

FINGER ROCK CLUTCHES SHIP

The Steamer Asia Will be Total Loss as a Result of Going Ashore, on Rocks of South China.

PASSENGERS ARE SAVED

Vessel Sailed From Hong Kong on Friday and Sank After Being But Two Days on Its Voyage.

SHANGHAI, April 25.—The most thrilling battle between Chinese pirates and Europeans in a decade are reported by the survivors of the wrecked steamer Asia. For hours the officers and the crew of the Asia fought off the pirates who swarmed over the sides of the ship for loot.

A. A. Cozen, engineer of the Asia, and R. Rundel, a water tender, were captured by the pirates and later ransomed. Several pirates were killed and one passenger was wounded. The battle lasted for hours and guns and revolvers were used.

Struck in the Fog.

TOKIO, April 25.—The Pacific mail steamship Asia from Hong Kong for San Francisco, has sunk off Finger Rock, South China. The passengers are reported rescued and the mails saved.

The Asia sailed from Hong Kong Friday and was due in San Francisco May 19. She operated regularly between those ports and was commanded by H. Gaukroger.

Finger Rock is a remarkable projection from the Hean Chun Islet, the southern of the Taichau group of islands, which lie about 200 miles south of Shanghai. The ship was on her way to Shanghai, which was her regular port of call.

The Asia struck Sunday morning while feeling her way cautiously through a thick fog in the direction of Shanghai.

Her wireless signals of distress were picked up by the steamer America of the Toy-Kisen company, which was enroute from Shanghai for Hong Kong. The vessel immediately replied:

"We are coming to your assistance." No further message was received by the America, which pushed hard in the direction of the Asia. The America arrived off Finger Rock at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, but owing to the fog, which continued heavy, was unable to discover the whereabouts of the distressed steamer.

The America laid to until the weather cleared, when she found that the Chinese vessel Shang-Siu of the Taku Steamship company had come to the aid of the Asia and rescued her passengers.

The latest report received by the agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Line at Yokohama says that the Asia was sunk, but that it is believed that the passengers with the mails were saved.

Ship Total Loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25.—A cablegram from Shanghai received at the office of the Pacific Mail Steamship company in this city said the Asia, stranded on Finger Rock, would prove a total loss. The passengers and mails were taken to Shanghai on a Chinese steamer and the Chinese crew to Hong Kong on the Japanese steamer American Maru.

The Asia was one of the smaller steamers operated between this port and the Orient by the Pacific Mail company. Her gross tonnage was 4,680 and her length 440 feet. She was a steel screw steamer built by Harland & Wolff at Belfast, Ireland, in 1882.

For the last five years she has been in command of Capt. J. Gaukroger.

GOT \$4,000 FOR AEROPLANE FLIGHT

Vedrine Goes 500 Miles in 6 Hours and 55 Minutes Actual Flying Time.

PAU, France, April 25.—Pierre Vedrine, who left Paris in his monoplane Saturday, arrived here, having covered the circuitous course of 500 miles in 6 hours and 55 minutes actual flying time. He thus wins the prize of \$4,000 offered by the Aero club, of Beauvais, for the fastest flight between the two cities. Vedrine made several long stops enroute.

Recently Vedrine flew from Potters to Issy-les-Moulineaux, 208 miles, in 132 minutes. Later he covered the 212 miles between Issy and Pau at a speed of seventy-seven miles an hour.

ARREST THEM FOR KIDNAPING

Two Attorneys and Chauffeur Are Charged With Having Stolen Away the Dynamiter Suspect.

BURNS TO BE NEXT SHADOWED LONG TIME

Detective Who Made the Arrest Will Also Be Charged With Having Kidnaped McNamara.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 25.—Walter Drew, counsel for the Directors' Association; W. J. Ford, assistant district attorney of Los Angeles, and Frank Fox, chauffeur, were arrested last night on affidavits charging them with having kidnaped J. J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The men were arrested on warrants issued in the court of justice of the Peace Manning, after affidavits against them had been made by an attorney for McNamara. Drew and Ford were released under bond of \$5,000 each and Fox under bond of \$3,000. All the bonds were given by William A. Ketcham, president of an iron foundry company, and an officer of the Indianapolis Employers' Association.

It is charged that although McNamara was not turned over to a detective sergeant from Los Angeles until Governor Marshall had honored requisition papers from the governor of California, he had not been permitted to consult with counsel or to make a plea of resistance to extradition before Police Judge Collins when he was identified as the man named in the warrant for his arrest.

