

NINE SAVED FROM WRECK

Lifboat Reaches Schooner Sunk Off Blank Island.

CREW PRAY IN RIGGING

Had Little Hope of Being Rescued After Vessel Foundered in Gale.

Eighteen men after nearly five hours of precarious clinging to the wreckage of a sinking four-masted schooner...

While they drove the lifboat slowly toward the sinking vessel, the men clinging to the rigging raised their voices in prayer that the brave rescuers might reach them...

Three times the line was shot from the beach to the stranded craft, and on the third attempt the weighted end of the rope reached its mark...

For a time after the vessel struck things looked so gloomy for the crew that hope was practically given up.

There were many exhibitions of daring while the lifboat was being lowered into the sea...

'ANDY' HORN'S TO BE CLOSED

Old Park Row Saloon to Give Way to New Bridge Terminal.

'Andy' Horn's saloon, known to several generations of downtown workers by day and by night, is going to close. After fifty-five years the old place will lock its doors to-morrow at midnight...

ACTRESS, ILL, A SUICIDE

Brooklyn Girl Thought of Her Cat Before Drinking Acid.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Roma Schneider, a vaudeville actress, died in the City Hospital to-day as a result of drinking carbolic acid. She left notes asking that a pet cat be sent to her brother, J. E. Schneider...

COLONEL ORLEMAN INSANE

Housekeeper Will Have to Return Money He Gave Her.

Atlantic City, Dec. 28.—Louis L. Orleman, a S. S. A. (retired), died in the City Hospital to-day of a heart ailment. A guardian was appointed for him. This means that the \$7,500 which he paid to Miss Ellen Cornell, his housekeeper, and the money paid to his daughters, together with all property which he deeded away in the last seven months, will have to be returned to her.

MAY YET MODIFY OFFER

Subway Conferes Hint at Interborough Concessions.

Although none of the conferes who have represented the city in the recent conferences with representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad and H. P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan & Co., would say so definitely last night, the impression was gathered from talking to them that the interborough might make some substantial concessions and present a modified offer to the city for the construction of new subway lines.

It seems that Samuel I. Lee, president of the Pennsylvania R.R., has been careful at these conferences not to give the impression that he at all represented the interborough, holding only that he was interested in getting the interborough to come into the rapid transit scheme so that his station might have transit facilities.

All concerned have been wary about talking figures on this coupon, which was given every day during the contest. The complete coupon must be returned. Answers submitted on coupons which are not complete or which do not bear the Tribune's heading will not be considered.

CUSTOMS DUTIES DECREASE

Total of \$196,871,850 in 1911 and \$212,999,270 in 1910. According to statistics made public yesterday by William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, the customs duties collected during 1911 will aggregate \$196,871,850.

During the year the gold and silver imports were \$25,338,836, as against \$25,359,992 in 1910. The total exports, domestic, for 1911 amounted to \$32,257,878, as compared with \$31,212,796 for 1910.

MEXICO AFTER GOMEZ

Madero Government May Ask for Ex-Minister's Extradition.

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—It is rumored that the Madero government is about to ask for the extradition of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, ex-minister of the interior, from the United States. It is generally believed that he is heading a revolutionary party. The only offense of Gomez, if any, is said to be of a political nature, for which he cannot be extradited.

PLANS FOR RICHMOND'S TRIAL

Public To Be Excluded—Miss Edmonds To Be a Witness.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the trial of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson for the murder of Avis Linnell were partly made to-day by an order from Chief Justice Alken, of the Superior Court, that the greater portion of the fourth floor of the courthouse should be reserved for the proceedings and that only counsel, jury, witnesses and newspaper representatives should be admitted.

DOCTORS EXAMINE MORSE

Medical Board Will Report Its Findings to President Taft.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Charles W. Morse must await the return to Washington of the army medical board which was sent to Atlanta to examine him last week. It can learn the nature of its verdict, according to the officials of the War Department, by asking that the board be instructed to send its findings to Washington, and it is unlikely that the report can be forwarded to the War Department before to-morrow afternoon. It will be promptly forwarded to the War Department for the President's information and action.

MORSE'S TESTIMONY WANTED

Justice Bijur Signs Commission for Examination in Hospital!

