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SURVIVORS TELL OF FIRE AND HOW CALL OF WIRELESS BROUGHT SHIP 287 MILES

Faint Signal for Help Reached Pannonia and Commander Raced Through Storm as She Directed Course of the Burning Vessel

The Cunarder Pannonia brought into port to-day 103 persons rescued last Friday in midocean from the burning Spanish steamship Balmes, bound from Havana to Cadiz. The rescued passengers were all in good health and spirits; none of them being disposed to object to an extra trip to New York and a voyage to their destination in a much larger and finer ship than they had boarded at Havana and deserted at sea.

By direction of the immigration authorities the 103 Balmes survivors were taken to Ellis Island. They will be kept there until Saturday, when the Pannonia starts back for Mediterranean ports. En route she will make a stop at Cadiz and land the Balmes passengers. The Balmes is beached in the harbor at St. George, Bermuda, with her brave captain and crew of fifty-eight men aboard.

Purser John H. Williams of the Pannonia, who kept a record of everything connected with the rescue of the passengers of the Balmes, told a connected story of the event. As in the case of the Volturo, wireless played the all-important part in the drama of the sea. The Pannonia, heading for New York, was in heavy weather at 1:15 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 12. She had 1,041 passengers aboard, mostly in the steerage.

WIRELESS GETS FIRST MESSAGE OF DISTRESS.

The wireless operator picked up a faint message of distress. He listened intently and found that the call came from the Balmes, which was 27 miles south. With his more powerful apparatus the Pannonia operator signalled the Balmes that the call had been heard and asked for more particulars.

The message in reply was disconnected but sufficient to indicate that the Balmes had a bad fire in a cotton cargo in her forward hold. Robert Capper of the Pannonia, after getting the latitude and longitude of the Balmes headed his ship due south into the teeth of a gale.

Although repeated signals were sent out from the Pannonia nothing further was heard from the Balmes until 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Capt. Ruiz of the Balmes reported that the fire was burning fiercely and that in the hold above the burning cotton he had a cargo of 200 cases of rum. Capt. Ruiz asked the Pannonia to make all haste.

The Balmes was drifting eastward about two or three knots an hour. In the face of the heavy southerly gale Capt. Capper could not get more than 10 knots an hour out of the Pannonia, although he had double watches in the stoke hold and engine room. Capt. Capper asked Capt. Ruiz to head his ship due north and push his engines to the utmost. Capt. Ruiz replied that his staterooms and engine room were full of smoke but that his men below decks were working loyally.

BURNING VESSEL CUTS DOWN THE DISTANCE.

The Pannonia reached the Balmes at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, the Spanish vessel by heading north having materially cut down the distance that

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SKIRT OVER GAS JET CAUSES GIRL'S DEATH

Weight of Garment Turned Gas On While Miss Saxe Was Asleep.

Miss Agnes Saxe, sixteen years old, was accidentally killed by gas in her room at No. 361 Bridge street, Brooklyn, early to-day. The girl worked by day in the Fulton Price millinery establishment on Hudson street, and attended the Brown Business College in the evening. On retiring last night she hung her skirt on the bracket of the gas fixture in such a way that after she turned out the light the weight of the skirt opened the jet again. She was found dead at 5 o'clock this morning by her older brother, Paul.

Passengers Rescued From Burning Balmes, Her Captain and Commander of Rescue Ship

Survivors and Capt. Capper of the Pannonia photographed to-day by a Staff Artist of The Evening World.



CHILD CONFESSES; THEN RICH WOMAN FINDS \$1,000 RING

Wealthy Society Woman and Montclair Police Get Admissions From Scared Girl.

Mrs. Leonard R. Gracy, wife of a wealthy business man of this city, who has a fine home at No. 53 Brookfield road, Montclair, N. J., missed a diamond ring worth \$1,000 last Friday and questioned twelve-year-old Rachel Anderson, whom she employed as nurse girl for two young children, about it. The little girl at once denied all knowledge of the ring.

"I didn't take it. Honestly I didn't take it," cried the child, but the woman persisted.

"If Rachel hadn't taken it who had?" Mrs. Gracy wanted to know. "Of course Rachel took it and it was useless for the child to deny it. She might just as well admit it at once and be done with it."

"But truly, Mrs. Gracy, I didn't take your ring," sobbed the little girl. Denials were useless, however. Mrs. Gracy persisted with a calmness that terrified the child, until at last, on Monday, in a very paroxysm of weeping, Rachel confessed.

"I took it and I gave it to a little Italian girl," she cried. "Oh, what will become of me?"

