

STEAMER GOES DOWN; OVER FIFTY DROWNED

Excursion Boat Primus and Hamburg-American Tug Meet on River Elbe With Terrible Loss of Life--Passengers Saved by Passing Boats.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Hamburg, July 21.—The excursion steamer Primus sank in collision with the Hamburg-American tug Hansa early this morning. The Primus was from Buxehude and had 185 passengers aboard, including the Elberker Male Choral society.

The Hansa struck the steamer at about 12:30 this morning in the river between Blankenese and Neinstedten. The Primus was cut in two and sank immediately. The loss of life is between fifty and sixty. Most of the passengers were picked up by passing boats. The place where the collision occurred is one of the widest parts of the Elbe river, and is between fifty and twenty miles down from Hamburg.

London, July 21.—The Lloyds' agent at Hamburg sent the following telegram to his office here this morning:

"The Hamburg-American tug Hansa, while going down the river at midnight, collided with the excursion steamer Primus. The latter sank and about sixty were drowned.

MANSFIELD AND CANTON TO BE WEDDED BY TROLLEY

Company Incorporated in Columbus to Build Inter-Urban Between the Two Cities Via Wooster and Intermediate Towns.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Columbus, July 21.—The Mansfield, Wooster & Canton Traction company of Mansfield, was incorporated today, with a capital stock of \$10,000, by George W. Billman, J. M. Downley, Morris S. Abel, George H. Taylor, John H. Dynes and John W. Sigler.

They will build an electric railway connecting Mansfield with Canton, by way of Wooster and intermediate towns, passing through the counties of Wayne and Stark.

None of the Canton electric railway men have any knowledge of this company, which has been organized in Mansfield. No local names appear among the incorporators.

The route between the terminal points would cover a distance of 60 miles and would give Canton another electric line of importance. A direct route will bring the road through Massillon, as Mansfield and Wooster are directly west of this city. It is apparent that Canton will be a great electric railway center if all the lines projected are built.

MAYOR TOM REFUSES TO RECEIVE DICTATION

Resents Action of Ohio Democrats in Urging Concessions to Cuyahoga Telephone Company--Canton Men Sent Messages.

CANTON politicians, who are supposed to have influence with Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, and who are incidentally interested in the independent telephone lines of Canton, were among about fifty other Democrats of prominence over the state, who telegraphed to Cleveland's mayor Saturday urging him to do all he could for the independent telephone system of that city, which is asking concessions in the way of a modified franchise permitting higher rates. It is claimed that at present prices the company is losing money.

The Hon. John C. Welty, chairman of the county executive committee, R. S. Shields and Fred Herbruck were among those who sent messages to the Cleveland executive.

Mayor Tom did not take kindly to this scheme. He read a part of the telegrams and left the balance unopened. In discussing the matter he said:

"I don't like that way of doing business," the mayor said. "It looks as if they had a weak point, and was trying to strengthen their case through political pull. It doesn't help their point a bit."

EXCAVATING HAS BEGUN

On Site of Open Hearth Furnace and Blooming Mill.

CONSTRUCTION MEN ARE ON THE GROUND

All Sub-Contracts are to be Closed This Week--Work to be Pushed With Large Force.

Contracts for the excavations for the new open hearth furnace and blooming mill to be built near the Berger works will be let this week. Engineer Buetner, of Pittsburg, who has drawn up the plans, has sent an assistant to Canton and work commenced Monday morning on the erection of an engineer's office and tool house.

The contract has been closed for the purchase of the ten acre tract adjacent to the Berger works. It was owned by Alvin Hurford. The open hearth furnace and blooming mill will be built upon this land, and it will be so situated that the products of both can be sent to the Carnahan works and the roofing establishment without additional handling.

The work of building will be rushed as rapidly as possible. Ordinarily the building of such a plant would require a year, but contracts have been let and bonuses offered that may induce those having charge of the work to complete the work within less than nine months. The building and equipment will cost half a million dollars and a large force of men will be employed in the work. The furnace and mill will both be completed by April 1, when from 300 to 400 additional laborers will find employment at lucrative wages.

