

WIRELESS OPERATOR A HERO

MAN WHO SENT MESSAGES APPEALING FOR HELP FOR REPUBLIC, REMAINS SILENT.

New York, Jan. 27.—With the survivors from the steamships Republic and Florida quartered in hotels throughout the city or with friends or relatives, with the Florida in port and the Republic under 40 odd fathoms of water south of Nantucket, Saturday's disaster has practically passed into history. Although many little details and interesting points yet remain to be cleared, technical instruction of salvage and of responsibility are the principal problems which remain unsettled. The wreck, barring a few minor criticisms will be regarded as one of the most picturesque and at the same time, admirably handled in history.

Captain Sealby and 41 officers of the Republic who arrived last night on the derelict destroyer Seneca, are yet to be heard from but a statement from Captain Sealby is expected today. It has been noted with interest that J. B. Blinn, familiarly known as "Jack," the Republic's wireless operator, who has been declared the silent hero of the wreck, has maintained a dignified silence in keeping with the reputation he has earned. He was on the Seneca with the Republic's crew last night but refused to be seen. Today, however, he will be pressed for a full statement of his experiences, and one New York paper this morning prints what purports to be an account by him of his vigil at his instruments.

There appears to be little chance for saving the Republic as she lies at the bottom of the Atlantic at a depth variously estimated at from 30 to 40 fathoms in one of the roughest stretches of water between Hatteras and Cape Race. Wreckers say that an effort to float her would be foolhardy and in the opinion of J. J. Merritt, president of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company, no such attempt will ever be made.

Vessels have been raised from a depth of 80 fathoms, he said, but only when they lay in sheltered positions, and not in the open sea.

"As yet we have not got the exact location of the Republic," Mr. Merritt said, "but I understand she is about 30 fathoms under water, 10 miles south of Nantucket. That place is absolutely unprotected and while we might work on her for a month without mishap, the first storm would ruin every bit of work accomplished."

It is said at Long Island College hospital that the condition of Eugene Lynch of Boston, whose wife was killed in their stateroom, is very critical.

An appeal in behalf of the crew of the Republic, at least for those members who lost all their belongings when the vessel sank, has been issued by the Rev. George McPherson Hunter, secretary of the American Seaman's Friend society. The appeal says in part:

"They have no clothes except those they now wear, unless they get back to Liverpool."

SPOKANE APPLE SHOW COST A LARGE SUM

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 27.—Eighty-five thousand dollars was the total cost of the national apple show in Spokane, December 7 to 12, when premiums of an aggregate value of \$25,000 were awarded to exhibits in the various competitions. The auditor reported a deficit of \$2,500, which was promptly met by 100 men subscribing \$25 each. E. F. Cartier Van Dassel, first vice president and chairman of the directorate, announces that the time and place of the next exposition, which is to be international in scope, will be decided upon the latter part of January, when the association, headed by Louis W. Hill of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railway company, will be reorganized to begin the preliminary work for this year's show. Several cities in the middle west, including Chicago and Omaha, are candidates for the show, and if it goes from Spokane this year one of these is likely to capture it, in which event the Spokane association will have full charge.

COLUMBIA ASSESSOR BUT FOUR FEET TALL

Spokane, Jan. 27.—Fifty-two inches in height and 78 pounds in weight is A. E. French, better known as "Shorty" French, journeyman printer and story-teller, who has just taken over the office of assessor of Columbia county, Washington, with headquarters at Dayton. Mrs. French weighs less than 70 pounds and she and her husband and 8-year-old daughter weigh less than the average woman. Mr. French went to Columbia county in 1882, after touring over the greater part of the United States and Canada. He is 45 years of age and a native of Wisconsin. Though known throughout the inland empire, it is not believed that more than a score of persons in the county knew the first name of the man they elected to office. He was dubbed "Shorty" French in the early days and that name will stick to him for all time in the northwest. He has a marked capacity for making and retaining friends, as is evidenced by the fact that he overcame a normal republican majority of 250 and defeated his opponent by 275 votes.

ROBBED OF HIS MONEY.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—D. W. Moren, a real estate man of Los Angeles, Cal., was robbed of \$400 and his railroad tickets by pickpockets on a street car last evening while on his way to a hotel. While entering the car he was jostled by three men, who relieved him of his "roll."

Read Rhoades' home bargain, advertised top of page 2.

