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SEAWARD TEES OF SEA DISASTER

Quartermaster of Rosecrans Floats to Shore on Plank After Five Hours.

Astoria, Ore., January 8.—How the seaman of the oil tank steamer Rosecrans met death after the vessel dashed ashore at the mouth of the Columbia River yesterday morning was told to-night by Fred Peters, the quartermaster, who drifted ashore on a plank at Tioga. Captain Peters, Captain Johnson, of the Rosecrans, remained to the last at his post in the pilot-house, directing and cheering his crew, although he was suffering from a broken leg.

There were eight men on duty at the time of the disaster, and twenty-eight men were in their berths. The night was a wild one, but it was decided by the officer in command that it would not be too hazardous to attempt the entrance into the Columbia. In the storm and rain, the man at the wheel, according to Peters, mistook the north headlight for the lightship, which is anchored off the Columbia, and steered the vessel upon the rocks.

"The backbone of the Rosecrans was broken, and there was nothing to do but to wait," Peters said. "Efforts to launch the lifeboats were futile. The wind and waves broke them from their lashings before any of the crew could man them. The men waited calmly for the death that appeared inevitable. Captain Johnson stood at his post, directing the crew, although his leg had been broken by a falling spar."

Peters had just talked with Captain Johnson when a big wave washed over the ship, carrying him overboard. He grasped a floating plank and rode it for five hours before he finally drifted ashore.

MUST ARBITRATE OR VOTE ON STRIKE

Their Demands Refused, Firemen Face Final Break With Railroads.

New York, January 8.—To arbitrate or take a strike vote was the alternative to-night confronting representatives of 1,600 firemen on city railroads. Managers of the railroads rejected this afternoon the firemen's proposal to arbitrate under the Erdman law their demands for increased pay and other concessions. Instead, the railroads made two counterpropositions:

First, to meet with the firemen's representatives and appoint an arbitration committee of seven.

Second, to follow the precedent set in the case of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and refer the demands to a tribunal of seven men, one each to be appointed by the parties concerned and the other five to be named by the Federal Labor Commission, the presiding judge of the Commerce Court and the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The railroads objected to having the demands arbitrated under the Erdman law chiefly because three men would settle the controversy. This, they thought, applied too great responsibility upon the one man who would cast the deciding vote.

None of the fifty district leaders of the firemen's union cared this afternoon to forecast the next move.

The firemen's demands call for an addition of \$3,000,000 to the annual payroll.

ELECT BANK OFFICERS

Directors Choose Walter T. Davis Chairman of Mechanics' Savings Bank.

The directors of the Mechanics' Savings Bank, the colored institution at Third and Clay streets, last night elected Walter T. Davis, formerly paying teller, to be cashier, vice Thomas H. Wyatt, who resigned to become cashier of the Anglo-American Finance Company, which will begin business within the next two weeks.

A. V. Morrell was made paying teller and Leroy Rasland advanced to the position of branch manager. John Mitchell, Jr., was re-elected president; Thomas H. Wyatt, vice-president, and Thomas M. Crump, secretary.

The gross deposits for the year 1912 were more than \$1,000,000, the year having been the most prosperous in the history of the institution.

The stockholders at their annual meeting, which preceded night, elected the following directors: John Mitchell, Jr., H. E. Jonathan, R. W. Whitting, Thomas H. Wyatt, D. Chasen, John F. Taylor, R. Smith, Thomas M. Crump, J. J. Carter, A. B. Price, B. B. Ramsey, W. E. Graham and John R. Chiles.

It is expected that the Anglo-American Finance Corporation, of which John Mitchell, Jr., is also president, will open for business within the next two weeks. The corporation will acquire the third floor of the Mechanics' Savings Bank building.

BANQUET NEW PASTORS

Older Methodist Ministers Honor Newcomers of Norfolk.

The Methodist ministers recently appointed to churches in this city by the annual conference in Roanoke were tendered a banquet at the Hotel by the other pastors of the denomination in this city, who have served their charges for one year or more.

Rev. H. E. Maxwell, D. D., president of Randolph-Macon College; Rev. Sidney J. Peters and Rev. James Cannon, D. D., were the especially invited guests of the occasion. The Rev. Ernest Stevens, pastor of Trinity Church, acted as toastmaster.

