

NERVY STOKER BREASTS SURF AND SAVES LIVES OF SHIP'S PASSENGERS

When Steamer Fort Bragg Struck and Lifeboats Capsized, August Larch Swam to Shore With Line for Breeches Buoy

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN DIEGO, Nov. 8.—The United States steamer Fort Bragg arrived here tonight with the passengers and crew of the steamer Fort Bragg, wrecked early last Friday off Palmita Point, Lower California.

How passengers and crew of the ill-fated steamer Fort Bragg were saved from death by the efforts of a stoker, who swam through the surf with a heaving line around his body, and the thrilling story of the subsequent six hour struggle to land all hands safely on the beach, was related tonight by the Fort Bragg's shipwrecked passengers.

Startling features of the disaster which came near costing the lives of 45 persons were the heroism displayed by officers and crew of the Fort Bragg, and the magnificent run of 256 miles made by the cruiser San Diego in an effort to render quick assistance.

The feat of August Larch, a fireman of the Fort Bragg, who swam through the surf with a heaving line after two lifeboats had been capsized and wrecked, was told by the passengers. Larch fought the seas for nearly an hour before he was hurled on the beach and made the line he carried fast to a rock. Over this passengers and crew rode to safety on an improvised breeches buoy.

The Fort Bragg and her cargo of hides, coffee and hardwood lumber will be a total loss. Captain Chas. Graham, master of the ill-fated ship, admitted tonight. The Fort Bragg is said to be awash almost to the top of the funnel. The bottom is reported to have been knocked into kindling wood by constant pounding against the rocky ledge on which the steamer struck, the seams have been opened wide and the craft is nothing but a useless hulk.

NOMINATIONS REJECTED Mayor Thompson Makes Appointments Not Approved by the Common Council

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Three of Mayor Thompson's nominations as members of the school board were rejected by the city council tonight. The aldermen turned down A. Sheldon Clark and Rev. J. P. Eshelman on the ground of eligibility. It is shown that they had not maintained the needed residence in the city. Charles Peterson was rejected, it was said, because of his opposition to the Teachers' Federation, which recently had been barred by the board. The aldermen confirmed the appointments of Mrs. E. Thornton, Max Leeb and Harris W. Huehl.

UNUSUALLY EARLY WINTER German Armies Said to Be Unprepared for Sudden Cold

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] ROTTERDAM, Nov. 8.—(Via London.)—Great anxiety exists in Germany, the Telegram says, because of the unusually early winter, which began October 28 with frost and a heavy snowfall in Berlin. An examination of weather records shows that severe weather has not been known as so early a date in two centuries. The Telegram says it is reported that German military authorities were found unprepared and that the armies on the eastern and southeastern fronts are not properly equipped to withstand the unexpected cold.

Red Cross Doctors and Nurses Back From War Front

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Two American Red Cross doctors and six nurses arrived in San Francisco tonight on the Japanese liner Shinyo Maru after a year of active service on the war front in Russia, Galicia and Poland. They are: Dr. A. M. Kirkham and Dr. P. H. Zinkhan, of Washington, D. C.; and Misses Marion H. Echterbach and Anna Smith, of Philadelphia; Sara Hibbert and Cora V. Johnson, of Chicago; Hattie Reinhardt, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Mabel Rich, of New York. The men, who were commissioned lieutenant colonels in the Russian army for life in recognition of their services, will return to the war zone. The young women are homeward bound to remain.

GERMANY DENIES PREPARING FALSE AMERICAN PASSPORTS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Germany in a note which reached the state department today denies flatly the testimony alleged to have been given in English courts that German authorities prepared false American passports and handed them to agents and expresses doubt that such testimony ever actually was given. The note is in reply to a letter presented by Ambassador Gerard on July 21 directing the attention of the imperial German government to statements said to have been made by

LEGISLATURE TO RELEASE CITY FUNDS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 8.—An extraordinary session of the legislature will be called November 22, to restore approximately \$2,000,000 in funds of the state and the city of Chicago which were tied up by a decision of the state supreme court last week. This announcement was made by Governor Dunne today.

SIX THOUSAND TEACHERS AT SAN DIEGO EXPO

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN DIEGO, Nov. 8.—With six thousand attending, the annual Southern California Teachers' Institute was opened at the Panama-California exposition today. The institute will be in session at the exposition until November 12. It is the largest which teachers of the southland have ever held.

Visiting teachers were this morning welcomed to the exposition by President G. A. Davidson. The first regular session was held this evening by the Teachers' Institute of Los Angeles county. This was at the great outdoor organ, where addresses on educational topics were given. A business meeting followed. The Teachers' Institute of Los Angeles city and the Joint Teachers' Institute also held opening sessions today. Tomorrow the first meeting of the California Teachers' association will be held and this meeting with those of the institutes of the cities and counties of Southern California will continue daily under the auspices of the educational department of the exposition.

