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SHIPS SINK IN GALE

MOST SEVERE IN YEARS

Eighteen Lives and Millions in Property Lost on Lake Superior.

STILL RAGES AFTER 48 HOURS

Reports from All Points Relate Stories of Shipwreck and Loss of Life—Steel Steamers Sink—Heroism Shown by Sevonia's Crew.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 4.—Eighteen or 20 lives have been lost, and property valued at a half million dollars has been sacrificed in the furious storm that swept Lake Superior all day Sunday and continued nearly all Monday night. The gale is the most destructive to lake shipping that has been experienced for many years.

Besides the wreck of the steel steamer Sevonia, which broke in two on Sand Island reef, seven of the crew losing their lives, it is now believed that two more ships are lost with their entire crews. One of these is beleived to be the schooner Pretoria of Bay City, Mich., the largest sailing ship on fresh water, and carrying a crew of eight men. The other is thought to be the Olive Jeannette, carrying a crew of seven men. The Pretoria broke loose from the steamer towing her during the storm and today Captain Wenig of the steamer Mary Boyle reported that the spars of a sunken three-masted schooner was seen a short distance east of the outer island of the Apostle group, 100 miles from Duluth.

The Olive Jeanette, it is believed, went to the bottom about ten miles from the portage entry, as a mass of wreckage was sighted near that point, and although the ship was not completely identified there seems to be but little doubt that it was the Olive Jeannette.

The storm at times reached the proportions of a hurricane and the staunchest new steel vessels were forced to run for shelter.

Steamer Stackhouse arrived at Soo with her hatch-covers sprung, and water pouring continually into her hold. One of the crew was washed overboard.

The steamer Samuel Mather also lost one of her crew.

The terrific battering the steel steamers received gives rise to grave fears for the safety of the many wooden ships which have not yet reported, and the record of deaths and destruction may reach much greater proportions than the present estimates.

The monetary loss of the Sevonia is placed at $170,000, and that of the Pretoria at $150,000.

St. Paul, Sept. 4.—A Duluth special of the Pioneer Press says: "It was definitely learned tonight that the sunken schooner reported near the outer island was the Pretoria. Five of her crew were drowned by the capsizing of the yawl in which the crew took refuge when the boat began to founder. Five survivors were rescued by the efforts of John Irvin, the keeper of the outer island light and his assistant.

Pequaming, Mich., Sept. 4.—Wreckage has been found 15 miles off the portage entry, indicating that an unknown ship foundered in the great storm of Sunday morning. Some wreckage marked "Olive," indicated that the lost boat to be the Olive Jeannette.

Sand island, on which the Sevonia was wrecked, is in the center of a patch of dangerous reefs. One mile and a half east of the light on the island is the Sand Island reef. The storm obscured the Raspberry light and the vessel struck. A great hole was torn in the bow, and half an hour later the pounding of the waves had hammered the steamship in two.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Sept. 4.—First game: Portland 3, Oakland 0. Second game: Portland 5, Oakland 0.

Tacoma, Sept. 4.—Los Angeles 3, Tacoma 2.

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—First game: Seattle 3, San Francisco 10. Second game: Seattle 8, San Francisco 5.

VOLCANO IN FORMATION

Residents of San Lucas Valley Flee in Terror.

Mountainside Is Forced Upward and Great Masses of Hot Stones Are Hurled Into the Valley—Deep Subteranean Noises Accompany Upheaval.

Mexico City, Sept. 4.—News from the State of Mizsigan says that a great volcanic upheaval threatens the city and valley of San Lucas and the people are fleeing in terror. The entire side of a precipice of a mountain called Cerro Dolores, including a space of about 200 square suddenly took an upward movement and great masses of rock were broken loose by the upheaval and fell into the valley with a thundering noise. For several days the movement has been discernible. It is accompanied by rumbling subterranean noises. People who have arrived from there declare that the precipice continues to raise and portions of the rock crumble and fall. Of late the stones have ben hot and a volcano is believed to be in the process of formation.

FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF $5,000,000

Constantinople, Sept. 4.—The fire which broke out in Adrianople Saturday raged until Sunday, owing to the lack of water. The greater part of each of the six quarters of the city was destroyed and the damage is estimated at $5,000,000, one fourth of which is covered by insurance. Thousands of persons are homeless.

TOWN DESTROYED OWING TO LACK OF WATER

Helena, Mont., Sept. 4.—A special to the Independent from Havre, Mont., says that a fire started there tonight in a restaurant and is still burning. All the houses one one side of First street is destroyed, including the St. Paul hotel. No water is available and the fire department is handicapped. Every effort is being made to prevent the entire town from being wiped out and bucket brigades are formed in line to every available well and what water is secured is used to prevent the spread of the flames past First street. Late reports indicate a loss of $100,000.

INFECTION SPREADS

AUTHORITIES ACTIVE

The German Government Erects Hospitals For Cholera Patients.