THIRTY ARE INJURED IN WRECK

OREGON EXPRESS ON UNION PACIFIC IS DERAILED IN WYOMING NEAR CHEYENNE.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 27.—One person was killed and 30 injured in the wreck of the Oregon express on the Union Pacific at Dana, west of this city, last night. The dead:

MISS EMMA CLINGENPEUL, Iowa. The more seriously injured are: H. Peckay, Market Lake, Idaho, fractured ankle and knee; Mrs. F. W. Schultz, Kahoa, Wash., internal injuries; Edgar Schultz, Kahoa, Wash., scalp wound; Miss Ella Rish, Meridian, Idaho, head cut; Mrs. Mary Doldow, Nampa, Idaho, scalp wound; George R. Achuleta, Bodega, Colo.; Charles Hess, Rawlins, Wyo., fingers cut; L. M. Larr, Olds, Alberta, Canada, scalp wounds; John L. Lock, Denver, chest bruised, right eye injured; C. Killgore, Cumberland, Wyo., scalp wounds; Mrs. Bessie Fraber, Payette, Idaho, back wrenched. The cause of the wreck is laid to a Japanese section hand, who, it is said, removed a fishplate from the rails and failed to send a flagman back to warn the approaching express. Nine cars were derailed. A large number of tourists were on the train.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR HOLDUPS

CHICAGO OFFICERS PUT OUT DRAGNET FOR TWO DESPERATE HIGHWAYMEN.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Scores of police early today started search for two highwaymen who hold up William E. Church in Evanston late last night and shot Patrolman George Pestka, who came to the rescue.

The policeman is seriously injured. At the sound of the shots fired, a muscled man in progress at the residence of J. C. Shaffer, came to an abrupt termination and Mr. Shaffer in an automobile joined with several of his guests in the pursuit of the two men. Mr. Church was on his way to his residence when he was stopped directly under an electric light by two men, one of whom pointed a revolver and demanded his money.

With his cane Mr. Church struck at the nearest of the robbers and at the same moment shouted for help. Pestka was only two rods away, but had not been noticed by the highwaymen. Firing his revolver as he ran in the hope of frightening the highwaymen, the policeman went to the rescue. Mr. Church was using his cane vigorously and the two robbers turned on the policeman who began firing.

Five or six shots were exchanged on each side when a bullet struck the policeman just under the nose, rendering him unconscious. A suspect has been taken into custody.

FLAG NOT INSULTED.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Secretary Root has informed the house committee that the report of an insult to the American flag in Prague, Bohemia, is without foundation. An American and a British flag were hanging over a shop and during a riotous procession the British flag—not the American flag—was torn down.

DENIES ANY PROMISE TO MARRY THE WOMAN

Spokane, Jan. 27.—"Of any promise on my part to marry the woman I am no more guilty than a departed friend who dies the death of righteousness."

O. E. Kenyon, a wealthy realty operator of Spokane and Seattle, who recently announced that he will devote the rest of his life to evangelistic work, made the foregoing statement relative to a judgment of \$9,000 awarded to Mrs. Minnie Fischer, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont., by the superior court of King county, for breach of promise. He added:

"Such verdicts as these offer no protection whatsoever to men engaged in the various and varied pursuits of life against the designs of women with time hanging heavily on their hands or otherwise leisurely engaged."

Mrs. Fischer alleged in her complaint, asking for damages to the extent of \$25,000, that Kenyon promised on several occasions he would marry her, but that he delayed the wedding, finally breaking off the match.

SAVES HER COMPANION.

New York, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Bessie Young, a stenographer, at the risk of her life, saved her roommate, Minnie Brooks, from death last night by dashing back into a burning apartment house and dragging her to the window. Both were carried down ladders from the fourth floor unconscious by firemen, while a crowd of 2,000 sent up cheers from the streets. Twenty other occupants of the building made their escape in safety, though many had to resort to the fire escapes. The flames originated on the ground floor and were extinguished after doing \$5,000 damage.

REDUCTION IS DESIRED.

New York, Jan. 27.—A movement to secure tariff reduction on live animals used for food is being carried on by the Master Butchers' association of New York state and their allied bodies throughout the country. President E. F. O'Neill of the New York state branch, in a statement today, said the shortage in the meat supply could be largely offset by the free admission of cattle from Canada, Mexico and Argentina.

BIG MERGER HEARING RESUMED

TRIAL OF HARRIMAN CASE COMMENCES AGAIN BEFORE SPECIAL EXAMINER.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—The hearing in the Harriman merger suit was taken up today by Special Examiner Sylvester G. Williams of Denver. Attorney Severance, chief attorney for the government, accompanied by Mrs. Severance, arrived here from New York today. Robert S. Lovett, general counsel for the Harriman system, appeared for the defense.

A number of prominent Pittsburgers who intimated yesterday that they might disregard the subpoenas and go to Chicago decided to remain here and were present today. Thomas Johnson, traffic manager of the Heinze company, testified that no distinction was made in soliciting business for the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. He told of the efforts to get trade by the railroads in the west and said there was no competition between the two roads named. L. C. Belhier, traffic manager of the Carnegie Steel company, testified that prior to 1901, the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific solicited separately for traffic. Now they have the same agent, he said.