Among the prominent educators who will speak during the convention are: W. A. Wirt, Dr. J. H. Plater, Mrs. Josephine Corlies Preston, O. M. Plummer, Dr. J. Ziegner-Urburu, Dr. Margaret E. Schellenberger, E. Morris Cox and Prof. H. J. Quayle.

SHIBUSAWA REACHES FRISCO. [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Baron Eichi Shibusawa, one of Japan's foremost financiers, accompanied by a corps of Japanese bankers, arrived in San Francisco today. Although he did not make known the nature of his visit, Baron Shibusawa declared that his mission did not concern an American loan to the Japanese government. The party expected to remain in San Francisco for several weeks.

ALASKAN ROAD STARTS. [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 8.—The first train over the government's Alaskan road runs today between Seward and Mile. Twenty-nine carrying passengers, mail and freight destined to the Iditarde. From Mile Twenty-nine the travelers will go into the inner by dog teams. The portion of the road placed in operation today was part of the line of the old Alaska Central, taken over by the government and rehabilitated.

MAKE PROGRESS IN DREDGING NEW CHANNEL IN CANAL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] PANAMA, Nov. 8.—The progress of the dredging operations in the new channel of the Panama canal at Galliard cut has been so satisfactory that it is now virtually assured that there will be a channel a hundred feet wide by thirty feet deep through the slide area by the middle of December. The dredges have been removing debris at a rate exceeding 1,000,000 cubic yards a month, an average of 35,000 cubic yards daily. The canal engineers say that one favorable sign is the ability of the dredges to maintain the channel they cut and that tendency of the canal bottom to bulge upward gradually is ceasing. They point out, however, that there pro-

ably is a month of dredging ahead before the waters again meet at the neck of land which is 200 feet wide and 40 feet above the water level. It is stated that while the channel probably will be open by the middle of December, the canal will not be in condition for use much before the first of the year.

JUDGE BEAN TO TAKE UP OIL CASES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 8.—United States Judge P. S. Bean of Portland will begin trial here next Wednesday of the series of oil cases from which Judge B. F. Bledsoe of Los Angeles recently dis-qualified himself. The session opened today with hearings in water suits and may last for a month.

Cases Are Continued. [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe, of the United States district court continued today the hearings of oil land fraud cases against the Southern Pacific railroad to allow the government to amend four of the six complaints. The action was objected to by the defense.

The amendments proposed were "highly technical ones to provide that lessees and innocent purchasers shall not be liable for damages should the fraud cases be decided in favor of the government," according to the application. The cases will be taken up later in Los Angeles, five days after notice is given by Judge Bledsoe.

SUCCESS CLAIMED BY AUSTRINIANS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] VIENNA, Via London, Nov. 8.—The following official communication was issued today: "Russia theater: Near Sapanow, on the Ikwa, on the Kolmin rivulet and west of Czartorysk, Russian attacks have been repulsed."

"Italian theater: On the southwest front generally continues. In the northern district of the plateau of Doberdo our troops have repulsed several enemy attacks. Severe fighting for the Col di Lana is in progress. The summit of this mountain fell into the hands of the enemy during the course of the afternoon, but was recaptured in the evening by the counter attacks of our troops. The enemy artillery opened fire against the south Riva front. "Southeastern theater: The Austro-Hungarian forces advancing on both sides of the Morava valley, ejected the enemy from positions on the heights to the north of Ivanjica. German troops are fighting on the heights south of Kralovo. Down the river, near Trtenik, our forces crossed the Morava. "Krusovac and the heights to the east of that place are in the hands of Gen. Von Gallwitz. The Bulgarian army is successfully advancing and is gaining outlets into the valley of the Leskovacz."

URGENT COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 8.—Led by Mrs. Seward A. Simons, president of the Friday Morning club of this city, a delegation of women appeared tonight at the meeting of the Los Angeles city board of education for the purpose of opposing the in-roduction of compulsory military training in the high schools of this city.

They were not given a hearing, as the question was not brought up during the session. However, the military proposal will be discussed late in the week at a meeting of the teachers and school committee. The resolution favoring military training in the high schools was introduced by Major A. J. Copp, a member of this committee. Mrs. Russell J. Waters, chairman of the committee, is opposed to the movement. About 5,000 boys in the city's high schools would be affected if the resolution favoring compulsory military training should be adopted.