And Mrs. Gracy, with a gleam of victory in her eyes, called in the police. Chief Gallagher and Detective Serat. Helly questioned the child over and over again.

"I gave it to mamma," she cried at length. "There wasn't any little Italian girl."

But when her mother, horrified at the confession, declared she had never seen the ring, the girl changed her story and said she had lost it. She was so terrified that apparently she said anything to appease her inquisitors. So they took her before Recorder Henry Yost yesterday and she was looked up as a thief.

Mrs. Gracy was firm in her determination to prosecute the girl, her indignation being extreme at what she considered the ingratitude of the girl. "After all I've done for her, to steal my ring! It's a shame," was Mrs. Gracy's opinion, and she did not hesitate to express it, but last night she became strangely silent on the subject of the ring, and this morning she telephoned to Chief Gallagher.

"I've found my ring," she confessed. "It was just where I put it myself last Friday and I had forgotten it." Gallagher notified Recorder Yost and steps were taken at once to release the girl. Meantime she had spent a frightful night in the House of Detention.

HIGH COST OF PHONING CAN BE CUT IN NEW YORK

"Keep Above Five Cents" Is Monopoly's Code Here—"Keep Below Five Cents" People's Cry in Chicago.

ONE FIVE-CENT RATE FOR ALL NEW YORK CITY. ABOLISH THE TELEPHONE TOLL GATES BETWEEN BOROUGH.

CHICAGO FIXES FIVE-CENT TELEPHONE RATES; NEW YORK'S TEN-CENT RATES FORCED ON HER

In New York telephone rates are made by the telephone company and the people forced to accept.

In Chicago telephone rates have been made by the people and the company forced to accept.

New York rates are on a basis of eight cents per message, with zone toll gates.

Chicago rates are on a basis of five cents per message, with no zone tolls.

It is easy to see at a glance New York is being milked by the telephone company in its contract rates and toll gate extortions when comparison is made with other cities.

The nearest city to New York in population and in telephone development is Chicago. Service there is rendered by the Chicago Telephone Company, which is owned and controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, just the same as is the New York Telephone Company. Both cities have the same kind of telephone equipment, the same system of operation, similar submarine cables under rivers, the same kind of underground conduits in streets—in fact, all conditions are similar excepting only the rates charged.

The people of Chicago took the telephone rate question in hand several years ago. They had it investigated and studied by experts. They passed

FUNERAL AUTO SPED 32 MILES AN HOUR

It Carried the Flowers and Driver Was Anxious to Beat the Hearse

Christian Frickey was arraigned before Magistrate Leach in the Long Island City Police Court to-day charged with running a funeral automobile at the rate of thirty-two miles an hour. The Court suspended sentence after Frickey explained that his motor was carrying the floral pieces to Calvary Cemetery, and he was anxious to get to the grave before the arrival of the hearse.

Frickey was seen whirling out Queens Boulevard by Motorcycle Cop Harry P. Sherry. He was driving the front motor of several which made up the funeral procession. Nine of the cars could be said to have been moving slowly. Frickey was some distance in the van. Sherry allowed him to proceed to the cemetery, and then brought the chauffeur to the courthouse. He lives at No. 174 West One Hundred and Fortieth street, and is employed by one of the directors of motor funerals.

Football Injury Fatal

CLEVELAND, Nov. 19.—Morty Marx, ten years old, died here to-day of injuries received in a football game last Friday. Playing with an amateur team, he plunged head first against a telephone pole.

ANTIEDILUVIAN WHISKEY

'GO-BETWEEN' SAYS CAPTAIN GOT GRAFT FOR WIRETAPPING

Former Detective Makes Unsworn Statement to District Attorney of Money He Passed.

It was announced at the District Attorney's office this afternoon that Al Cohen, formerly a police detective, now engaged in running a private detective agency, had made a statement in which he corroborated George Moffat, Franz Tarbeaux, "Mickey" Shea, Tom Brown and others who accuse police officers of collecting their share of the profits from the "wire tapping" business.

Cohen's statement was not made under oath, but was taken down by a stenographer in the presence of the District Attorney and a member of his staff.

Cohen, it is said, implicated a former police captain. Prior to his retirement from the Police Department in February, 1911, Cohen said he frequently collected money from members of the Gondonf gang of wiretappers and gave it to the police captain. Even after he left the department he acted as the go-between on several occasions.

One of these times, Cohen says, was in Oct., 1912, when the gang had made elaborate preparations to swindle Simon Jones, a Pittsburgh coal operator. "Mickey" Shea and Tom Brown had been looking after the police protection and for the gang, according to Cohen, but the Gondonf thought the Jones job was too big for them to handle.