QUARANTINE IS INEFECTIVE

Imperial Health Officers Are Beginning to Feel Alarmed as Cases Appear in Widely Separated Sections, Showing Quarantine to Be Ineffective.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—The number of cases of cholera which have been reported indicates a total of fully 70, nearly one half being fatal.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—It was officially bulletined today that 66 cholera cases and 23 deaths have occurred in Prussia. Of this number, ten new cases and three deaths were reported up to noon today.

While alarm is not yet the word to describe the feeling of the imperial health officers, concern over the cholera situation does exist. Most of the new cases do not break out among the quarantinde persons, but are suddenly heard of in detached farm houses or villages not contiguous to the Vistula. Hence the inference is that infected districts are widening slowly, and the measnres to hold the disease strictly within the existing boundaries have not been fully successful.

These measures, however, are being sharply increased. Orders were issued today to close all refreshment houses along the Vistula, except those located in towns. These small restaurants and bars are frequented by rivermen, who are the most likely to be infected.

In anticipation of cholera reaching Berlin, the government began the erection yesterday of two barracks for cholera patients, or suspects, at Koepenick, on the River Spree, near Berlin, and also established an inspection station for river traffic.

Hamburg, Sept. 4.—The authorities declare that there are no new cases of cholera in Hamburg and believe that a further spread of the disease impossible. Past Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin has been ordered here from Naples by Surgeon General Wyman to make a thorough investigation of the situation, and has been directed to be prepared to enforce the United States treasury regulations relative to ships leaving for American ports.

London, Sept. 4.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Vienna says that 200 deaths which have occurred in recent weeks from Asiatic cholera in the provinces of Calicia and Bukovina have been concealed by the local authorities under the description of European cholera.

JAPANESE TROOPS DISSATISFIED.

Russian Reports Say They Are Preparing for Another Battle.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—A Lidziaputdze, Manchuria, dispatch says: "The Japanese troops at the front are preparing for battle."

This has caused much astonishment, coming as it does at the moment when the peace treaty is on the eve of being signed at Portsmouth. The Russian advance posts report the Japanese troops to be very much dissatisfied with the peace agreement.

JEROME IS WRECKED.

Strikes Sunken Rock and Goes Down Instantly—Crew Escape.

Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 4.—The steamer Jerome, secured by the Open River association to transport a cargo of wheat from Kennewick to the Celilo Portage railway, was wrecked Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock at the West rapids, near the mouth of the Snake river. The boat was going down the Columbia at about ten miles an hour, and when the upper end of the rapids were approached the boat struck a sunken rock, which tore two large holes in the starboard bow. The steamer rapidly filled with water and listed on the right side, going down in about 20 feet of water. The crew attempted to launch the lifeboats, but the steamer went down so quick that they were unsuccessful.

The accident was witnessed by a number of government engineers who were engaged in making a survey of the river near that point. Two large scows were pushed into the river, and the engineers succeeded in rescuing the officers and crew of the boat.

The Jerome was loaded with about 100 tons of wheat, and was making the initial trip of the line arranged for by the Open River association in connection with the portage road. The steamer and the wheat will be a total loss. The Jerome was in charge of Captain Danalier and Chief Engineer Wheeler, with a crew of about ten men.

BOYCOTT SUBSIDING.

State Department Receives Copies of Placards.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Consul General Rodgers of Shanghai has cabled the state department as follows:

"The northern trade is opening up and the boycott is apparently subsiding."

Through the mails the state department has received copies of the boycott placards which are displayed in the principal Chinese ports. They generally recite the unjust treatment of the Chinese merchants and students seeking to enter American ports as a reason why the Chinese at home should refrain from trading with the Americans or buying American products.

SENSATIONAL PROCEEDING.

Millionaire Farmer Declared to Be Mentally Unable to Handle Estate.

Sioux Falls, Sept. 4.—A sensation has been created by the commencement of proceedings to have a guardian appointed for Irving D. Smith of Lake county, well known as the millionaire farmer of South Dakota. The proceedings are instituted in behalf of his wife, as it is asserted that Smith is mentally unable to handle the business of his estate.

His many benefications have attracted a host of besiegers who are insistent upon donations for all sorts of purposes, and up to date Smith has donated to his wife, tenants, and various relatives an aggregate of 29,720 acres of land, which is valued at $679,200.

FEVER SPREAD STEADILY.

Soldiers Are Ordered Away from All Infected Points.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 4.—The yellow fever is spreading steadily along the Gulf coast. Five new cases are reported at Gulfport and two at Mississippi City. The removal of all military guards around the infected points has been ordered owing to the prevalence of the disease among the soldiers.

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—The official report up to 6 p. m. is as follows: New cases 58, total 2,082; deaths 5, total 296; under treatment 321; discharged 1,469.

WILL CHALLENGE WINNER.

Lewis, Who Received Decision Over O'Keefe, Has Aspirations.