NEED SCHOOL TEACHERS [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] DARIENSTEADT, Via London, Nov. 8.—The school authorities of the Grand Duchy of Hesse are resorting to an unusual measure to cope with the shortage of school teachers. They have authorized school boards in districts where Catholic teachers are lacking to permit protestant teachers to impart religious instruction to Catholics in the primary and middle grades and have given corresponding privileges to Catholic teachers in districts where protestant teachers are lacking. Instructors from the socialist gymnastic societies are to be called in to direct the calisthenic classes in the public schools when such a step becomes necessary.

LAKE DISTRICT IS PART OF CITY [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—After a twenty-nine year fight, the "District of Lake Michigan" was held to be a part of Chicago in the municipal court here today.

Since 1886 Captain George Wellington Streeter has claimed that this tract of land, built up by sand between the wreck of the little steamer Inland and the former shoreline of Lake Michigan was outside the jurisdiction of the city and the state. The land in question abuts valuable lake shore property and has been repeatedly the subject of lawsuits of more than one armed conflict between the captain and the police.

Streeter was arrested yesterday on a charge of selling 950 bottles of beer while throughout the city the Sunday closing order was in force. It was at his hearing today that the court handed down the ruling regarding jurisdiction over the district.

PARKER FOR BIG FLEET. [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 8.—Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, in an address at a banquet here today declared that the United States should build a fleet strong enough to defend the country against any attack. The Monroe doctrine, "chased by every man outside the western hemisphere," he said, was "a constant source of danger." He pointed to China as an example of unpreparedness.

PRESIDENT URGES ATTENTION TO RELIEF WORK IN BELGIUM [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—At the request of Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the commission for relief in Belgium, President Wilson has asked a number of prominent Americans to cooperate in the work of the commission in the United States. Those asked by the president are Otto T. Bannard, S. R. Bertron, Herbert S. Eldridge, A. J. Hamphill, Melville E. Stone, Oscar S. Straus and John Beaver White. In his letter of invitation the president said: "Mr. Hoover, the chairman of the commission for relief in Belgium, has approached me with regard to difficulties which have arisen in the conduct of that great humanitarian work, in which he feels he needs the support of an enlarged committee of gentlemen of large experience to co-

GREAT ER YANKEE NAVY COMING FROM PROFITS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

STOCK MEN PLEASED WITH FALL OF RAIN

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 8.—Stockmen and grain and fruit growers in this vicinity were much gratified today by a heavy fall of rain. An inch had fallen six hours after its start and tonight the rain continued. So far, this has been the driest autumn experienced in many years.

SARAH TEDFORD AGAIN CONTESTS WILL OF KEITH [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Dr. Sarah J. Tedford of Los Angeles unexpectedly reopened her contest of the will of the late John M. Keith, a wealthy oil man of San Francisco, today and created a sensation when she produced a witness in the person of Charles F. Driscoll, a Pasadena architect, who declared that Louise Keith Thomson of Los Angeles was the missing daughter of Keith, and the heiress to his fortune.

The alleged heiress, he said, came to San Francisco on the same train with himself, and was at present in this city. She said she first met Keith in North Platte, Nebraska, where the latter was conducting a restaurant, and that he knew his wife and child. Later it was stated by Dr. Tedford's attorney that Mrs. Thomson would appear in court tomorrow to be identified by several of her purported father's friends as his daughter.

In today's session altered photographs of Mrs. Thomson were identified as photographs of Keith's daughter by two witnesses besides Driscoll. They were Chas. M. Baldwin, a stockman residing in Los Angeles, and George W. Tedford, son of Dr. Tedford, who says she is Mrs. Thomson's sister-in-law. Dr. Tedford's first appearance in the case was when early in September she filed a purported holographic will, said to have been drawn by Keith a week prior to his death. In this will, Dr. Tedford was named as executress, and no mention was made of beneficiaries named in an earlier will which already had been admitted to probate. By the terms of the alleged will introduced by Dr. Tedford, Mrs. Thomson was bequeathed the entire estate.

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He informed his father of his good fortune and a second visit to the lizard's establishment added gold dust and nuggets said to be worth \$400, to the tarnished coins. The treasure had been contained in a tin can, but only small crumbled bits of this were found. There were thirty of the coins, all bearing the date 1862. Why, when or by whom the gold was buried remained a mystery.

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London Paper Publishes Full Details of American Naval Program and Says Is Only Investment of War Earnings

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Nov. 8.—The fullest details of the new American naval program yet published on this side of the ocean are given in this morning's issue of the Daily Telegraph, which in commenting on them says that "among the things the British fleet has done is to convince the people of the United States that their country requires a large navy."

"We have," the Daily Telegraph adds, "the spectacle of the greatest democracy in the world, although separated from Europe by more than three thousand miles, in such a hurry for more men of war that it has decided not even to wait for the lessons on constructions or armament which the war may teach. Moreover this decision has been reached by a party which came into power in opposition to the Rooseveltian policy of the 'big stick' and pledged itself to economy in armaments."

