henry of Prussia married, in 1891, Miss Daisy Cornwallis-West, one of the daughters of Mr. Cornwallis-West, who was a noted English beauty.

MESSAGE INTERESTS ITALY

Immigration Clause, the King Says, is of the Greatest Importance to Italians.

ROME, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt's message was received with interest here, particular attention being given to the immigration clause.

King Victor Emmanuel, in conversation with a gentleman with a Parliamentary reputation, who called on him to congratulate him on the birth of his daughter, Princess Mafalda, said the immigration clause was of great importance, not only to Italy, but to Montenegro, where the number of illiterate persons was high.

The king pointed out that California alone had 2,000 Montenegrin workmen, and though they were illiterate, they gave satisfaction to their employers.

DE RYZEWSKI TO BE TRIED

Russian Singer in Whose Apartments Mrs. Ellen Gore Meets Tragic Death.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The hearing of Jean de Rydzewski, the Russian singer, before Examining Magistrate Ganneval in connection with the death by shooting, November 19, of Mrs. Ellen Gore in his apartment is set for next Friday.

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Senators Millard and Dietrich joined today in recommending State Senator E. D. Owens of Cedar Rapids to be appointed as agent at the North Platte land office.

Mr. Owens won his selection from a strong field of candidates, the other contestants being A. P. Kelley and Colonel J. E. Evans of North Platte and A. C. Maxwell of Lexington.

Senator Millard, who is in charge of the Bureau of Navigation that there would be no examination for naval cadets until April 21, and hence the senator will make no recommendations for the place which he has at his disposal in the naval academy until late in March.

The senator has more than a dozen applications from all over the state from which to select the principal and alternates.

MAY RENOUNCE SUGAR TREATY

Britain Notifies Russia that Commercial Agreement May Have to Lapse.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—In the House of Commons today the under secretary of state for foreign affairs said the opposition to countervailing duties and the refusal to allow the importation of bounties sugar were not inconsistent with the most favorable nation clause of the Anglo-Russian commercial treaty of 1889.

Russia, he added, had been informed of this view, and an order was made to renounce the treaty if Russia did not agree, but no reply had been received.

SHIPS SAIL FOR VENEZUELA

British Navy is to Be Well Represented in Waters of the South.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 3.—The British second-class cruiser Retribution sailed for Venezuela yesterday and the second-class cruiser Charbis, the sloop of war Alert and the torpedo boat destroyer Quail followed today.

The second-class cruiser, Tribune, and the first-class cruiser Ariadne are under orders to proceed to the same destination.

TREATY TO BE SIGNED TODAY

Cuba and the United States Finally Agree Upon Reciprocity Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—According to the Times' correspondent at Havana, the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba will be signed tomorrow.

The United States, says the correspondent, will reduce the duties on Cuban imports by 20 per cent, while the Cuban duties on American products will be reduced 25 to 50 per cent.

PREMIER'S SPEECH IS HISSED

People of Capetown Cry "Judas" and Show Violent Opposition to Spring.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 3.—Premier Spring met with a very hostile reception from his constituents at East London yesterday.

His speech was constantly interrupted by hisses and cries of "Judas." The disapproval of the premier's attitude was so marked, that no vote of confidence in his policy was procured.

CARNEGIES READY TO SAIL

He Still Shows Traces of His Illness and is Accompanied by a Physician.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie left London this morning to embark on the steamer Oceanic, which sails today for New York.

Mr. Carnegie, who showed traces of his recent illness, was accompanied by a physician.

FIGHT OVER A POSTMASTER

Congressman-Elect Hinshaw is Fairly Launched in His Troubles.

OWENS GETS THE LAND OFFICE PLUM

Board of Managers for Soldiers' Sanitarium at Hot Springs Approves the Plans Prepared by Architect Kimball.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Dietrich today recommended B. W. McLucas to be postmaster at Fairbury, Neb., the senator's action being a good-natured fight between himself and Congressman Hinshaw, who is pledged to another man.

