

VALENCIA BOARD SUBMITS REPORT

Investigation Commission Makes Recommendations.

SAFEGUARDS ARE NEEDED

Danger Spots in Puget Sound Pointed Out and Many Remedies Are Suggested.

The Federal commission appointed by the President to investigate the wreck of the steamship Valencia, last January, and to report the facts with recommendations for prevention of such affairs in future, has submitted its report. It includes a number of recommendations for securing greater security of navigation in the waters of the Pacific littoral and especially in the Puget Sound region.

Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and Herbery Knox Pierce, Deputy Commissioner of Corporations, together with Capt. William T. Burwell, commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard, made the investigation. The general facts concerning the wreck of the Valencia, a coasting vessel lying between San Francisco and the Sound country, do not need repetition, because the awful disaster is fresh in the public mind. The vessel sailed up the coast the latter part of January, lost her reckoning in a fog, and went aground, going to pieces within a hundred yards of land, yet absolutely beyond the help of willing rescuers, most of her ship's people and passengers being lost.

The facts concerning the vessel's trip, the methods of her navigators, the conduct of the efforts at rescue, etc., are entered into in great detail. In conclusion the commission recommends improvements in the Umatilla light ship; establishment of a lightship at Forty-Fathom Bank, about fourteen miles from Cape Flattery, at the entrance to the straits of Juan de Fuca; improvement in the light and fog signals at Cape Flattery, that will insure the very highest efficiency; maintenance of a first-class life-saving vessel at Neah bay, near the entrance to the straits, fully manned and with wireless telegraph equipment; a general system of wireless stations throughout this dangerous region, from Gray's Harbor around into the sound; careful studies for an extended period, of the conditions as to currents, weather, etc., in this region; enforcement of disciplinary drills on steamboats, and requirement that steamboats shall be equipped with the very best charts, etc.

DOUGHTY FIGHTERS WERE HIS CHAMPIONS THREE

Veteran of Civil War Talks of His Ideals, a Politician, a General, and a Gamecock.

Hugh Lewis, a one-armed veteran, whose civil war record is known to every old soldier in Wisconsin, has been thirty years an employe of the House Committee on Military Affairs. He is one of the old roll of honor, picked a generation ago. Wisconsin got two of the appointments, which were made for life, and it fell to Lewis by common consent. Gen. Edwin S. Bragg, then a member of the House, brought him here. Bragg had been his commander during the war, and they were warm friends.

"I never had but three champions in all my life," said Mr. Lewis. "General Bragg was one; I loved him because he was a fighter. He beat 'em all. Then La Follette; he's a fighter, and he's licked everybody in sight." "And who was the third on your championship list?" was asked. "That's a story," replied the veteran. "When I was a boy in Wales the only sport we had was cock fighting. From the time I was a small chap it was always the height of my ambition to gather up enough of the big George III pennies to buy a gamecock that would lick 'em all. It was the proudest day of my life when I got the pennies scraped together and bought the cock that I'd picked for a winner. And he did just what I wanted. He licked 'em all. He was the third of my champions. They were all fighters."

BOOKMAKERS LEAVE CITY WHILE BAKER PONTERS

District Attorney Still Investigating Law Against Gambling—Gamblers Take Special Train.

Captain Boardman, acting Chief of Police, said last night that no warrants had been issued against the bookmakers at Benning race track.

District Attorney Baker stated yesterday afternoon that he was still investigating to see if the law prohibiting gaming within the one-mile limit of the District would apply in the case of the bookmakers at Benning. The bookmakers left Washington on the special train last night. It is not believed that any of the bookmakers can be brought back to the jurisdiction if District Attorney Baker should decide that they violated the law while in the District of Columbia.

Auction Sale of Japanese Art.

An auction sale of conspicuous interest is being held at 304 F street northwest. Included in the collection are a wonderful assembly of Japanese art wares which exhibit the skill of these most artistic people of the East. There are ivory carvings, cloisonne vases, bronzes, hand-carved screens, desks, cabinets, chairs, hand embroidered screens, hand painted china and a collection of Japanese bric-a-brac rarely seen outside the larger cities. The auction is held from 11 to 6 p. m. daily and Saturday evening. The lover of artistic things can pick up many rare pieces at auction prices.

GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



MRS. WEED VICTOR BEFORE THE BOARD

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and the door was opened exactly six inches—measured by the length of a sign from the owl reporter. Mrs. Haskell was still speaking. The truth was that she had come all the way from Montana bringing with her a suit case filled with documentary evidence in the case at hand, and it was her duty to submit every scrap of this before the referee counted ten.

Contention Not Upheld.

Mrs. Haskell's argument was that Mrs. Weed was not a legal resident of the State of Montana and therefore not entitled to any office from that State.

That this contention was not accepted by the national board is evident from the fact of its vote on the report. It is held by those best able to judge that Mrs. Weed's position, one of standing for the choice of the State rather than those chapters having representatives in the congress, was vindicated in the sustaining of the present Montana State officers.

Unofficially one of the most prominent members of the board complimented Mrs. Weed on the dignity with which she had undergone a very trying ordeal. The constitutional points involved will be taken into the congress for decision, discussion and adjustment, but the personalities were settled by the board.