"The hostilities in Europe have tempered the extreme pacifism of Americans. Although already possessing a navy held by many to be second in the world, they are determined to have a still greater one. The new American ships of the line will cost over \$2,500,000 (\$17,500,000) each, the largest sum Great Britain ever spent on a single ship is about \$2,000,000 (\$10,000,000)."

"The time is not far distant when the American outlay on sea power will be as high as England's was on the outbreak of the war but it goes without saying that the Americans can well afford it—in the sense that they are only investing a portion of the profits they are making out of the war."

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Exceed by More Than Half Billion Dollars Value of the Farm Crops in 1914, Previously the Banner Year

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The nation's principal farm crops this year are worth about five and a half billion dollars, exceeding by more than half a billion their value in 1914, the previous banner year in the country's crop history. There has been an unprecedented harvest of many of the crops exceeding their best records, and high prices due to the influences of the European war have contributed to swell the total value.

Statistics announced today by the department of agriculture in its November crop report base values on prevailing November prices. Corn, with a production of 3,999,599,000 bushels, 34,000,000 bushels below the record crop—worth \$1,913,925,071, the most valuable crop ever grown. It exceeds the former biggest value crop, that of 1914, by \$190,000,000.

Wheat, with the largest production ever known in any country, 1,402,029,000 bushels, or about one-fourth of the world's wheat crop this year is worth \$32,888,939, or \$54,000,000 more than the record made in 1914.

The oats crop also was a record one, both in point of production and value. The harvest was 1,517,478,000 bushels—almost 100,000,000 bushels better than the record of 1912—and its value \$52,539,822, or \$33,000,000 more than the record value of the 1914 crop.

Barley, rye, sweet potatoes, hay and rice were record crops in point of production and tobacco almost equaled its best production. The rye and hay crops were records in point of value.

The approximate value of the barley crop is \$118,577,682; the rye, \$37,861,403; buckwheat, \$12,845,750; potatoes, \$218,425,824; sweet potatoes, \$42,456,050; hay \$87,054,890; cotton \$699,000,000; tobacco, \$105,002,550; flax seed \$3,500,534; rye \$23,312,350; apples \$184,380,480; peaches \$69,613,736, and pears \$9,275,634.

In this year's harvest the corn crop passed the three billion bushel mark for the second time, and the wheat crop crossed the one billion bushel mark for the first time. Potato prospects declined nine million bushels during October, the crop now being slated at 359,253,000 bushels. That is 4,000,000 less than last year's supply and the prospective moderate supply for winter use is reflected in the sharp advance in farm price from 47.7 cents a bushel on October 1, to 69.8 cents on Nov. 1. The November 1 price is 8 cents higher than a year ago. The crop is shorter in the northern states which grow the surplus of the late crop. The quality, too, is below the average.

PROTESTS AGAINST DETENTION. [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, has been instructed to protest to the German government against detention of the American sailing ship Pass of Balmaha, which after being seized by a British warship was captured with the prize crew aboard by a German submarine. Germany recently ordered the vessel held for prize court proceedings at Hamburg, on the ground that her transfer from Canadian to American registry after the war began was illegal. The Pass of Balmaha carried a cargo of cotton for Archangel, Russia.

RUSSIANS Fully Aware of Encumbered Road to Victory [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Times Petrograd correspondent who is visiting the Russian headquarters and has had a talk with General Alexieff, the chief of staff, and other Russian military personages, gathers from them that there is no tendency on the part of the Russians to underestimate the still encumbered road to victory.

"They realize," says the correspondent, "that the Germans have the advantage in the central position and unity of command, but that the allies have eventual advantage in numbers. Nevertheless, they consider that the struggle will be unnecessarily prolonged if numbers alone are relied on, for the Germans meanwhile, continue to wield the initiative and the allies have to remain expectantly on the watch to detect and if possible, defeat their moves."



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WRECKED BOAT ABANDONED BY UNDERWRITERS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 8.—District Attorney L. A. Liljequist today declared the wrecked steamship Santa Clara abandoned as the business men of Coos bay who were authorized to salvage her by the Northern Pacific Steamship company and the underwriters had quit work. It appeared tonight that nothing would be done relative to securing beach combers to return property unless the post-office department should step in and claim the parcel post mail which was removed by outsiders.

Many thousand dollars worth of property was secured by hundreds of people. Among the most valuable of the cargo removed was about 500 sacks of flour practically undamaged, much silverware, two hundred fountain pens jewelry and several tons of bacon. Some of the property was given to its owners after bargains had been made for salvage.

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