William J. Bogert, agent here for the San Pedro road, between Salt Lake and Los Angeles, was called and confessed to having asked assistance in routing freight of Mr. Herring, who represents the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads.

Attorney Severance asked Bogert if he did not try to have Mr. Herring forget that he was an agent for the Southern Pacific and as a general for the Union Pacific.

GREAT ADVANTAGES.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 27.—Henry Clews, the New York banker, in a letter to the Yale News today discussing the college training as a requisite for success in business life or in banking "and particularly for a life in Wall street," says that while he formerly deprecated such training and still thinks a bright graduate from a high school can be placed on a par with the college man at the beginning, he believes a higher education gives its possessor great advantages in after life. Mr. Clews says athletes are soon forgotten after graduation from college, while the educated student gathers laurels as long as he lives.

TURNER IS SELECTED FOR IMPORTANT WORK

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 27.—Former United States Senator George Turner of Spokane, who served with Elihu Root and United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts as American members of the board of arbitration which settled the controversy over the Alaska boundary, in 1905, has been engaged by Secretary Root of the state department as counsel for the United States before The Hague tribunal in arbitration proceedings between the United States and Great Britain, provided the senate ratifies a treaty now being negotiated between the state department and Ambassador Bryce. The controversy is the fisheries dispute, growing out of the treaty of 1818, which undertook to define the fishing rights of the United States on the coast of Newfoundland, the islands of Miquelon and the coast of Labrador. Associated with Mr. Turner will be Lewis S. Dabney of Boston, Dr. John Brown Scott, solicitor of the state department, and Robert Lansing of New York, who was identified with the Alaska boundary arbitration. It is given out that the case will be heard at The Hague next summer.

WATER-RIGHT BILLS.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Committee hearings have been held on several bills pending before the senate for the relief of delinquent water-right applicants and of other settlers on arid lands, in relation to which opposition has developed on the grounds such tend to prevent further irrigation work. The opponents of such legislation claim the entire policy for the extension of irrigation projects depends upon having the obligations of such settlers more promptly met. They claim that the policy of permitting extensions of time will result in breaking down the system.

MENELICH REPORTED DEAD.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The Tribune today prints the following news article from Paris, under date of January 25: "It was announced today from another source that Emperor Menelich of Abyssinia was dead and that Empress Taitou had been for some days directing public affairs. It is feared the death of the sovereign may produce serious trouble, chiefly at Addis Adebba, the capital, that may endanger the Europeans there."

TO APPEAR IN VAUDEVILLE.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—James J. Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion of the world, will appear in vaudeville through the large cities of the east beginning March 1 in New York. The fact that the big fighter had signed a contract for that period with one of the largest circuits of the east has just been made public and it is reported that Jeffries is to get \$50,000 for his work, though details are lacking.

PRICES ADVANCE.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 27.—Lumber prices in Vancouver have advanced \$2 per 1,000 feet on common grades and within a short time there will be an advance affecting all outside points. It is said that the price of logs has advanced considerably since last summer and that this is the principal reason for an increase in the price of lumber.

Good-Bye to Collar Annoyances

A New Discovery in Men's Lock-Front Collars

Under this heading Wanamaker's yesterday featured the "Slidewell" collar, manufactured by Hall, Hartwell & Co. of Troy, saying of it: "Perhaps the greatest drawback to the popular high turnover or lock-front collar has been the difficulty that men have always had in pulling the necktie through to tie the knot. It has often been ruinous to both the tie and temper. That's all changed now. The Slidewell collar is here. 15 cents each. Two for 25 cents. Eight styles, and Wanamaker's has the exclusive sale of it for Greater New York.

"The scheme is a simple one—greater 'spring' in the collar, giving more clearance between band and outer fold, and a shield that is attached to the band of the collar covers the back collar button so that the necktie can't catch in it and bind. The collars will launder, and you can always get at the button hole.

"Slidewell" collars are the one improvement that has been made in men's collars in a long while—a simple half dozen will make a permanent convert of you. In eight stylish shapes and heights." New York Trade Record, January 16, 1909.

Yes, good-bye. The old style collar must go. If you wear a high turnover or lock-front collar, there is no more reason for you to waste time, lose your temper, exert main strength, tug, pull, sweat and swear if your necktie refuses to slide into place than you would have for wearing a collar made of tin, but even that often would be preferable to the annoyance those old style collars will give.

For the past six months we have been trying a new collar—one distinctively different from all others. After the most rigid tests, we now take pleasure in pronouncing it an

Unqualified Success

In fact, it is the biggest success ever known in the history of collar-making. Leading stores throughout the country are clamoring for an agency for

Slidewell

Fit Well

Wear Well

Sell at 15c Each
2 for 25c

The Slidewell collar is the summit of perfection in the art of collar making.