It should be said in justice to Mrs. Weed that hers was the motion before the board that asked that Mrs. Haskell be allowed to present her evidence before the board in full session in order to present her testimony, and the resolution of the Silver Bow chapter that declared that Mrs. Weed was not a legal resident of the State and therefore was holding office illegally.

no question of partiality should be raised no matter what the decision was. This was a most unusual request, and not only was Mrs. Haskell allowed to present her own case, but was also allowed, at Mrs. Weed's suggestion, to remain while Mrs. Weed made her answering argument while the debate was on and remain until the vote was taken.

Mrs. Haskell Not Sustained.

Then Mrs. Haskell left, and the board decided that her claim had not been sustained and the vote accepting the report was taken, thus refuting Silver Bow's assertion that Mrs. Weed was not legally entitled to be an officer from that State. Just before the vote was taken Mrs. Weed spoke to the board, emphasizing the fact that in adopting the report it sustained her legally in her three years of office.

The Stately Delegate.

Just when everything was going fine, and it seemed as if the whole story would leak out through those six inches, a tall, stately delegate—she must have been a delegate or something, for otherwise she never could have been inside the boardroom—came out and asked if there were any reporters present. Seeing in the dim distance a suspicion of an official statement as to just what was being done beyond the fastness, the reply came quick and chipper, that there were a few lying around loose.

"Then I should like to say," said the stately delegate, "that the board requests that nothing be printed about tonight's meeting."

Then it was true, ah, too true. There was something going on. Back into the mysterious chamber went the delegate, and in a few minutes the six inches of door space was no more. The cavity was filled with six inches of door. Filled again, and

WASHINGTON WOMAN'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 14.—It was decided by the authorities tonight to disinter the body of Mrs. Mary Mytinger, who died here Thursday and was buried yesterday, owing to peculiar circumstances surrounding her death. An analytical examination of the stomach will be made to find the cause of her death. Mrs. Mytinger came here from Washington, D. C., with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burger, March 30, and boarded. They later rented rooms where Mrs. Mytinger died.

The evening before people living in adjoining rooms discovered the old lady in a stupor and notified a physician. The latter gave his opinion that she died of morphine poisoning. Mrs. Mytinger's husband was employed in the United States Treasury Department for more than thirty years.

The city directory gives the address of Caroline Mytinger, clerk in Navy Department, 192 Thirteenth street northwest, and May W. Mytinger, 1843 Fourteenth street northwest. The address of Alfred Burger is not given.

Two thirsty, bibulous citizens stood on a Grand river avenue corner. They peered about cautiously. "S-sh! Is anybody lookin'?" asked one. "Naw," said the other briefly. Then they bolted for the back entrance of the saloon.

It was St. Patrick's day—and they thought it was a legal holiday.

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Remains of Miss Wood Are Still in Potomac

Despite Indefatigable Search on Part of Earnest Hunters Body Has Not as Yet Been Recovered From the River.

At a late hour last night the body of Miss Elizabeth Wood, who was drowned near Dixie Landing, Va., Friday, had not been recovered. Harbor-master Sutton stated last night that his men had dragged for the body for eleven hours but failed to find it. When darkness came the searchers abandoned the hunt and returned to the Harbor precinct. At 8 o'clock this morning the search will be resumed by the crew of the boat under command of Sergeant Dean. The police say that the strong current at the scene of the drowning makes it almost impossible for them to locate the body.

The Georgetown University student who was in the canoe Saco at the time it capsized and Miss Wood was drowned, offered a reward of \$50 for the recovery of the body. It is believed that since the reward has been offered a number of boatmen will go to the scene of the drowning and search for the body.

Late yesterday afternoon relatives of the young woman and George Rex Frye, keep from colliding.

Yesterday afternoon only three boats were on the scene, one from the Harbor precinct, one manned by young Frye and a cousin of the drowned woman, and one in charge of a representative from The Times. Grappling irons were furnished each man in charge of the boats, and the search continued until it was too dark for the rowers to keep from colliding.

GUARD OF HONOR TO ESCORT LIEUT. KELLY'S REMAINS

A detail of policemen under Capt. T. Brook Amis, and representatives of the Elks, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Jolly Fat Men, will escort the remains of former Lieutenant of Police John F. Kelly to their final resting place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery tomorrow morning. The services will take place at the family residence, 1233 North Capitol street northeast, at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. A. L. ECKHARDT

The funeral services over the late Mrs. Annie Laura Eckhardt, wife of Cornelius Eckhardt, mayor of Kensington, Md., who died yesterday morning after a lingering illness, will be held on Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. at the family residence in Kensington. Interment will be private and will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Lieutenants Byrnes and Sullivan will be two of the pallbearers, and the others will be selected by Acting Superintendent of Police Boardman this afternoon.

Mrs. Eckhardt was a native of Washington, having been born here July 20, 1864. About six years ago Mayor Eckhardt moved to Kensington, where the family have since resided. Mrs. Eckhardt was a singer of note and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS BOUGHT TWENTY-THREE MEN

MILWAUKEE, April 14.—Former Supervisor Edward F. Strauss, in the trial of Assemblyman Fred Hartung yesterday, charged with accepting a bribe of \$1,500 in connection with a plumbing contract in the county hospital, testified that the \$1,500 was divided among twenty-three members of the board.

She was the daughter of the late Henry and Christine Kaiser, of this city, and a sister of Capt. Julius A. Kaiser, U. S. N. Her husband and five daughters—Amy C., Fina H., Christina G., Dorothy B., and Sarah Jane—survive her.

WORSE. "Does he use tobacco in any form?" "No; but he smokes Turkish cigarettes."—American Spectator.

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