

THE PERSONS DROWNED IN THE RAGING FLOODS

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From the Mississippi Valley to the Atlantic Ocean in the northern part of the United States the snows are melting on the mountain sides, rivers are flooded to their banks, ice is gorged at dams and bridges and disastrous floods threaten.

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Five persons were drowned near Sharon, Pa.; three are believed to have drowned from barges near Pittsburg, and one man lost his life at Wilmington, Del.

While New York is in no danger of being overwhelmed by floods the city and the outlying sections are deep in mud and slush, sewer openings are clogged until the gutters are ill-smelling ponds, and doctors are rushed to the verge of nervous prostration.

The Mississippi and Ohio Rivers have already spread over the bottom lands, and residents along the low banks have taken to the hills. In Pittsburg and Allegheny the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers are on a rampage.

Ice rivers are thirty feet above high-water mark and were pouring mountains of ice into the Ohio. The lower parts of Pittsburg and Allegheny are submerged, steel mills have been shut down and the flood is rushing down the Ohio River Valley with imminent danger of a big ice gorge and the highest water in twenty-five years. The property loss in that section already amounts to \$1,000,000.

Closer to home the floods are just as threatening. The unfortunate city of Paterson, N. J., is preparing for another flood as disastrous as that of a year ago. Up in the Adirondacks and the Catskills the mountain streams are torrential. The upper Hudson is rising and ice is forming dams at bridges. Unless there is a cold wave of unlooked-for severity, such floods as do not usually occur until late in the spring are sure to take lives and cause immense damage to property.

New York is experiencing pneumonia weather, more potent for evil than the snow and cold that have prevailed for the past three weeks. It is impossible to keep the feet dry, and the moist air is full of disease germs. The "rear side" car ordinance is creating such a howl of protest that the Board of Aldermen would be justified in calling a special meeting to repeal it.

Where passengers have been compelled to board and leave cars they are forced to wade through mud and slush ankle deep. Women leaving their homes with dainty gowns and spotless petticoats find themselves bedraggled to the knees after a couple of street-car rides. So discouraging was the outlook this afternoon that the matinee audiences in the theatres, usually taxing the capacity of the houses, were appreciably shrunken.

HOBBO CAT HOLDS UP RAILROAD SYSTEM

O. L. & W. Trains Delayed Half an Hour by Accidents that Followed Feline's Chase After a Rat in the Hoboken Depot.

A tramp cat, bleary eyed and looking very much like a hobo after a continental trip on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company today, delayed about three hundred passengers, came within an ace of drowning a Hoboken constable, scared women into hysterics, and all this in a valiant effort to catch a big rat. The rat escaped, and so did the cat.

All was quiet in the station at Hoboken, and passengers who always catch a train an hour ahead of time were glancing anxiously at clocks and watches, when a woman's scream made hearts jump.

"A rat. Rats!" and the splinter who shouted the warning scrambled up to a settee, with her skirts above her shoulders. The display of hostility that followed would have made the Platonic Building blush in a sixty-mile gale.

A big shore cat, with a white patch on its chest and a black patch on its back, was a gray hobo cat. Through the station the chase went and into the dining-room. The rat took a leap over the lunch counter, and his pursuer hurdled after him.

The rat upon clearing the dining-room had a course for the water side, but at every bound the felina was pulling down the distance, and when the rodent reached the wharf edge it could not turn, so close was the cat. With a leap the rodent landed on a cake of ice and a second later the body of the cat shot through the air and landed on an adjoining floor. A wave separated the two at this moment and the rat took to the water and swam under the ferry-house.

The cat put one paw into the river, as if testing the temperature, drew it out and sat down looking disconsolately at the ferry-boat Bergen, which was just entering the slip from the Manhattan side.

Constable William Luyter determined to save the cat. He ran out on the apron and yelled to the Bergen's captain to stop. The skipper came to a stop, and Luyter rubbed off and returned with a big net on the end of a pole.

At this time the captain of the Bergen had discovered the cat and he didn't propose to let it up the whole port for anything like that. His hand was on the bell to "go ahead" when he saw Luyter's net, and he stopped. The constable fell back on a cake of ice and the other half in the water. The cat, however, was not deterred by the water and swam under the bows of the Bergen.