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FIGHTING GLANDERS

State Veterinarian Finds It Decreasing in Norfolk.

Glanders, a disease which existed to a considerable extent in Norfolk for some time is now being eliminated. In the opinion of State Veterinarian H. P. Ferry, though, who was in the city last night, it has been a hard fight, but, as he told the Board of Control and Industrial Commission of that city Tuesday, it has proven successful.

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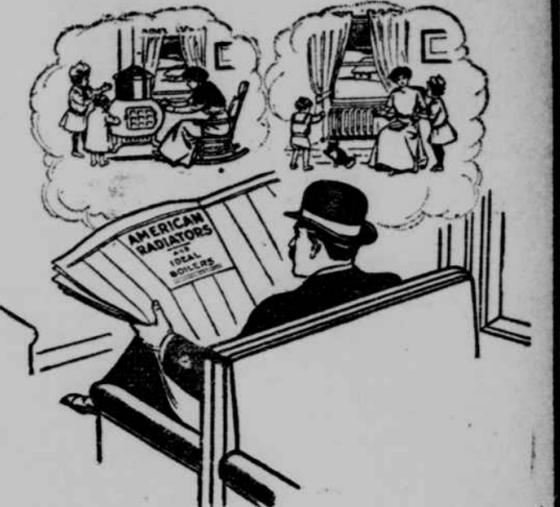
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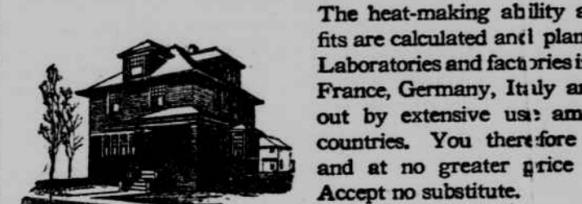
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OFFICERS ATTACKED; PRISONER RELEASED

Sheriff and Deputy Marshal Are Bound Together With Their Own Handcuffs.

ONE IS TERRIBLY BEATEN Had Captured "Moonshiner" When Set Upon by His Friends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winston Salem, N. C., January 8.—After destroying a blockade distillery and arresting one man, Mack Todd, in a cave in the mountains of Surry County, Sheriff Davis and Deputy Marshal S. K. Harkrader were en route to Dobson jail last night with their "moonshiner" prisoner when they were held up and attacked in the dark by a dozen men, friends of Todd. A pitched battle followed, pistols, rocks and sticks being used. Sheriff Davis and Deputy Marshal Harkrader were

TAFT WITHHOLDS PROTEST AGAINST BANKING FACTS CONSOLIDATION

(Continued From First Page.) Murray said with practically the same organization as the banks. He said these companies, being organized under the laws of the States, were not under the jurisdiction of his department.

Warning From Shaw. Washington, January 8.—An emphatic warning from former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw that a central reserve bank such as proposed by the National Monetary Commission would be controlled absolutely by Wall Street, and a technical discussion by Professor J. K. Luce, of the University of Chicago, of the operation of proposed divisional reserve banks, featured to-day's hearing before the Glass subcommittee of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

The committee will hear no more bankers and economic experts for the present at least. Representative business men of various sections of the country are next on the list of those to be heard on their views on currency reform. D. J. Endy, of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive committee of the National Credit Men's Association, and others will be examined tomorrow.

COMMISSION TO GATHER LATER

Awaiting Final Report of Rules Committee Before Holding First Annual Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) The meeting of the Amateur Commission scheduled for tomorrow night has been called off to await the report of the rules committee. That body has not been able to complete its work and as a large part of the business to be transacted by the commission will be consideration of the proposed changes in the rules, the meeting has been postponed. As soon as the committee completes its work President H. H. Will call a meeting.

ARRIVE IN BUENOS AYRES.

Cook and Wilson Will Bring Back Abolition of Sunday Closing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., January 8.—A cablegram from Buenos Ayres, received here this evening, announced the safe arrival of John R. Cook, clerk of the Supreme Court, and William S. Wilson, agent of the Illinois Surety Company, who set out from New York on December 11 to bring back William Paylor, absconding city treasurer, charged with embezzlement of \$2,000 of State funds. The message states that Paylor has been positively identified by Cook, who has been positively identified by Wilson, who has been positively identified by Cook, who has been positively identified by Wilson, who has been positively identified by Cook.

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