Non-shrinkable—Premako shrunk Slidewell collars do not shrink in laundering.

At no point in the Slidewell collar does the scarf come in contact with back collar button.

The scarf protector is a shield applied to the band of the collar covering the back buttonhole. This shield hangs loose at the lower end and extends a trifle below the band of the collar allowing easy access to the buttonhole after relaundering.



SHOREHAM
PREMAKO SHRUNK
Front 1 1/2 in.
Back 1 1/2 in.

SLIDEWELL COLLARS

How It Works



SALAMIS
PREMAKO SHRUNK
Front 2 in.
Back 1 1/2 in.



COLIMAS
PREMAKO SHRUNK
Front 2 in.
Back 1 1/2 in.



SELBORNE
PREMAKO SHRUNK
Front 1 in.
Back 1 1/2 in.
Space 1/4 in.

Because the scarf Front 2 1/4 in. does not come in contact with the back collar button, it slides perfectly free in a "Slidewell" collar. To save neckwear, patience and time, try the "Slidewell" way—the easy way, as shown below.



ORNATIS
PREMAKO SHRUNK
Front 2 in.
Back 1 1/2 in.



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE SUPPLIED BY

Missoula Mercantile Co.

Agents for State of Montana

MAKES BRAVE FIGHT FOR LIFE

DR. BULL DEMONSTRATES WHAT VITALITY AND DETERMINATION WILL ACCOMPLISH.

New York, Jan. 27.—That a wrangle of doctors should have obscured the splendid spectacle of Dr. Bull's fight for life even for a day is being sadly regretted among the family and friends of the heroic surgeon today. Now that the red tape of professional etiquette has been adjusted, however, the public continues to watch with unflagging interest this most remarkable exhibition of personal and professional pluck. Months ago the newspapers set a "death watch" over the distinguished patient whom the very science he excelled in had given way. Each night reporters have waited hour after hour for the last news from the sick room and the Bull "obit" ready set, has stood at hand to be slid into the presses at a second's notice. Each day New Yorkers scanned their papers for the unwelcome news and each day a few lines of type have recorded only a daily bulletin of unchanged condition. After such a brave struggle the final news will strike the public all the harder, if it comes at all.

BURLINGTON TRAIN IN MAY

GREAT NORTHERN FIGURING ON NEW SERVICE FOR THE A. Y. P. TRAFFIC.

Whitefish, Jan. 27.—It is reported around division headquarters, and upon what seems like absolutely reliable authority, that the through Burlington passenger service between Kansas City and Seattle will start on May 23. The new train, it is understood, is to be first class in every respect, and will mean to Whitefish practically another transcontinental road. Twenty-five new engines, it is further said, have been ordered to handle this new train from Kansas City to the coast, and all arrangements for the service are being completed. It is further understood that the Great Northern is going to make a strong bid for passenger traffic at once, so as to be in readiness to handle the eastern travel to the Seattle exposition. In this connection the Oriental Limited is to be made the crack transcontinental train of the country. Among other things, this train is to be equipped completely with electric lighting at once, and every effort is to be

CHARGES THE JURY.

BULL FIGHTS PLANNED.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Judge Jones concluded his charge to the jury in the case of Edward Marshall, alleged night rider, charged with complicity in the murder of Captain 'untin Ranken, this afternoon and the deliberations of the jury began immediately. The court instructed the jury that if it was found that Marshall rode to the rendezvous of the band because he was afraid to disobey the summons of the leaders, he was not legally excused, as the danger was in the future and not in the present.

made to perfect the service. The superintendent of motive power now is actively engaged in this work.

LACKS ONE VOTE.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 27.—Senator Isaac Stephenson lacked but one vote of being re-elected to the United States senate for a full term on the first ballot in joint assembly today. There being two senators absent, the total vote was 131, thus requiring 66 votes for a choice. Senator Stephenson received 65. Several members who voted for him yesterday deserted him today as the charge of primary corruption has been made against him.

CLAIMS THE LAND.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Hearing of the case of Mrs. Mary A. Dickinson against the United States and Colonel Frank McComb, in which the plaintiff seeks to obtain ten acres of land occupied by the government at Fort Sheridan, is on before United States District Judge S. H. Bothea. Mrs. Dickinson claims to be the real owner of the land by right of the claims of her relatives, who occupied the land before the civil war.

CONCLUDES ITS SESSION.

Kansas City, Jan. 27.—The Western Fraternal congress, composed of official of 28 western fraternal organizations, which represent about 1,000,000 persons, closed its session here today. C. B. Gardner of Dallas, Texas, was elected president and William Koek, of Des Moines, secretary.