The arrangements with the Cleveland blast furnace people by which pig metal can be secured, will place this new industry on an independent basis and allow it to produce its products at a cost much below what manufacturers are compelled to pay to the trust furnaces. Canton will be on a basis that will make it a greater iron center than ever before, as an open hearth furnace is what has been needed to place the factories here on a level with their competitors in other cities. Not only will the Berger works and Carnahan plant be bene-

fited, but every other establishment in Canton that manufactures iron products will feel the effect of the home production. Should the furnace capacity be doubled, as is contemplated, Canton would indeed be a factor in the iron world.

BOUND WATCHMAN AND BLEW THE SAFE

Masked Burglars Make a \$2,000 in New York State Railway Office.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Port Chester, N. Y., July 21.—Five masked men entered the office of the New York and Stamford railway at day break this morning, blew open the safe and got away with \$2,000, yesterday's receipts.

They gagged the watchman, then used explosives, and when the noise brought other employes of the railway, they held them at bay and made their escape.

Roosevelt Roundly Upbraided For the Discharge of Gen. Smith.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The Army and Navy Journal, recognized by the war department as a semi-official publication, commenting upon the president's action in retiring Gen. Jacob H. Smith, says:

"Eliminating the personal equation entirely, we regard the president's action in this case not only as unjust but as unwise and unfortunate. It will be construed by the anti-imperialists as a plea of guilty to all their charges against the army and its probable result will be to bring an outburst of abuse against military establishment."

VIOLATION

Of Civil Service Law Charged Against Secretary Root.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, July 21.—Rebecca J. Taylor, the war department clerk who was recently dismissed for criticizing President Roosevelt in public prints, brought suit in mandamus today in the supreme court of the District of Columbia to compel Secretary of War Root to reinstate her.

Justice Hager issued a rule on the secretary returnable July 28, to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be granted. Miss Taylor's case has attracted considerable attention, inasmuch as it has been alleged that her dismissal was a violation of the civil service law.

UNDER CAR WHEELS.

East Liverpool, July 21.—James Delaney, of this city, was killed while attempting to steal a ride on a freight train from Salineville to East Liverpool, Sunday night about 10 o'clock. His body was picked up a short distance from the C & P. passenger station at Salineville.

NAVAL FIGHT

Between Insurgent and Government Vessels in Panama Harbor.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, July 21.—The secretary of the navy has received the following dispatch, dated Panama, July 20, from Commander Potter, of the Ranger:

"Slight engagement has taken place between the insurgents and the government vessels in Panama bay. I have notified the insurgent vessel that the bombardment of the city or the anchorage cannot be permitted."

Consul General Guder, at Panama, cables state department under date of yesterday that the fighting is going on in the harbor between insurgent boats, Padella and Gyra and the government forces.

HANNA RENIGS

Will Not Support Cox-Nash Plan.

IT IS IMPRACTICABLE

To Have Governor Appoint Police Boards of the Various Cities, Senator From Ohio Says.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Columbus, July 21.—Senator Hanna, who at first approved the plan adopted by Governor Nash at the suggestion of George B. Cox to have the governor appoint a police board for each city in the state has now abandoned the scheme as one that cannot be put through the legislature. A leading member of the legislature who is here today says he talked with Senator Hanna last week and that the senator said the Cox-Nash police board plan would not do. The senator, however, will, under no circumstances, consent to the mayor appointing the police board but will insist upon a non-partisan board to be selected by some other means than appointment by the mayor.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

East Ohio Branch of United Brethren Church to Meet in Louisville.

The annual conference of the East Ohio branch of the United Brethren church will convene in Louisville on September 17, and will last four days. Bishop Mills, of Annapolis, Pa., who took a leading part in the recent convention of the Young People's Christian union in this city, will preside at the convention.