Justice Bijur steered a commission yesterday for the examination of Charles W. Morse in the hospital at Fort McPherson, Atlanta. In the bill brought by Abel I. Colver against Peter McCarthy, the action is to recover \$25,000, with interest from 1909, on an alleged unpaid bill of 1909 on the Navigation Company, which Morse was president and principal stockholder. This bill is the subject of McCarthy's testimony.

CUT ALONG THIS LINE

COUPON NO. 26, FRIDAY, DEC. 29, 1911.

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TO-DAY'S PICTURES APPEAR ON PAGE 5.

FUSION FORCES PICK FOLKS

Will Be Floor Leader in Board of Aldermen.

As was expected, Alderman Ralph Folks was chosen as floor leader of the Republican and fusion aldermen at a caucus of the members from Manhattan and the Bronx at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. He takes the place of Alderman John A. Bolles, who resigned the place after once accepting it, because he thought he would be a figurehead, the place of chairman of the Finance Committee having been split from that of floor leader, Aldermen from the other boroughs at the first caucus agreed that the place should go to Manhattan and the Bronx.

A new committee, the name to be selected later, will be added to the standing committees, the purpose of which will be to cooperate with the Board of Estimate in the work of investigation and reform that it has outlined. Mr. Folks will be made chairman of this committee.

BOY IN STREET STARVING

Gone from Home Three Days—In Hospital Senseless.

They are waiting at Bellevue Hospital for James Barrows, an eleven-year-old boy, to wake from a coma, so they can find out where he has been since he left his home, No. 41 West 23d street, after dinner on Christmas Day. He left there with a boy named Charles Corbett, sending to meet another boy named Patrick Sullivan, and go to a moving picture show. That's the last time his mother saw him, although she and his brothers searched the city for him.

NEW DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

Dr. Darlington in Place of J. Sergeant Cram, Who Quit in Huff.

Dr. Thomas Darlington, who was Health Commissioner under Mayor McClellan, was elected chairman of the Democratic Central Committee at the annual meeting for reorganization held at Tammany Hall last night. He takes the place of J. Sergeant Cram, who resigned in February last year because of a quarrel with Charles F. Murphy, the boss, over the election of a United States Senator. They have patched up their differences now, but Mr. Cram could not take the place again because he holds the office of Public Service Commissioner.

PASTOR ASKS VINDICATION

Mr. Brewer Far from Fort Riley When Explosion Occurred.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—A congregation in Quannah, Tex., was hearing the Rev. Charles M. Brewer preach a sermon on "Practical Christianity" at the time of the blowing up of the government bridge at Fort Riley, Kansas, in which the pastor's name was implicated through a confession of Private Michael Quirk, according to a statement made here to-day by the Rev. Mr. Brewer. The clergyman was passing through this city on his way from Okmote, Okla., his home, to Fort Riley, where, he says, he will investigate the conditions leading up to his arrest and demand an explanation of government officials.

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DIVORCE SUIT WARMS UP

Members of Siebrecht Family Near a Clash in Court.

EVEN CHILDREN DIVIDED

Fifth Avenue Florist's Son Finds All His Sisters-in-Law Arranged Against Him.

During the trial yesterday of the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Julia W. Siebrecht against her husband, Henry A. Siebrecht, Jr., the son of a wealthy Fifth Avenue florist, in the Supreme Court, White Plains, it came out that all of Mr. Siebrecht's sisters-in-law were arrayed against him, while his relatives and the correspondent's husband were standing by him.

Mrs. Siebrecht and her sisters sat in one part of the courtroom while Siebrecht, Mrs. Francis Miner, of New Rochelle, who is named as the correspondent's husband, Frank Miner; Mrs. Miner's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Siebrecht, Sr., joined elbows.

It also developed that the children were divided. Louise, seven years old, testified for her mother, while her thirteen-year-old sister, Gertrude, who is living with her father, testified for Siebrecht home in New Rochelle, gave evidence for her father.

Louise looked in awe upon the court and witnesses when she took the witness stand. Justice Mills parted her head and told her not to be afraid of either John M. Gardner, counsel for Mr. Siebrecht, or Henry G. K. Heath, who represents Mrs. Siebrecht. She nodded her head and said she was afraid of anybody.