Fox drove the automobile in which McNamara was taken to Chicago on Saturday night, to be placed aboard a train for Los Angeles.

It was stated that a warrant also had been issued on the same charge against Detective William J. Burns. It was expected that this warrant would be served on Burns' arrival here from Toledo.

Moyer Promises Aid.

DENVER, Colo., April 25.—The Western Federation of Miners stands ready to levy an assessment of \$5 upon each of 50,000 members as a defense fund for Secretary J. J. McNamara of the Structural Iron workers.

This statement was made by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners. Mr. Moyer said:

"I consider the entire affair a frame-up similar to the one I and my associates were victims of some years ago in connection with the death of former Governor Steenbergen of Idaho. The arrest of McNamara shows on its face that it was a frame-up. He was treated exactly as we were. He was not given a single show, either by the governor of Indiana or the courts of Marion county. The charge that dynamite was kept by McNamara in the headquarters of his organization is silly. If he was in the blowing-up business he would have too much sense to keep dynamite around the headquarters. It is very easy to hire Orchard's plant dynamite where the detectives who paid them to plant it can find it."

Committee Appointed.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 25.—A committee appointed to investigate the arrest and splitting from the state of John J. McNamara, \$200 appropriated for his use and the indignity proffered to the people are today's developments.

Chicago Will Help.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The Chicago labor unions will take a leading part in the defense of the McNamaras and McNamagal. A preliminary sum will be raised for the defense and \$100,000 will be sent to Los Angeles in a few days. The Chicago Federation of Labor will meet Sunday.

Will Amalgamate Labor.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 25.—Declaring that the arrest of McNamara was a duplicate of the manner in which Pettibone and Moyer were kidnaped in Colorado and rushed out of the state and will help to amalgamate labor in its fight against capitalism today, Drew and Ford are still in jail but Fox gave bond this afternoon. Detective Burns cannot be found. A similar warrant has been issued for him.

Berger Dips in

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EL PASO, April 25.—Dr. Vasquez Gomez is expected here from Washington today to take part in the peace negotiations tomorrow.

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TWO SUSPECTS HAVE ESCAPED

Detectives Admit That Schmidt and Caplan Cannot Be Located Now When They Are Wanted.

COUPLE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Gas Heater in Bath Room Blew Up First Mrs. John Dunne Lost Her Life.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—Just as two detective agencies were about to swoop down upon the last two members of the suspected gang of dynamiters accused of connection with the wrecking of the plant of the Los Angeles Times, it was discovered that the supposed cornered men had eluded their pursuers.

Matt Schmidt, intimate associate of Chicago sociologists, who until four days ago was under surveillance in Chicago, can not be found by the sleuths, who insist that he played an important part in the dynamiting that cost twenty-five lives.

Harry Caplan, the other suspect of the five men being sought, is just as elusive. This was admitted by officials of the Wm. J. Burns National Detective Agency, who but twenty-four hours before were confident that all that was necessary was to stretch out their nets and the two men would be entangled in their meshes.

This development came in a mass of discoveries that showed the inner workings of the conspirators, declared to have made a little back room flat on the west side their headquarters in the murderous plots that are estimated to have cost business interests more than \$5,000,000 and the lives of more than a score of men.

The whereabouts of Schmidt, popularly known as "Schmidty," and Caplan, is giving the private detectives the hardest work of the entire case. During the day it was shown that not only the Burns Agency, but the Pinkerton National Agency is making every effort to find the two men.

WOULD KILL MOTHER TO MARRY FATHER

Girl in Love With Step-Father and Says That She Just Must Have Him.

CHICAGO, April 25.—"I'm going to kill my mother, judge. That's what I'm going to do, for I'm madly in love with my stepfather and I must have him!"

This declaration was made by Miss Helen Vrona, 20 years old, 4553 Justice street, when she was arraigned yesterday with her stepfather, Joseph Vrona, on complaint of the young woman's mother, Mrs. Agnes Vrona, 37 years old, who testified that they had beaten her and had tried to drive her from home.

The girl was fined \$25 and costs and ordered to serve it out in the bridewell. The stepfather was fined \$50 and costs, with a similar stipulation.

"There are plenty of young fellows in Chicago for you," Judge Scully told the girl, "and if you don't find one of them just let me know. Kiss your mother before you leave her."

