

WERE UNFIT FOR USAGE

Testimony Given Before Coroner's Inquest Yesterday Shows Preservers Were Rotten.

THE DEATH LIST NEARLY 900

Thirty-seven Bodies Were Taken From Water Yesterday—78 Have Been Identified.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 22.—That the ill-fated steamer General Slocum had no life-preservers aboard less than nine years ago was admitted by counsel of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company at the inquest to-day, Miss Hill, the book-keeper of the company, had testified concerning several bills for preservers, in which she had erased the name Grand Republic, the sister ship of the Slocum, and substituted that of the latter. Notwithstanding this, counsel for the company said they would make the admission as to the age of the bills, as they were unable to prove to the contrary. Evidence was also brought out that the United States inspectors did not examine the fire hose and standpipes and that the preservers were not in good condition. Although a week had elapsed since the steamer went to destruction on North Brother Island, the bodies of its victims continue to be found in the waters adjacent to the scene of the disaster. To-day thirty-seven came to the surface, making the total number recovered 833. Of these, 778 had been identified. Despite the fact that the police are bending every energy towards getting a complete list of those who went on the ill-fated excursion, definite figures as to the numbers missing cannot be given. From present indications, however, it is apparent that the death roll will total nearly a thousand. To-morrow, one hundred policemen who speak German, will make a day's work to-day, and the purpose of verifying the list of missing.

YESTERDAY'S INQUEST.

Evidence Brought Out Shows Life Preservers Were Worn Out.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 22.—William W. Tremble, a deck hand on the Slocum, testified at the inquest to-day that no fire hose did not work in the engine room during the fire on the Slocum, and that he saw holes in several of twenty preservers which he threw to passengers struggling in the water. Rev. George Schultz, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, of Erie, Pa., who was on the Slocum, said he took a life preserver before jumping from the steamer, but when he held it the weight of the preserver broke the strap, and he threw it away. During the trial, the witness said that he saw one of the crew, and that he saw holes in several of twenty preservers which he threw to passengers struggling in the water.

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OF BUYING PIANOS. Thomas A. Ryan, a waiter, said he saw the steward a life preserver. He was asked: "Yes, sir; but he had a big bag of money in his hand, and that weighed him down." Maria B. Ehtrengs, who was taken from the steamer by a boat, said that one of her daughters, who was rescued, had a life preserver when she was taken from the water. The inquest was then adjourned for the day.

CIRCUS IN TOWN.

Harris's Nickle-Plate Shows Delighting Large Crowds.

The world famous Harris Nickle Plate Shows arrived in the city yesterday morning from Fredericksburg and pitched tents at the corner of Main and Vine Streets. The show grounds were crowded all day with visitors. The parade feature was abandoned on account of the late arrival of the show train. The day was an ideal one for circus purposes, warm and bright, and the crowds at both performances yesterday were very large. The Harris circus is the premier among the good, old-fashioned, one-ring shows that are now on the road. The performance is all given directly with variety and originality. The quantity is made up in quality. The show has a reputation made in the twenty-four years of its history as the best circus in the country. Popular price circuses to maintain and is maintaining it. At the performance yesterday the variety was varied with prolonged applause, and the large crowds that took advantage of the occasion were more than satisfied.

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away at 4 o'clock this morning, in the fifty-ninth year of his age, at the residence of his son, Thomas B. Whaley, of No. 24 Boardwalk, Norfolk, which illness of more than three months. He was the senior member of the commission firm of Whaley, Whaley & Co., headed by Ed. Millette, in the most daring and original trapeze performance ever seen here. He was lost in a white standing upright on his head and swinging from one side of the tent to the other on the trapeze, his feet in the air, and his arms outstretched. He was much sang-froid as most people at the table on the solid ground. Master Trapp, the five-year-old Boston standing rider, and little Elsie, with her educated pony, pleased the children. Professor Hall's troupe of educated clowns and comedians, including "Hezekiah," the kicking mule, combined to make an excellent performance. There will be two more performances to-day, when the show moves over to the park and back to the city, Monday for Friday and Saturday.

Clerk Brydon Here.

Mr. Robert Brydon, clerk of the Danville City Council, is in the city, and was a caller on the Danville faces of all when they returned last night indicated they had a fine time. Trinity Sunday school will go down to the park this morning, and the regular afternoon special will leave over the Southern at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

OBITUARY.

William J. Whaley.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., June 22.—William J. Whaley, a widely known and highly respected citizen of Portsmouth, passed

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BLAIR AND RYAN TO RETIRE

The \$5,000,000 of Three-Year Collateral Trust Bonds to be Retired.

Mr. John Skelton Williams, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seaboard Air Line, left Tuesday night for New York and could not therefore be seen yesterday with reference to the rumors that important developments in the affairs of the railway are pending.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN.

The Seaboard was constantly increasing its earnings, and that it was the aim of the stockholders and directors always to bring about "development" would result in benefit to the road.

MINISTER ORDAINED.

Interesting Exercises at Grace Street Church Last Night.

Ordination services were held in the Grace Street Baptist Church last night, when Rev. Thomas McCaul was set apart to the ministry.