She did not know her father had taken her along with her mother to call at the home of Mrs. Miner. She also told of several rows her parents had over Mrs. Miner.

"Did any one tell you that you were scolded if you didn't tell the truth?" Mr. Gardner asked in cross-examination.

"No, but I thought I would get a scolding from you, Mr. Gardner," the witness replied quietly, making not only the spectators but Justice Mills also to smile.

Theresa, who is now after Henry A. Siebrecht, Sr., took the witness stand to deny some of the evidence given by his daughter-in-law, Adele, the wife of his son Charles.

"Your daughter-in-law has testified that she had no differences with you. Have you had any?"

"Yes," he replied, with a flash of his black eyes toward Adele, who glared at him. "I had differences with her since she came into my family."

This was made Mrs. Adele Siebrecht rise and start toward the witness chair, and though friends restrained her, yet she kept standing while her father-in-law continued with his testimony:

"One time she asked me why her husband was kept so late in the shop," he said, "and I said she was a great deal of business to be attended to which kept me late all the time. She said to me, 'Business be damned!' That is the spirit she has acted in ever since she came into my family."

Mrs. Miner was asked if Mr. Siebrecht had ever given her any diamonds and she answered in the negative. She then identified the handwriting on a card as hers.

Mr. Heath said that Mrs. Siebrecht had found the card in her husband's room. It read like this: "Dear Henry, we all send our love to you and make a wish that to-morrow's dawn your cold will be gone. Take good care of yourself, because you are entirely too wise to get careless. May you be well to-morrow. Good night, Frankie."

Mrs. Miner said she sent the card with a bouquet of flowers because Mr. Siebrecht was ill. Mr. Miner never carried the flowers to the Siebrecht home.

The examination of Mrs. Adele Siebrecht by Mr. Gardner was full of exciting moments. When the lawyer talked loudly and shook his finger at the witness she would exclaim: "Now you stop that. When you talk lower to me I will answer your questions."

When asked when it was that she fell out with Henry Siebrecht, Jr., she answered: "When I saw him squeezing Mrs. Miner's hand. When I saw that I fell out with him."

The witness then said that in company with her husband she went on a sleigh ride with Mr. Siebrecht, Sr., and Blossom Heath with Mr. Siebrecht, Jr. From the trip and Henry went with Mrs. Miner to the city and I didn't change. I am not a society woman or as bad as one. Mrs. Miner said she kept squeezing her hand. It was almost constant, that squeezing. I was used to how to Mrs. Miner after she drank so."

Justice Mills said he would not decide the case until briefs have been submitted.

TO TRY BIG LOCOMOTIVE

Pennsylvania Has One Nearly One Hundred Feet Long.

One of the largest locomotives in the world has been built for the Pennsylvania Railroad. It will be tried out in freight service on the steep grades of the mountain in Western Pennsylvania. From the point of the pilot, the pulling face of the coupler to the rear of the tender the distance is 95 feet 3.4 inches. The weight of the engine in working order and the tender loaded is 668,000 pounds. This is 238,000 pounds heavier than the heaviest passenger engine and 212,000 pounds heavier than the heaviest freight engine now in use by the Pennsylvania road.

F. H. BETHELL 'PHONE HEAD

New Yorker Succeeds to Presidency of Pennsylvania Bell System.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Frank H. Bethell, vice-president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and associated companies, was elected president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, the Delaware & Atlantic Telephone and Telephone Company, and the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company to-day, succeeding Union N. Bethell, who becomes chairman of the boards of directors of these companies.

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MOTORCYCLE HITS TAXI

St. Yves, Marathon Runner, Jumps Just in Time.

Henri St. Yves, the Marathon runner, didn't shine much as a motorcycle expert last night. He was speeding through 56th street when he ran into a taxicab at Fifth Avenue, and narrowly escaped probable serious injury.

St. Yves, according to witnesses, tried to cut the taxi off, but failed. He was heading straight for the body of the car when he realized that his head would strike it. So he jumped. His cycle grazed the rear wheels of the car as it toppled over. The Marathon runner fell on his side, and received a bruise on the head.