Most of the sessions will be of a business nature and it is expected that there will be a large number of preachers present from this district. Rev. Brewbaker, of the United Brethren church, of Canton, will attend.

WORKMEN'S VICTORY

Result of Columbus Conference

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Columbus, July 21.—President Shaffer and the other representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers who were here attending a conference with officials of the tin plate mills, left the city in high spirits.

It is stated that while concessions were made by both sides that the men were granted an increase in wages in many instances. This information was given out in a general way, it being explained that a detailed statement would be impracticable.

AMATEUR

Footpads Stop Wrong Man--One Dead, Others Caught.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Chicago, July 21.—In a revolver fight with two alleged hold-up men at 4 o'clock this morning, Robert E. McMahon, a special policeman at the Auditorium annex, killed one and captured the other.

The first fight occurred at the entrance of the alley back of the hotel and was followed by a chase and running fight down the alley. The highwaymen were lurking in the alley and mistook the officer for a prospective victim.

The wounded robber was identified as Mack Ray, a stevedore. The dead man is Frank Murphy, a barkeeper. Both men were out of work and proposed a "hold-up." This was their first experience in the business.

SENTENCE

Will Not be Passed on Sarah Robinson This Week.

Judge Ralph S. Ambler, in whose hands rests the fate of Sarah Robinson, the negro murderess, stated Monday that he would not pass sentence upon the convicted woman before Monday of next week.

He has already heard oral testimony since the plea of guilty has been entered, and as there are some affidavits yet to be filed by the defense in the hopes of mitigating the crime in the eyes of the jurist, the sentence has been suspended for the present.

FARMING INCREASES SAYS CENSUS BUREAU

Flattering Figures Developed in Announcement of Statistics of 1900.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, July 21.—The statistics on agriculture in the United States, announced by the census bureau today show a large increase in this industry during the past ten years. The number of farms has increased more than a million, being now 5,738,657.

Total acreage has advanced from 623,000,000 in 1890 to 841,000,000 in 1900 and the total value of farm property from \$15,822,267,639 to \$20,514,001,838. The total value of farm products reported for 1899 was more than four billion dollars, as compared with two billion and a half for 1889.

The bureau states that the number of farms is now nearly four times what it was fifty years ago, while their value is more than five times as great.

OFFICES HAVE BEEN SHIFTED

The McKinley Memorial Headquarters Transferred to Canton.

LARGER QUARTERS WILL BE NECESSARY

And Will be Secured as Soon as Possible -- Souvenirs for People Who Contributed to be Ready Soon.

The working headquarters of the National McKinley Memorial association are now permanently located in Canton. Acting Secretary Hartzell closed up the Cleveland office Saturday afternoon and transferred all the papers and records of the office to Canton.

This course was decided upon some time ago and the first intention was to make the transfer on July 1, but this has been delayed on account of the large amount of business which it was found necessary to close up from the Cleveland office.

The change will necessitate more commodious quarters in the Canton office. Secretary Hartzell is making an endeavor to secure additional office room in the building which is now occupied by the association in the Whiting and Poyser block.

The furniture and records from the Cleveland office were shipped to Canton on Saturday, but have not yet arrived. As soon as the necessary quarters are secured the furniture will be installed.

With the removal of the Cleveland office, Ryerson Ritchies, who now merely holds the title of secretary to the association as a handle to his name, took a small office in Cleveland and placed the sign of the association on the door. None of the business of the association will be transacted there, however.

Under the present arrangement it will be necessary for Secretary Hartzell to make weekly trips to Cleveland for the purpose of checking up with Myron T. Herrick, the treasurer of the association.

The work of the association from the present time to the completion of the memorial to President McKinley will be conducted in the Canton office.

Work is now being done in preparation for the sending out of the souvenirs to the people who contributed to the memorial fund. The souvenirs are being engraved by the Tiffany company in New York but are not yet ready for distribution. Secretary Hartzell estimates that no souvenirs will be ready until September 1.