BANK PRESIDENT SENT TO PRISON

TRENTON, Jan. 23.—Alfred C. Twining, until a year ago the financial genius of Auburn Park in Montgomery County, will serve between five and ten years in the penitentiary here.

He has been found guilty by a jury of falsifying the reports of the defunct First National Bank while he was cashier. These reports to the Comptroller of the Currency showed the bank to be in a solvent condition, while the books of the concern showed that its officers had so manipulated its accounts and mixed them with that of the bankrupt Monmouth Trust Company and two other management companies that not only the capital, but the surplus had been wiped out and the institution was a hopeless wreck.

Interborough, Northern Securities and Seaboard Air Line Cut. After opening firm to-day, the curb market fell from 1-4 to 1-2 per cent. Interborough lost 1 point, while Northern Securities and Seaboard Air Line suffered fractionally. There was a fair volume of business. The bid and asked prices of the principal outside securities were:

Table with columns: American Can, American Can pref., American Copper, Marine, Cuban 6s, Havana Tobacco, Havana 5s, Interborough A. T. Co., Seaboard Air Line pf., Northern Securities, Standard Oil.

MAY GO BACK TO PERSIA.

Emil Meyer Arrested Here on a Charge of Forgery. Upon the arrival of the steamship Necker, 11 o'clock today, United States Marshal Henkel arrested Emil Meyer, a passenger, who, it is said, is wanted in Persia for forgery.

Meyer was taken at once before United States Commissioner Alexander Robinson in Manhattan, where he was held until Jan. 27. His arrest was made at the instigation of Consul-General Benz, of Germany.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY. Sun rises, 7:18; sets, 5:00; Moon sets, 10:50.

THIS WEEK. High Water, Low Water, Sand's Hook, Governors Island, Hell Gate Ferry.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Arrived, Departed, La Touraine, Algonquin, New York, Montreal, British Empire, Hamilton, Graf Waldersee.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

Philadelphia, Southampton, British Empire, Philadelphia, St. Croix.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

St. Paul, Southampton, Sublime, Porto Rico, Lucania, Liverpool, Sublime, Jamaica, Kronos, Adirondack, Currituck, Havana, Princeton, London, Elvira, Havana, Princeton, Genoa, City of Masson, Birmingham, Toronto, Hull, Alamo, Galveston, Santo Domingo, Havana, Norfolk, Manana, St. Thomas, Norfolk, Charleston, Philadelphia, El Siglo, Galveston, Venezuela.

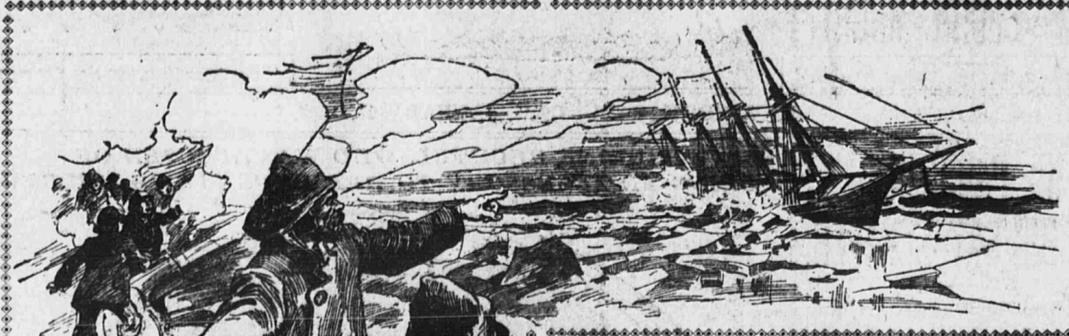
SPOT COTTON'S HIGH MARK.

Price Runs Up to 14.85, Highest in Thirty Years.

Spot cotton made a new high record, just before the close of the market it advanced to 14.85, which is the highest price for any year since 1874. The change in options were smaller than for some time and highly professional.

It is predicted that spot cotton will show the latest mark next week.

WRECK OF THE AUGUSTUS HUNT IN THE ICE OFF LONG ISLAND COAST



15 SAILORS LOST IN SHIPWRECK.

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cakes of ice tossing about in the turbulent sea crashed with fearful force against her sides and drove her further and further on the treacherous strip of sand.

