A LAKE DISASTER.

The Terrible Work of a Cyclone in Minnesota.

An Excursion Steamer Filled With Men, Women and Children Capsized on Lake Pepin and Nearly All on Board Drowned.

A Terrible Calamity.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 14.—What will probably prove to be the most disastrous cyclone that has ever struck this community passed over this city at nine o'clock last evening, inflicting the loss of life of perhaps 100 or 200 people and damaging property to an extent that at this writing can not be estimated.

The first signs of the coming disaster were clouds which appeared to be an ordinary electric storm coming up from the west. In half an hour the whole heavens were converted into a complete canopy of lightning which was watched with interest by the brave citizens in the little village and with fear by the timid women and children.

A little before dark a terrific wind struck the community and the next moment trees and houses were being demolished in its path.

As soon as the storm had passed it was found that a disaster had befallen the place that had not been equaled since the St. Cloud cyclone several years ago. People began to gather in the streets, and in a few moments the news was scattered abroad that an excursion boat with over 200 people on it was capsized in the middle of Lake Pepin. The boat proved to be the steamer Sea Wing, which came down the lake from Diamond Bluff, a small place about seventeen miles north of here, on an excursion to the encampment of the First regiment of the National Guard of the State of Minnesota, which is being held a mile below this city. The steamer started back on the homeward trip about eight o'clock, and although there were signs of an approaching storm it was not considered in any way serious, and no danger was anticipated.

The boat was crowded to its fullest capacity, about 150 men, women and children from Red Wing and Diamond Bluff being on board, and about fifty people on a barge which was attached to the side of the steamer. When about opposite Lake City the boat began to feel the effects of the storm, but the officers kept on the way. The storm increased as the boat continued up the lake, and in fifteen minutes was at its height.

Nearing the central point about two miles above Lake City, the steamer was at the mercy of the waves, which were now washing over the boat and all was confusion. The boat momentarily ran on to a bar and the barge was cut loose and the steamer again set adrift in the lake. A number of those on the barge jumped and swam ashore.

As the barge also floated again into deep water those on the barge saw the steamer as it was carried helplessly out into the middle of the lake, and as they were being tossed about on the raging waters they were horrified a moment later to see the steamer capsize and its cargo of 150 people precipitated into the lake. Those on the barge remained there until they drifted nearer the shore and they were all rescued or swam ashore.

All of the people on board, 150 or more, were thrown into the water, some being caught underneath. The boat turned bottom upward, and only about twenty-five people were observed to be floating on the surface. These caught hold of the boat and climbed upon the upturned bottom, and those first securing a position assisted the others.

In ten minutes more the twenty-five or so who had obtained momentary safety on the boat could observe no others of the boat crew or passengers floating on the surface of the continuing high sea of waves.

Afterward, however, as a flash of lightning lighted up the surface of the lake the sight of an occasional white dress of a drowning woman or child was observable, but it was impossible for those who witnessed the horrible sight to lend any aid.

Those remaining began calling for help from the shore as soon as the storm began to abate, and in half an hour lights were observed flitting around on the pier at Lake City, opposite which point the upturned steamer had now been driven.

Before help could reach them, however, the poor creatures who yet remained to tell the horrors of the night were again submitted to another battle with the elements, with no word of warning, and as they were just beginning to hope that they would be taken off by the citizens of Lake City, the boat again turned over, this time on its side, and again all of the twenty-five remaining souls were hurled into the water. Of these several were drowned before they could be brought to the boat by those who succeeded in remaining afloat and again securing a hold on the boat's side.

In a few minutes a dozen or more row boats were manned and put out from the shore. The upturned boat was at last discovered, and the twenty or more remaining people clinging to the boat were rescued and brought to the shore, most of them being men who could swim.

Later—Up to this time, 1:30 a. m., fifty-nine bodies have been found and laid out.

GENERAL FREMONT DEAD.

Somewhat Sudden Death of the "Pathfinder"—A Brief Sketch of His Life—His Explorations in the Great West and Northwest.

NEW YORK, July 14.—General John C. Fremont died at his home in this city at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. His death was very sudden and was caused by peritonitis. General Fremont was out on Friday and appeared to be in good health. His son was notified by telegraph of his father's death.