RICHMOND MAN VICTIM OF CROOKED CARD DEAL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ST. LOUIS, June 22.—C. B. Wilkison, a World's Fair visitor from Richmond, to-day reported to the police that he had been fleeced of \$10 by "cappers" in a spidie game on the big Mississippi River excursion steamer named Corwin H. Spencer.

PLAYERS STILL BELONG TO CLUB WHO SIGNED THEM

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 22.—From a decision reached by the members of the National Baseball Commission, at a meeting here to-day, it would seem that the rule in national agreement adopted at the peace conference between the members of the "farming" of players of minor leagues, is a misnomer.

MURDERER CAPTURED, BUT THOUGHT TO BE DEMENTED

(By Associated Press.) LYONS, N. Y., June 22.—Jerome Dornand, a farm hand, who in charge of David Esbon Snyder, and with murderously assaulting Minerva McLaughlin in Arcadia on the night of the murder, was captured here to-day and was arrested.

KING EDWARD HOLDS LAST COURT OF SEASON

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 22.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra held the last court of the season at Buckingham Palace to-night, and the diplomatic corps were well represented.

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PATERSON FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$500,000

(By Associated Press.) PATERSON, N. J., June 22.—A loss that is conservatively estimated at \$500,000 was caused by fire which occurred in the lumber plant of the Van Hook Lumber Company, corner of Fulton and Straight Streets, early today.

MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING.

Circumstances Point to a Foul Murder in East Durham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DURHAM, N. C., June 22.—Ernest Wain, an employee of the Durham Lumber Co., is mysteriously missing. He worked in the mill Saturday, June 19th, and was seen that night in the mill. He did not carry away his clothing. These are still at the mill. He did not get his final pay from the mill.

ANNUAL REGATTA OPENS AT KIEL, PRUSSIA

(By Associated Press.) KIEL, PRUSSIA, June 22.—The regatta opened to-day. The weather was clear, but not without the unfortunate conditions, the harbor presented an animated appearance. Emperor William arrived this afternoon, accompanied by Prince Henry of Prussia, and was welcomed by a royal salute from the fleet.

UNIVERSAL TOBACCO CO. WILL BE DISSOLVED

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 22.—A meeting of the Universal Tobacco Company, held in Jersey City to-day, it was decided to dissolve the company, those voting in favor of the dissolution representing 67-2/3 shares, and those against 10 shares. The company is incorporated in a state in Brooklyn, N. Y. It was decided to sell the company's brands of tobacco at auction.

SHOT WOMAN AND HIMSELF; SHE WOULD NOT MARRY HIM

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 22.—Frank Shannon, a bar-tender, because his persistent proposals of marriage to Mrs. Bridget Lee, a widow and proprietress of a saloon in Brooklyn, were refused, shot and killed her to-day. He then blew out his brains with the same revolver.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON YACHT IN N. Y. BAY

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 22.—The yacht on which an explosion occurred in the bay, early this morning was owned by Albert Ackie, a rigger, of Brooklyn. The owner and Charles Johnson, a storekeeper, were on board and were killed.

Anti-Hearst People Make Fight.

(By Associated Press.) DULUTH, MINN., June 22.—The Hearst forces captured the anti-Hearst organization in the State Democratic Convention for the selection of delegates to the National Convention to-day by a vote of 457 to 40, and it was expected they would be strong enough to instruct the delegation to their candidate. But at a late hour to-night the anti-Hearst forces were making a vigorous fight, and the chances appeared to be about even.

Populists to Join Bryan.

(By Associated Press.) FREMONT, NEB., June 22.—The resolution introduced by Senator Allen in the Populist State Convention last night is generally admitted to favor fusion with the Democratic national ticket, should W. J. Bryan secure control of the party. Populist ticket, however, in case the anti-Bryan wing is victorious.

PORT ARTHUR NOT OPEN.

Japanese Deny That Entrance Has Been Closed—Ships Denied of Guns.

(Special London Times Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright 1904.) TOKYO, June 22.—Reports received from Chinese sources state that, despite reports to the contrary, the Russians have not succeeded in clearing the entrance to Port Arthur, and that when the cruiser Novik made her appearance a few days ago she was towed out by tug.

Coal for the Baltic Fleet.

(Special London Times Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright 1904.) SEBASTOPOL, June 22.—Reports arrive here daily for the navy, and fully fifty thousand tons are already in storage. It is the intention to eventually ship all of this coal to the far East for use by the Baltic fleet, when it goes to the front.

Firing Back of Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.) CHEFOO, June 22.—A steamer which passed within three miles of Liao Tsi Shan yesterday reported that the big guns on both sides were firing at each other to-day.

Personals and Briefs.

The Rev. Dr. Mollwain, who recently resigned as president of the Hampton-Sidney College, is the guest of Dr. W. W. Dunn, No. 1000 North Street.

The Rev. Dr. J. D. Huffman, of Henderson, N. C., is spending a few days in the city. Dr. Huffman is a member of the Baptist Church of North Carolina for nearly half a century.

George A. Lyons, volunteer general organizer of the National Progressive Party, was in the city to-day. He is a member of the party and is expected to be a delegate to the national convention.

Mr. O. L. Schweitzer left here a few days ago for Goshen, Va., to accept a position in the Goshen Iron and Coal Company.

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