Miss Vrona, her eyes flashing, hesitated and then kissed her mother repeatedly. She was led away weeping, and the mother wept, too.

The stepfather is 35 years old and a laborer.

BOY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Stepped Directly in Front of It While Trying to Avoid Passing Street Car.

MOLINE, Ill., April 25.—Lester Gustafson, a small boy, was struck and instantly killed by an automobile owned by Frank G. Ollen, vice president of the Moline Plow Company. Ollen's chauffeur, G. Bond, was in the machine alone. The boy had been playing in the street, and stepped aside to avoid a passing street car and walked directly in front of the approaching automobile.

Direct Election of Senators.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 25.—The assembly today passed the resolution for the direct election of senators. It had already passed the senate and now goes to the governor for approval.

TILTON REFUSES TO STAND UP

Head of Beef Trust is Charged With Contempt and May Have to go to Jail Because of it.

MINERS CAUGHT BY EXPLOSION

Twenty-Three Men Are Entombed and All of Them are Thought to Have Lost Their Lives.

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 25.—Twenty-three men were entombed by an explosion in mine No. 20, at Ott, near Elk Garden, on the Western Maryland railway, about forty miles south of Cumberland, and all are believed to have perished. One body was recovered. About half of the men were married and have families.

While the rescuers are working at great risk, there being two large parties under the direction of Robert Grant, the superintendent of the mine, all hope is abandoned of reaching the men alive. The smoke in the mine is stifling and this greatly impedes the progress of the workers. Many headings were filled by falls of coal and the way to the place the men were working is entirely closed.

Supt. Grant took his men through another slope and into a heading near the sealed rooms. Work is in progress making a cross-cut through the wall of coal toward the entombed men. The gas or vapor still lingers heavily in the mine and work is possible only at short intervals. The strain on the rescuers is terrific.

After penetrating about a mile down the main entry the rescuers found the body of a man, not yet identified. It had been crushed beneath a fall of slate as he was running out of the mine. The discovery of this body disheartened the rescuers.

Several yards beyond the passage was completely blocked by the collapse of the roof. Behind and under this fall it is believed the bodies of the miners lay.

STOCKING BANK LOST AND FOUND

Woman Threw Pair Out of Car Window With Her Money in One.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 25.—While traveling to this city, Mrs. Frances Heid of Danbury, Conn., inadvertently threw a pair of stockings out of the window of a fast Santa Fe train a few miles west of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Soon afterward she discovered that she had left a roll of \$1,500 in bills in the toe of one of her stockings, and appealed to Conductor Milo Thompson, for help to recover it.

At the next station Thompson wired back to the agent at Albuquerque to make a search, which was done and the stockings and money were found. This information was wired to Winslow, Ariz., and when Mrs. Heid's train arrived there the company representative handed her the cash.

The stockings, it is said, are now on the way by mail, as they could not be forwarded by wire.

HEARD OF DEATH OF HIS SON

Father Learned of His Son's Murder While on His Own Death Bed.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., April 25.—A few hours before he died Michael Griffin learned of the death of his son Jno. Griffin, who had been missing for sixteen years. The aged man lived in the hope of finding his son, only to learn on his death bed that John Griffin had been killed by thugs in Hot Springs, Ark., a few weeks after he left his home in Illinois in 1895.

William Griffin, another son of the Jacksonville man, solved the mystery of his brother's disappearance through a reply from John M. Muller of Cheyenne, Wyo., to an advertisement in a Kansas City newspaper. Muller knew John Griffin when he was in Hot Springs.

Soothing Syrup.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Calling the farmers free list bill "political soothing syrup" the republican minority of the ways and means committee today presented a report that nothing but the Canadian reciprocity bill should be presented at this session.

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For Iowa—Increasing cloudiness with showers tonight or Wednesday. Warmer tonight.

For Missouri—Increasing cloudiness with probably showers late tonight or Wednesday. Rising temperature.

Weather Conditions.

Generally fair, slightly warmer weather prevails east of the Mississippi with the field of high pressure over the Lake Region.

An area of low pressure covers the entire Mountain Region, with the greatest depression in Montana, and the temperature is rising, with showers on the eastern slope of the Rockies.

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Daily River Bulletin.

Stage Height Change Within 24 Hours.

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La Crosse 1.2 2.7 x0.1 Clear

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