Those present at the time of the death were his son, Lieutenant F. C. Fremont, U. S. N., and Dr. Morton. Mrs. General Fremont and daughter are in Los Angeles, Cal., and another son, Captain Fremont, is at Fort Snelling, Minn. At the house last night were Colonel Porter and Mrs. Porter, who was the General's adopted daughter. General Fremont was seventy-seven years and six months old yesterday.

John Charles Fremont was one of the noted characters in later American history. He was born at Savannah, Ga., January 21, 1813. He graduated at Charleston College and entered the army as Second Lieutenant. For two years he taught mathematics on board the sloop-of-war Natchez, received his degree in 1835 and soon after passed a rigorous examination for the post of professor of mathematics in the navy, and was appointed to the frigate Independence; but, resolving to quit the sea, he turned his attention to civil engineering, and was employed in the Mississippi survey and similar undertakings. In 1840 he received from President Van Buren a commission as Second Lieutenant in the corps of topographical engineers, and was ordered to make an examination of the river Des Moines upon the Western frontier.

He now proposed to penetrate the Rocky mountains, and his plans being approved of, he reached and explored the South pass in 1842, and he discovered the route to California, since followed by thousands. A lofty peak which he ascended, 13,750 feet above the sea, is now called Fremont's Peak. His report of the expedition was laid before Congress in the winter of 1842-43, and attracted great attention both at home and abroad. He immediately planned a second expedition and determined to survey the then unknown region lying between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean.

He commenced his journey in May, 1843, explored the Kansas river, crossed the South pass, and after 1,700 miles of traveling, came, on September 6, in sight of the great Salt lake, of which very vague and erroneous notions were entertained. He selected a route leading to the upper Colorado, through an almost unknown region, crossed by rugged mountain ridges. After suffering the greatest hardships he determined to make for San Francisco instead of the United States, and when he could get no Indian to guide him across the snow-covered mountains which lay between him and the valleys of California, he boldly undertook the passage without a guide. He accomplished it in forty days, reaching Sutter's Fort on the Sacramento early in March, with his men almost reduced to skeletons.

In consideration of his valuable services Fremont was brevetted Captain in January, 1845, and in the spring of the same year set out on a third expedition to explore the great basin and the maritime region of California. He took part in the war with Mexico, and cleared the north part of California from Mexican troops. In 1848 he started on a fourth expedition, at his own expense, trying to find a practicable passage to California along the upper waters of the Rio Grande. In attempting to cross the great Sierra covered with snow, his guide lost his way, and Fremont's party encountered horrible suffering, being even driven to cannibalism to support life, and losing one-third of their numbers. In 1849 he settled in California.

He received in 1856 the first nomination ever made by the Republican party for President. In 1861 he was made a Major-General, and in 1862 was in action in Kentucky and Virginia. In 1878 he was appointed Governor of Arizona. He held the position until 1881.

His later years have been spent in quiet retirement during which he devoted his life to preparing memoirs of his life.

THE BEHRING SEA.

Report That the United States Has Receded From Its Position.

LONDON, July 14.—The comments of the American press on the attitude of Great Britain in regard to the Behring sea controversy are exciting much interest in England. Whatever may be said in Washington, there is excellent authority in London for stating that the British Government did determine, and formally notified the American Government of its determination, that the proceedings which characterized the seal fishery season of 1889 would not be tolerated this year. It is true that no threats were made, but the significance of the language used could not be misunderstood.

England recognizes no analogy between the Canadian claim to exclusive fishing rights in Canadian waters and the assertion of exclusive title by America to Behring sea. The selection of Rear Admiral Holtham to command the British squadron in the North Pacific squadron was made with a view to the possible gravity of the situation, and his flagship, the Warsprite, is one of the finest vessels in the navy.

It is now stated that the United States Government has practically yielded to British representations and that, pending the decision of the Behring sea question, there will be no very serious enforcement of American claims; that the Canadian sealers which do not poach on recognized American preserves will not be pounced upon simply because they are in the disputed limits. This will avert any cause for interference by the fleet of Great Britain.

Pythian Winners.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 13.—The winners of prizes in the Knights of Pythias competitive drill were divisions representing respectively, in order, Hastings, Mich.; Erie, Kan.; Amsterdam, N. Y.; New Albany, Ind.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Fort Dearborn division, Chicago; Indianapolis, and Red Cross division, St. Louis. A number of special prizes were also awarded. The Kansas division which took the second prize won the first prize at Topeka, Kan., in May. It drilled with twenty-nine men.

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