Patrolman Labou expected to pick up a badly hurt St. Yves. The latter got up, however, rubbed his sore spot, and said: "Never mind a doctor. How is the bike?"

When assured that aside from a few scratches, it, like himself, was comparatively undamaged, he was pleased. The policeman allowed the taxi to proceed, the chauffeur and St. Yves agreeing that the affair was entirely accidental. The Marathon runner then remounted his motorcycle, saying: "I'll have to do better than this or stick to my feet." He was cheered as he rode away.

CATCH BOY 'BLACK HAND'

Priest Had Paid Over Money Demanded of Him.

Westport, Conn., Dec. 28.—Walter Eddy, sixteen years old, was arrested here to-night as he was removing a bag containing \$25, which had been placed on a doorknob by Father Durgan, in response to a letter signed "Black Hand." The letter, received this morning, threatened if the money was not forthcoming to dynamite the priest's house and inflict injury upon his person.

The boy confessed to writing several such letters, and in a pocket was found one addressed to P. M. Salmon, manager of a local department store, demanding \$25. His father, he said, made him do it. He said he believed that to be the case. Several prominent men are alleged to have paid sums ranging from \$25 to \$100, among them William Adams, who left \$100 on top of a chicken coop.

GAS CONFERENCE FAILS

No One Sees Mr. Cortelyou—Union to Act To-night.

If the citizen high up in finance who, it is reported, was to see President Cortelyou of the Consolidated Gas Company yesterday and try to arrange a conference with the representatives of the Gas Workers' Union, got in touch with any one on the subject, no one would say anything about it. On Wednesday night after the meeting of the union, it was announced that action on the question of a strike had been postponed until to-night, pending the report of the man who was to see Mr. Cortelyou.

H. C. Keating and other representatives of the strikers said last evening that there was no report to make, except that conferences were under way, and that if Mr. Cortelyou did not give relief to the men decisive action, which it was explained might or might not be a strike, would be taken at a meeting of the union to-night.

On the other hand, it was denied last evening on behalf of the Consolidated Gas Company that any financier or any man had seen Mr. Cortelyou on the subject of a conference on behalf of the union. A representative of Mr. Cortelyou said: "Mr. Cortelyou has not been approached even with a suggestion of a conference with representatives of the union or of the gas workers as a body. No appointment has been asked with Mr. Cortelyou looking toward such a conference and Mr. Cortelyou knows of no one who would be likely to ask for such a conference."

RAISES CUTLERY SCHEDULES

Long Standing Undervaluation Dispute Settled by Appraiser.

A decision was made by United States Appraiser Fischer yesterday in the German cutlery cases of undervaluation. These cases have resulted in hardships to importers of German cutlery because of the fact that for several months past the government, in order to put a stop to the undervaluation of this class of goods, has been holding up importations.

In the decision razors that had been brought from Germany and entered at a valuation of 11.00 marks a dozen have been advanced to a valuation of 14.75 marks, and in other instances razors brought in at 11.90 marks were advanced to 14 marks. In cases of safety razors and knives advances were made on about the same basis.

The importers have contended that the tariff act which prescribes a graduated scale of duties in cutlery has been repealed. The condition which brought about the undervaluation prosecutions by the customs authorities.

ASSISTANT SUCCEEDS TREMAN

Duncan W. Peck Appointed State Superintendent of Public Works.

Syracuse, Dec. 28.—Duncan W. Peck, of Syracuse, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, was appointed superintendent by Governor Dix to-day, to succeed Charles E. Tremen, of Ithaca, resigned. The salary is \$6,000 a year. Mr. Peck has had charge of the middle division of the state's canal system.

Mr. Peck was born on May 2, 1852. He was educated in the Syracuse schools and was graduated from Cornell University in 1872. He was elected to the Assembly from Onondaga County, and in 1894 was the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Syracuse, but was defeated by less than two hundred votes. In 1899 he served as Building Commissioner and Fire Marshal of Syracuse, and in 1900 and 1901 as Commissioner of Public Safety of that city. He has also served as chairman of the Onondaga County Democratic Committee.

Charles E. Tremen, the retiring superintendent, endorsed Mr. Peck and stated that State Engineer Benel shares his opinion "that he is the right man for the place."

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