The senatorial fight D. E. Thompson asked to name the next postmaster at Fairbury and Senator Dietrich agreed to nominate Mr. Thompson's choice. Today Senator Dietrich made good his promise by sending in the name of McLucas, who was selected by Thompson more than a year and a half ago to succeed the present postmaster.

Mr. Hinshaw, however, learning of Senator Dietrich's intention to nominate McLucas decided to come on to Washington and, if possible, frustrate the purpose of the senator. Immediately after his arrival Hinshaw began a systematic campaign against McLucas on the ground that as a representative-elect to the Fifty-eighth congress, he had a right to name the postmaster in his home town.

He called on McLucas, who was selected General Payne and laid the case before him and asked his co-operation in defeating Senator Dietrich's candidate, whom he alleged is not supported by anyone in Fairbury outside of Mr. Thompson's political friends.

And to cap the opposition to McLucas, Mr. Hinshaw today had a conference with the president, presenting the whole case to Mr. Roosevelt and asking the chief executive to support him in his determination to name the postmaster in his home town.

While the president cannot be quoted, it is understood he gave Mr. Hinshaw assurances that he would see to it that the new congressman had every opportunity to present his side of the case when the time came.

The differences between Senator Dietrich and Mr. Hinshaw are of the friendliest character and it is anticipated that Senator Dietrich, however, when seen this evening regarding the matter, stated that he believed Mr. McLucas would be nominated, notwithstanding Mr. Hinshaw's opposition, but beyond this refused to go.

Mr. Hinshaw, since his arrival at Washington, has been leading a strenuous life and by his activity indicates that the Fourth district will have a real live representative when he takes his seat in the Fifty-eighth congress.

COURT APPEALS TO CONGRESS

Says Legislature Alone Can Decide What Mails Should Go Second Class.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Practically the whole policy of the postoffice in its recent classification reforms is involved in three decisions rendered today by the district court of appeals. In two cases the decisions are against the department and in the other it is sustained.

All three cases will be appealed pending which in final action the classification reform policy under which many publications have been excluded from second class privileges probably will remain in suspension.

The two cases decided adversely to the government are those of the National Railway Publication company and the Railway List company. The department is upheld in the case of the Chicago Business college. The lower court is sustained in all three cases.

The court's opinion is that congress has reserved the termination of what should be carried as second class or third class matter.

It may be the classification is not as definite as it might be and the privilege is grossly abused, but congress itself made the classification and it is not competent for the postmaster general to add anything to the statute or take anything from it.

In the Chicago Business college case the court holds the publication is an advertisement for the publishers and that this college is not an institution of learning, such as congress contemplated admitting to the second class rate.

WILL KILL TO CURE DISEASE

Dr. Salmon Considers Cattle Condition in New England Most Serious.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Dr. Salmon reports that the situation is serious, there being about 3,000 cattle in New England being affected. New cases are constantly being found. Extensive outbreaks of the disease have occurred in Vermont, but Dr. Salmon believes the situation can be handled by slaughtering and disinfecting.

One of the bills before the committee proposes an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law and another provides for publicity.

TRUST BILLS CONSIDERED

House Committee Discusses Measure Entailing Publicity on Big Combines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The subcommittee of the house judiciary committee, consisting of Representatives Littlefield (Me.), Thomas (Ia.) and Clayton (Ala.), to which was referred the anti-trust bill, met today in the committee room.

Considerable attention was devoted today to consideration of the latter, which, it was stated, had been introduced in the state commerce to file returns disclosing their true financial condition and their capital stock and imposes a tax upon such as have outstanding capital stock unpaid in whole or in part.

While no conclusions were reached, good progress was made and the committee hopes to be able to report before the holiday recess.

SEEK TO SAVE PUBLIC LANDS

Bills Introduced in Congress to Repeal All Laws Except Homestead Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Quarles (Wis.) today introduced a bill to repeal the desert land law and the law authorizing the entry to timber and stone lands and the placer mining laws, and also a provision for the homestead law permitting the commutation of homestead entries.

The intention of the bill is to preserve the public lands for actual settlers and to that end he desired to have all laws for the opening of public lands, except the homestead law, repealed.

