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HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST

Ship Sinks Suddenly Entering Golden Gate Harbor.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23.—The Pacific Mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate early this morning in a dense fog, and sank in a few minutes. It is thought that nearly 150 persons were drowned, but it is impossible to ascertain the exact number, owing to the fact that Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is among the missing. At 5 p. m. ten bodies had been recovered, two white women, one white man and seven Chinese. The most prominent passenger was Rounseville Wildman, United States Consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. It is thought all were drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan, when she struck. He was rescued. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23.—The Pacific Mail company estimated tonight that 208 people were aboard the Rio Janeiro. Of these seventy-seven were saved and 131 lost, thirty-nine of whom were whites, the remainder Asiatics.

Late tonight the body of Julia Dorchman, the stewardess, was recovered. The fate of Consul Wildman was settled by Mrs. West, one of the rescued passengers. She says she saw all the Wildman family, except one child, in a boat alongside the steamer. Just as the steamer sank one of the masts fell, cutting the boat in twain and sinking it. None of the Wildmans were seen after that.

From a story told tonight by Mrs. West it is plain Capt. Ward of the Rio Janeiro committed suicide. She said on the voyage over he declared that if anything ever happened to the vessel he would commit suicide.

The Cuban Constitution.

Havana, Feb. 23.—Nothing definite has been decided upon regarding the question of future relations.

Many of the delegates assembled in the convention hall this afternoon to talk over the matter informally.

Most of them seem to be impressed with the conviction that if the convention stood out vigorously for absolute independence the United States congress would support them.

The special committee on relations has instructed its secretary, Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez to draw up a proposition and submit it to the committee tomorrow. This proposition will, it is understood, deal with the issue in three leading divisions:

1. That Cuba shall not be made the base of war operations against the United States.
 2. That the commercial treaty with the United States shall embody as far as possible free trade between the countries.
 3. That no foreign treaties shall be made jeopardizing the independence of Cuba.
- The special committee considers that the danger of contracting loans she might be unable to pay had been guarded against in the Constitution. Instructions on this point and the others were given to Senor Gomez in the form of notes and suggestions. It is understood that the question of naval stations was not mentioned.

The committee will report Monday at an executive session of the convention.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED

Supplemental Treaty With the Indians Approved by Secretary.

Washington, Feb. 23.—After a protracted conference between the secretary of the interior, Mr. Breckenridge of the Dawes commission and the attorney for the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes of Indians, the supplemental agreement with these Indians has finally been disposed of, and the treaty will be sent to congress in a day or two. The treaty is a complete substitute for the first treaty, covering all points heretofore agreed upon. The only amendments adopted were in relation to the provision giving the Dawes commission plenary power to close the rolls and practically ruling out the secretary. The agreement reached on this point provides for the closing of the rolls on Sept. 1, but allows final proof to be filed until Dec. 15, in exceptional cases and gives the secretary the power to approve the rolls finally.

The treaties with the Creeks and Cherokees will not be presented to the senate until after the appropriation bills have been disposed of. It is learned that the committee in amending the treaties had decided to report in favor of adopting in full the townsite provision in last year's Indian appropriation bill.

Another change in the treaties is of a clerical nature providing for a change of dates as to the time when the provisions of the treaties shall go into effect. It was expected that the treaties would be ratified at the last session of congress and the fact that action has been deferred until the present session has made it necessary to decide upon new dates as to the fulfillment of many of the conditions set forth in the treaties. The most important change, as heretofore outlined is a repeal of the mineral leases made by a number of persons who secured authority from the Cherokee Nation to develop petroleum. It is confidently predicted that the repeal of these leases will lead to serious legal complications.

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Shooting at Colorado.

Colorado, Tex., Feb. 23.—A man named Miller, who keeps a store here, was shot in the left shoulder this morning about 2 o'clock. "Billy" McCauley, a member of the Ranger force, was taken into custody and released on \$500 bond. One shot was fired at McCauley. Miller's wound is not dangerous.

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Died.

At Newport, I. T., on Friday last, Ben Krebs, of old age, being 72 years old. Funeral took place same day.

As finally passed, the new law in South Carolina against the pistol-carrying habit makes it unlawful for any person except a peace officer to carry a deadly weapon less than twenty inches in length or four pounds in weight.

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Civil Rule Soon.

Washington, Feb. 23.—According to the latest advices from the Philippine commission, the time for the establishment of civil government in the Philippines is near at hand. It was stated at the war department that the civil government will be established as soon as Judge Taft reports that the conditions in the islands justify such action. It is generally understood that Judge Taft will be the first civil governor of the islands, and that General MacArthur will succeed him. The military forces to be retained there to assist in the maintenance of order and the enforcement of the laws. It is not likely, however, that there will be any immediate change in the military command, or that there will be any material reduction in the military strength for many months to come. The Philippine commission has recommended the adoption of a tariff system and its report probably will be made public in a few weeks in order that all interests affected may be fully informed and heard on the subject before the proposed tariff is adopted and put into effect.

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"A big laughing session," the "New Railroad Jack" company, which will appear at the opera house, Tuesday, Feb. 26. The company comes heralded as one of the best attractions to visit Ardmore this season. The company carries special scenery and mechanical effects. The explosion at Dawson Switch and the flight of the midnight express are said to be sensational and realistic. "Railroad Jack" is enjoying its usual prosperity this season. The program contains more musical numbers and high class specialties than any similar organization on the road. The Manhattan comedy four and the great rag-time trio is said to be very funny.

Special United States Treasury Agent Partello, who owns a violin collection valued at \$50,000, has purchased from the estate of the late duke of Edinburgh his nine famous violins, among which are several of Stradivarius' make.

Workmen were busy yesterday putting in a new ceiling and repapering Mrs. Bomar's millinery store.

Russians Annex Manchuria.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes a communication from a special correspondent at Ni Schwang, who says: "I have just returned from a trip through Manchuria. The shops are closed and the annexation of Manchuria is considered complete. The Russian civil government has seized the maritime taxes and has introduced a head tax."

Plundering Russian soldiers attacked the hotel where I was staying February 19 and the British consulate the next day. They shot the watchman at the consulate, dead.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Peking confirms the report that Emperor Kwang Fu has agreed to the demands of the foreign envoys on the punishment, the correspondent adding:

"The execution of the main culprits will take place shortly at Sian Fu and will be witnessed by representatives of the foreign envoys."

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