On shore her predicament was known almost at once, as Capt. Charles Hermann, of the Quogue life-saving station, had extra patrols out in all of his territory, and they discovered the signals of distress sent up by Capt. Blair, faint as they were 'n the fog.

That the elements were making quick work of the vessel was evident from the screams of the men on her. They seemed to realize that they were hopelessly entangled and that their time was short in the icy sea, for their yells were blood-curdling and could be heard above the roar of the wind and the waves.

The heaviest lifeboat on the station was launched at once, with a crew of hardy men, but the ice stove in the bow and the men were tumbled out into the surf in a jiffy. Further down the beach another effort was made, but again it was found impossible to pass through the cordon of ice.

At daylight the beach was thronged with men, women and children, some of the women hysterical at the awful sight which the gradually rising fog revealed to them. The ice had piled up behind the vessel until each sea sent a score of heavy cakes across her decks.

No man could stay on the decks under such conditions and the crew was seen clinging to the rigging. The crashing of the ice against the sides of the vessel threatened to tear her to pieces any moment, and yet line after line sent out by mortar either fell short or was carried too far to the right or the left by the wind.

SAILORS FALL INTO SEA. Toward 9 o'clock the inevitable began to happen. A man in the upper rigging let go, or his frozen hands failed to hold him, and he pitched head foremost into the sea with a shriek. A few minutes later another man followed him.

Again the frantic life-savers tried to launch a boat and again they were driven back. In their excitement men along the beach plunged into the surf as though they would swim out to the boat and drag the unfortunates there back to safety. No such scenes have been witnessed along this coast in many years.

At 10 o'clock the Hunt began to go to pieces. The fusillade directed at her hull had done its work. The ice had crashed its way through and great holes had been torn in her wooden belly. She rolled over on one side, and two other men, shaken from their perches by the lurch, disappeared in the water.

A moment later she seemed to right again, then her stern was submerged, her bowsprit and most of the bow was torn away and she settled into the sea, nothing remaining of her to be seen but two black stumps above the water line. It seemed as though every body must have perished and the men who clung to fragments in the water were seen to let go and sink.

Suddenly two men could be seen clambering up the stumps. How they ever retained the strength to make such an ascent in that sea will never be known. They must have been marvels of strength and fortitude. A small cross-bar on each stump served to give them a resting place, and from these perches they renewed their pitiful plea for help.

ONE SAILOR SAVED. Finally in a lull of the gale a line reached one of the stumps, was secured by the man there, who tied it to his body and without a moment's hesitation jumped into the water, grasped a floating fragment of wood and was hauled safely ashore.

He was perfectly conscious when he landed, but could only gasp out the name "Everett" before he fell into a swoon, from which he has not yet been restored. He was carried to a near by house, where everything possible is being done for him.

The first of the bodies to be washed ashore was found at noon a mile from the scene of the wreck. It is that of a man about forty years old, evidently an ordinary sailor. He had dark hair, but his features are so badly battered by the ice that they are not recognizable.

Nearly a ton of debris from the wreck has come ashore. Among the things picked up are a number of toys and some articles of wearing apparel which would indicate the presence of a woman and a child on the vessel. There is no way of telling, however, whether there were any but men on the boat, and will not be until the rescued men are able to talk.

The Hunt's foghorn gave the alarm to the life-savers about 3 o'clock this morning. It blew continuously until daybreak, and then suddenly ceased. It is supposed that the seas which washed overboard the sailor whose body has been recovered drove the men from the horn into the shoals.

That the ship was in desperate straits was shown from the fact that among the wreckage drifting to shore were the ship's papers, showing that the captain's cabin was demoltished.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—It was learned here to-day that Capt. Blair was not in command of the schooner Augustus Hunt, which was wrecked off West-hampton, L. I. Capt. Blair is in this city, and he states that Mate Conroy was in command of the 7,718 tons of bituminous coal valued at \$5,000 and insured, consigned to A. Gove & Son, of East Boston. The vessel is valued at \$80,000, with partial insurance.