Senator Powers (Mass.) introduced a similar bill in the house.

ALL HARRIMAN LINES PENSION

Old Employes of Western Railroads Will Be Provided for by Companies.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 3.—Following close upon the announcement that the Union Pacific would pension its old employes, the Oregon Short Line today issued a circular stating that on January 1, 1903, the Oregon Short Line, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and the Southern Pacific would establish a pension system.

YOUNG WIFE TAKES POISON

Pearl Sadowski Bowerman of Council Bluffs Destroys Her Life.

DIES IN DODGE STREET ROOMING HOUSE

Sends Her Room Mate to Telephone Relatives and Takes Fishbowl Solution While Alone—She Craved the Stage.

Without one affliction to distress her, so far as her friends know, Mrs. Eugene Bowerman, who was Miss Pearl Sadowski of Council Bluffs until she married a billing clerk of the Burlington freight house force in that city a year ago, committed suicide at 1711 Dodge street, at 8 o'clock last night by taking fish berries, a poisonous and powerful sleep drug. An inquest will be conducted at Coroner Bralley's undertaking establishment at 10 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Bowerman was but 19 years old, vivacious, educated and entertaining, with the further charm of girlish beauty and exuberant spirits. After the death of her parents she remained in Council Bluffs, where she had been reared, making her home with her grandparents, John H. and Mrs. Skindler of 212 South Eighteenth street, and with her brother-in-law and sister, William and Mrs. Kirkland, at the Ogden house. She became an active member of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, sang in the choir, taught a Sunday school class, led in Epworth league work and made friends on every hand.

She was married to Mr. Bowerman December 7 last year and lived with him until April 25, when she joined the Van Dyke & Eaton stock company and went to Denver, assuming Beatrice Davenport as her stage name. She remained in Denver playing until August 8, when she returned to Council Bluffs and lived with her husband at her father's home, which was again occupied by Mrs. Kirkland, who Mrs. Bowerman was affectionate, temperate and attentive, but that at the end of that time her sister, impetuous and too young to appreciate her responsibilities, announced to him that she would leave him, which she did, and for some days remained away from his work, dependent.

People at the rooming house and at her boarding place, 1711 Dodge, state she was cheerful and even exuberant in her demeanor until last evening, when she declined to return to her friends' apartments, but to enter the employ of the Kelly-Stiger company next Monday.

COMMITTEE FAVORS OKLAHOMA

New Mexico and Arizona Are, However, to Be Left Out of Statehood Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The committee on territories has agreed to report a bill for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian territories as a single state, with the name Oklahoma. New Mexico and Arizona are not in the bill.

The bill authorizes the inhabitants of the two territories to adopt a state constitution defining the status of the Indians as follows:

Nothing contained in the said constitution shall be construed to limit or impair the rights of person or property pertaining to the Indians, or to affect the authority of the government of the United States to make any law or regulation respecting such Indians, and the president or other officer, which it would have been competent to make if this act never passed.

Indians made eligible to become delegates to the constitutional convention. The statehood convention is to be held at the seat of government in Oklahoma Territory.

Among the declarations prescribed for the proposed state are "prohibiting polygamy or plural marriages."

The new state is to be allowed four representatives in congress until the next census and also to have two United States senators. The state is to be divided into two judicial districts.

The constitutional convention is empowered to divide Indian Territory and the land comprised in the Osage and Kaw reservations into counties, the number being limited to twenty-four.

The votes of all the republican members, except Senator Quay, were cast for the substitute and all the democratic members against it. Senator Quay voted with the democrats. The vote stood 6 to 5.

WHY PACKERS MAKE MONEY

Skinner Becomes Experts and Turn Out Hides in First Class Condition.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—The evidence at the packers combine court proceedings related to the importance of the live stock industry in Missouri and Kansas and the magnitude of the operations conducted by the packing companies.

It was shown by the records of the Kansas City Stock Yards company that Missouri is second only to Kansas in the number of cattle, sheep and hogs marketed, and that the bulk of the live stock brought to this market comes from these states.