Detroit, Sept. 4.—After flooring his opponent twice in the first round and tying him for the remainder of the contest, Willie Lewis of New York was given a decision over Jack O'Keefe of Chicago in a 15-round battle here tonight. Lewis will challenge the winner of the Britt-Nelson fight at San Francisco.

DASTARDLY MURDER

BABY IS IN THE WAY

Mother and Her Paramour Horribly Mutilates Its Body.

MURDERERS ARE ARRESTED

Little Girl Is Caught by Feet and Hurled Against a Post—Face Cut to Pieces—Both Legs Broke and Body Is Thrown Under Stairway.

New York, Sept. 4.—A child-murder of unusual cruelty came to light when the body of a 3-year-old girl was found early today in a dark stairway in a west side tenement house. Both legs had been broken at the knees. There were nine stab wounds in the face, evidently made by a penknife, and numerous other bruises. The body was well dressed.

Even before the body had been removed to the morgue, more than 1,500 persons residing in the vicinity of the tenement house, where the dead child was found, had viewed the body. None of them ever had seen her before, and the coroner appeared to be satisfied that she had not lived in the neighborhood.

The craft and cunning, even the cruelty, of the person or persons who sent the little one to her death, were emphasized by the coroner's investigation. It has been found that the stab wounds on the face are entirely superficial. Death was caused by an ugly bruise on the side of the head, which the physicians who have examined the body think may have been caused by the child being swung heavily against a post, presumably by someone who held her by the feet. It is the opinion of the coroner that the body was carefully washed and fully redressed after the crime.

The police immediately set to work to discover the perpetrators of the horrible deed and tonight a woman by the name of Agnes Hyland, aged 25, and Gustave Denser, a plumber, with whom she was living as a housekeeper, were arrested.

The woman confessed to being the mother of the child and said Denser had killed her baby because it was "in the way," and she had helped him dispose of the body.

TARTARS ATTACK TROOPS.

Prince Nisheradzee Wounded in Last Encounter.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—Advices from Baku says that firing again commenced on Sunday, the Tartars attacking the troops with still greater desperation.

Thus far the killed and wounded number only 100. In the last encounter Prince Nisheradzee was wounded.

RUSSIAN TROOPS FIRE ON FUNERAL PROCESSION.

Jewish Workmen, While Following Body of Woman to Grave Are Shot.

Kiseineff, Sept. 4.—During the progress of a funeral procession composed of Jewish workingmen, who were following the body of a woman who had been killed by roughs, shots were suddenly heard and the procession was charged by a body of troops and police. Many of the workmen were wounded and 50 were arrested. Several are missing and are supposed to have been killed. The officers have declined to give any explanation as to the cause of the occurrence.

GREAT LOSS BY TYPHOON.

Many Crews of Sampans and Junks Are Drowned.

Saigon, France, Indo-China, Sept. 4.—The damage caused by the typhoon which occurred here yesterday is estimated at $300,000. All communication with Hanoi, the capital of Tonquin, is interrupted. The crews of many junks and sampans were drowned.

CLOSING ACT TAME AFFAIR

No Spectacular Features at Signing of Treaty.

Beside the Plenipotentiaries Only Assistant Secretary Pierce and a Few Others Will Be Present—M. Witte Will Sail Immediately for New York.

Portsmouth, Sept. 4.—The closing act of the peace conference will be a tame affair. There will be no spectacular features. Final arrangements have been made for the signing of the "Treaty of Portsmouth" at 3 o'clock tomorrow in the conference room at the naval stores building. Besides the plenipotentiaries only Assistant Secretary Pierce, representing the president; Governor McLane, mayor of Portsmouth, Admiral Meade, and Commander Winslew will be present.

After the signing of the treaty the members of the Russian mission will go to the Christ Episcopal church, where the Te Deum services will be held. The Russian orthodox bishop of New York, accompanied by 20 priests, and 70 choirsters, arrived here this afternoon.

M. Witte and the members of his suite will leave for New York on Wednesday morning. Baron Komura, before going to Oyster Bay, will visit Harvard university, his alamater.

JAPANESE ENVOYS HOLD A RECEPTION.

Proves to Be a Very Pleasant Affair—Many People Present.

Portsmouth, Sept. 4.—Baron Komura, Mr. Takhira, an dthe members of the Japanese mission, held a reception in the ballroom of the hotel this evening. It was an exceedingly pleasant affair, marked by the most friendly exchanges between the Russians and the Japanese. Governor McLane and his staff, Rear Admiral Meade and the naval officers in the harbor, the newspaper correspondents and all hotel guests were present.

MEDDLING CROWD CAUSES DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

New York, Sept. 4.—In attempting to inflict punishment on a motorman tonight an angry crowd caused the death of a little girl. The victim of the accident, Anna Schrinsherck, 2 years old, was with her father, and was being led across the street when the car struck them and rolled the little girl under the fender, where she lay uninjured. Before the motorman could lift the fender the crowd made a rush for him, and in the scramble he was forced against the controller. The car shot forward and the child was ground to pieces.