DIED FROM STAB WOUNDS. Baxendale's Death Charged to Negro, Who is Under Arrest. MINNEOLA, L. I., Jan. 23.—George W. Burnham, fifty-two years old, a bartender at Holly's Inn at Hewlett's, L. I., died in the Nassau County Hospital early to-day from wounds received: it is charged, at the hands of William H. Porter, a negro who was also employed at the inn. The negro, the claim is made, went into the barroom of the place on Monday night last while under the influence of liquor and became noisy. Burnham tried to eject him. Porter, it is alleged, stabbed him several times, inflicting the wounds from which he died. The negro is under arrest and will be arraigned in Woodmere on Monday.

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Escaped from Sanitarium. Police Trying to Locate Woman Supposed to Be Heading South. WHITESTONE, L. I., Jan. 23.—A general alarm had been sent out by the police for Francis E. Aguilar, who escaped from Dr. Harris's sanitarium here to-day. Her home is in the island of Jamaica, and the police in Manhattan have been asked to watch steamships leaving for there. She is described as five feet four inches in height, blue eyes, dark hair, and is wearing a black coat, black skirt and a tweed cap. She is said to be slightly demented.

Man Sentenced to Die for Murder Crippled with Rheumatism. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 23.—So crippled by rheumatism and age that he could not walk without assistance, Charles Bonter, the convicted murderer, was carried to the station to-day and placed on board a train for Auburn. "I am innocent," were Bonter's last words to his keeper as he took the train. He is expected to be acquitted on a new trial. Bonter is under sentence to be electrocuted on Feb. 23.

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Lighter Sinks in East River. The lighter Amelia, loaded with 500 barrels of cement and 200 kegs of nails, sank stern foremost to-day in the East River at the foot of Wall street. The captain and the mate of the lighter scrambled on to the pier, leaving all their belongings behind them.

Fog Ties Up London. LONDON, Jan. 23.—A dense fog which has developed London and the Channel for sixteen hours has seriously dislocated business. Incoming mail steamers have been delayed and minor rail-road collisions have occurred. The metropolis has the aspect of a November night and traffic has been carried on with the greatest difficulty, although the streets and shops are illuminated.

Baron Koef Escapes Bullets of Would-be Assassins. WARSAW, Russian Poland, Jan. 23.—A dispatch from Lomza says an attempt was made to assassinate Baron Koef, Governor of Lomza, Russian Poland, during the night of Jan. 21. Three shots were fired at him as he was driving in an open carriage. One bullet traversed the Governor's cap, but he was uninjured. His assassin escaped.

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TRADERS FEAR WAR AND STOCKS WAVER

Gould Stocks Lead a Rally After an Opening Depression, but Prices Again Decline and Market is Irregular.

There being no London markets to-day there was some hesitancy at the opening on the Stock Exchange here, and the smaller trading appeared to be waiting for a lead from the large interests that have been controlling the situation for the last three days.

The market, however, soon became very active and seemed to be as broad as for the last few days. Prices were higher.

Later there was a reaction and trading lagged. The feeling was that general conditions warrant a rise, but there was a fear that the Russian-Japanese troubles might reach a head and speculators held off.

The bond market was strong and active. The average trading of bonds for the week has been \$5,000,000, which is a good sign of a public revival of interest in stocks and bonds, as the market manipulators rarely devote much attention to the bonds.

The level of the whole market receded under professional trading. Southern Pacific, Southern Railway preferred, Rock Island and Brooklyn Rapid Transit looked a point and some minor stocks more. The gains were Corn Products preferred, 2-1-4, and Linsend preferred and Toledo, St. Louis and Western over a point. The market steadied after the late advance. Pennsylvania, Wash and Missouri Pacific were bought freely by the bond brokers and houses with Philadelphia quotations.

There was probably the strongest stock on the list on the probable entrance into the market of the Morgan group. The Morgan brokers were heavy buyers of United States Steel common, which was advanced to 100. Morgan will try to get enough stock to enable him to contest the control of the Rockwell.

Sugar was very strong, and just before the close sold at 120. Copper was also strong on Leitch buying. At the close of the market prices were advancing, which leads to the belief that the bull movement will be carried over into next week, despite the efforts of the bears, headed by Weil.

The Closing Quotations. To-day's highest lowest and closing prices and net changes from yesterday's closing prices or from last recorded sale are as follows:

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Net Change. Includes items like Am. Steel, Am. Sugar, Am. Tobacco, etc.

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