Superintendents and accountants for the packing companies testified that during the year 1901, the local plants paid for the stock slaughtered, apparently \$50,000,000, and offered employment for 10,000 persons.

The packers get more for hides than small butchers because skinner in large plants become experts and turned out hides in better condition.

All the witnesses disclaimed any knowledge of the use of routine or other chemical preservatives.

TALK OF NEW STOCK YARDS

Rumor of Independent Concern in Kansas City Revived by Change in Terminal Management.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—The change in management in the Bates depot and terminal, announced yesterday in the selection of George H. Ross of Chicago to succeed Theodore C. Bates as president, has revived rumors regarding the building of independent stock yards and packing houses and providing for an entrance into Kansas City for the Rock Island system and perhaps other lines.

The river land owned by the company is, it is asserted, to be used as sites for packing houses for the Armour, Swift and company and Nelson Morris and the completion of the winter bridge and terminals. It is said to be pushed.

Mr. Ross does not deny that railroads are interested in the deal, but declines to say what lines are back of it. Mr. Ross would not deny that the packers named are interested, but said that stock yards had not been planned. "I cannot discuss the question of who is behind us," he said.

COUNTY IS BADLY INVOLVED

Missouri Municipality in Debt More Than One Million Dollars Account of Railroad Bonds.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—In the United States district court here today John B. Henderson, Jr., of Virginia, was given judgment for \$551,000 against St. Clair county, Missouri, representing the principal and interest paid for bonds issued by the county thirty years ago to build the T. & N. road.

This judgment originally amounted to \$169,000 and was secured by General John B. Henderson of Washington, D. C., who transferred the bonds later to his son. Other judgments held against the county bring the total up to over \$1,000,000.

CATTLEMAN BLESS STORM

Are Now Permitted to Import Live Stock to Missouri from Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 3.—The snowstorm of today raises the interdiction placed on Oklahoma cattle by Missouri and other northern states, and for this reason is regarded as a blessing by cattlemen. The Missouri Livestock Sanitary Board instructed federal inspectors in Oklahoma to pass no cattle until after the first severe storm.

It is held that the storm kills all fever ticks, and that the storm kills all fever ticks.

WITNESS IS FOUND GUILTY

Man Who Testifies in Jessie Morrison Case Declared by Jury to Be Perjuror.

ELDORADO, Kan., Dec. 3.—A jury today rendered a verdict of guilty against J. C. Brownfield, the principal witness for the defense in the case of Jessie Morrison for the murder of Mrs. O. H. Castle, who was charged with perjury. The penalty is not less than seven years in the penitentiary. Sentence was deferred and an appeal may be taken.

Brownfield's testimony was given at Miss Morrison's second trial, which resulted in her being found guilty. She was given a ten-year sentence. She is now out on bail pending an appeal.

CANAL AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Hay Confers with Herran and Hopes to Have Treaty Ready This Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Negotiations between Secretary Hay and Dr. Herran, representing the Colombian government for a canal treaty were resumed today, and there is promise of a treaty before Christmas.

It is understood the secretary will confer with senators and leading representatives and meanwhile Dr. Herran will wait until the secretary shall have made sure of his ground before closing the negotiations.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS DEC. 3.

At New York—Arrived: Moltke, from Hamburg; Sailed: Celtic, for Liverpool; St. Louis, for Southampton.

At Gibraltar—Arrived: Palatia, from New York for Naples and Genoa. A. New York; Perugia, from Naples, for New York.

At Bremen—Arrived: Neckar, from Baltimore; Sailed: Majestic, from New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Majestic, from New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Lake Ontario, from Montreal; Sailed: Celtic, for Liverpool; N. B. and Halifax, Sailed: Muscatel, for New Orleans; Lake Champlain, for Halifax.

SHAW SHOWS CASH

Nation Has Ninety Million Dollars in Hand This Year.

SURPLUS SHOULD CONTINUE TWO YEARS

Secretary Thinks Receipts Will Exceed Expenditures by Large Sums

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warmer Tomorrow; Bright and in East, Snow or Rain in West.

Table with 3 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Degree, and Degree.

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