They sent for Cohen, he says. He was entrusted with the delicate task of informing the "right police" that a gentleman from Pittsburgh was about to be separated from a large sum of money.

Cohen says he asked the Captain if it would be all right, for a police stand-off, for the gang to "trim" Jones and was told to go ahead. Jones was swindled out of \$20,000 and reported, apparently unharmed, according to

BARBER ASPHALT CASH HELPED PAY M'GUIRE'S \$2,500 SULZER GIFT

Whitman Wrings an Admission From the Syracuse Man That He Lobbied With Governor and Head of Highways Department.

ADMITS SELLING OIL FOR THE STATE ROADS

Witness Shows Great Nervousness on the Stand and Makes Evasive Answers to Many Questions.

George H. McGuire decided to-day to retract all the testimony he has previously given before Chief Magistrate McAdoo in the John Doe proceedings in reference to the political sandbagging of contractors engaged in State work and to admit that he did give their names to John A. Hennessy in the Utica Hotel at Utica on Aug. 12 last. In his early testimony McGuire had said that such names as he had heard mentioned as of those who had made campaign contributions had been given to him by Hennessy himself.

FIGHT FIRE IN HOSPITAL WITHOUT GIVING ALARM

The Philanthropic's Patients Reassured and Firemen Were Not Called Out.

Nurses in the Philanthropic Hospital, a five-story building at One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, discovered a fire among some baggage and rugs in the bathroom in the rear of the third floor this afternoon and instantly notified the twenty-four patients, men and women, with assurances that there was no danger.

Then, while some of the nurses prepared stretchers for patients who couldn't walk and otherwise prepared for a hurried exit if need should arise, the others, with Drs. Grenberger, Wollheim and Lobenz, got fire extinguishers and fought the blaze.

Policeman Kenny of the Lenox avenue station saw smoke coming from the bathroom window and ran in. He helped fight the fire when the doctors told him they didn't want to send in an alarm for fear of disturbing the patients and after half an hour's work the fire was out.

No one knows how the blaze started. It did about \$500 damage.

MAYOR KLINE IS ILL.

Republicans Club Dinner is Postponed for a Week.

Mayor Kline is confined to his home in Brooklyn with an attack of the grip and did not come to the City Hall to-day, although Secretary Adamsman expects him to-morrow. He was to have attended the Horse Show last night, but was unable to do so. The Republican Club was to have given the Mayor a dinner at the clubhouse in West Fortieth street to-night, but it has been postponed until next Wednesday night.

Cohen, the gang agreed to send the police 10 per cent. of the profits of the transaction. Cohen said he got \$2,000, kept \$1,000 for himself and gave the other \$1,000 to the Captain. But the gang was rounded up by the police for swindling Jones.

Recently, Cohen says, he was served with several subpoenas to appear before the Grand Jury and had a hard time finding out what they were about. He learned, he said, that "Paper Collier Joe," Tarbeaux, Carter, Brown and others had made confessions of graft payments to the police and had implicated him. Cohen, according to his statement to the District Attorney, called up the Police Captain, who promptly asked for retirement.

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Since McGuire collapsed in the witness chair more than a week ago he has had time in which to "refresh" his memory concerning the contributions, as he had refreshed his memory about his famous "M." telegram to John A. Hennessy.

SHOWS NERVOUSNESS AS HE TAKES THE STAND.

When McGuire entered the courtroom he said he felt much better than when he was last on the stand. But he looked far from well. The lines were deep in his sharp-featured face, and his hands fluttered nervously.

Henry A. Wier, former United States District Attorney, and McGuire's counsel, said that McGuire had a bad night last night, but was eager to take the stand and make an end of his testimony as soon as possible.

McGuire took the stand at 3 o'clock. The courtroom, Part V. of General Sessions, was crowded, one of the spectators being Martin V. Lattinon, attorney for Everett Fowler, who has been indicted for extortion.

ASKED ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH SULZER.

"Did you ever talk to Gov. Sulzer about the Barber Asphalt Company since you held stock in it? A. I cannot swear that I didn't. I've had so many conversations with the Governor I can't remember what I have talked about."

The witness admitted that he might have told the Governor that certain specifications had been adopted and that he might have said the specifications should be enforced.

Q. Your brother owns a large amount of stock in the Barber Asphalt Company, does he not? A. A small amount, I think, perhaps a little larger amount than I own.

Mr. Whitman pressed McGuire to recall the conversation he had with the Governor with Gov. Sulzer about the Asphalt Company.