



OIL STEAMER SINKS BOAT

Ascension Collided With River Craft.

CREW WERE ALL SAVED

Woman Cook Escapes From Sinking Boat in Her Night Clothes.

PILOTS J. TURNER IN CHARGE

Mistake in Signals Probable Cause of Collision—Sunken Boat is Made Fast to Dock at Mount Coffin and it is Believed Can be Floated.

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—Through a misunderstanding of signals, the oil-carrying steamer Ascension and river boat F. B. Jones collided near Mount Coffin, five miles below Rainier at about 9 o'clock last night, and the latter sank in four minutes. A big part of the starboard side of the Jones was torn out the Ascension receiving little damage.

As the river craft was sinking the 11 members of her crew scrambled on board the oil-carrier, which stood alongside until all hands had been saved. Small boats from the Ascension were also lowered, but the most of the men climbed out and got on the other vessel with little or no assistance. Some of them got in the water and had narrow escapes.

Miss Lillian Hardy, the cook, had the most exciting experience of the entire crew. At the time of the collision she was in bed. As the steamer was sinking she rushed out on deck in her night-clothes and made a leap to the Ascension. The craft were close together and she managed to get on board, although she lost all her personal effects, as did everyone else who left the Jones.

Miss Hardy is the woman who came near losing her life while cook on the steamer Vulcan, destroyed by fire in the harbor about a year ago. Hemmed in by the blaze, she jumped overboard and swam to a log raft moored alongside of the shore on the east side of the river above the Morrison-street bridge.

Pilot Joseph Turner had the oil carrier in charge. Until the official investigation, which is called for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, is held, Captain Turner does not care to make a statement as to how the accident happened. But all are agreed that the weather was not thick and consequently some one must have made a mistake in answering signals.

MUMMY FOUND IN ALASKA.

Perfectly Preserved Specimen of Ancient Embalmer's Art Now in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—There arrived in Seattle on one of the last boats of the season from the Islands of the Alaskan archipelago the splendidly preserved body of an Alaskan mummy, the first to be received from the north. The body was brought south by Edward Hardy, a well known pioneer Alaskan of fifteen years experience, who intends to exhibit the mummy at the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific Exposition which will be held at Seattle in 1909.

Hardy holds strong beliefs that in many ways, the Alaskans of prehistoric days were considerably higher in point of civilization and discovery, than history credits. At the Exposition of 1909 there will be mummies of ancient Egypt, which can be compared with those from Alaska.

The splendid specimen which Hardy found buried in a rocky cave on Knight's

Island is evidently the body of a chief or warrior of note and has probably been lying undisturbed for several hundred years. The body after being embalmed was wrapped in furs which are still in perfect condition, the dry cold air of the archipelago acting as a perfect preservative. The body was stretched out on a plank to which it was still attached when discovered.

SCORES BANKERS.

Railway President Claims Present System Not Good.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from St. Paul, Minn., says: In a statement issued yesterday, President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western Railroad, scores the present banking system of the country and denounces the theory that the present stringency is due to lack of circulation.

President Stickney said that while the government is urging the people to have confidence in the National banks, it does not regard them as good enough to hold government deposits. He declares that during the 45 years since the present system was instituted, Congress has not provided legislation which would permit these deposits. Mr. Stickney continues:

"In my judgment, the way to provide the necessary amount of currency is not to issue more but to economize in the use of what we have and devise a banking system which will permit it to circulate instead of being hoarded.

"Under the present sub-treasury system the government seems to require a working balance of actual cash in the treasury of approximately \$200,000,000. The working balance of the English government, with about the same annual disbursements as ours, is always kept in the banks and rarely exceeds \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000."

ADAMS GIVEN BAIL

Bond in Sum of \$20,000 to be Provided.

ARREST TO FOLLOW RELEASE

Warrant Charging Him With Murder of Arthur Collins at Telluride Will be Served as Soon as Bond is Procured.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 25.—Steve Adams was admitted to bail in the District Court at Bathrum this morning in the sum of \$20,000. Attorney Darrow, for the defendant, announced the bond would be provided within a few days. It is expected that as soon as Adams is released on this bond he will be re-arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of Arthur Collins, at Telluride, Colo., in 1902. Attorneys Darrow and Hawley leave at once for Boise, to appear in the Pettibone case.

RATHDRUM, Idaho, Nov. 25.—The Steve Adams jury reported a disagreement yesterday afternoon and was discharged. The jury stood eight to four for acquittal. Five ballots were taken. The jury went out Saturday night.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for Adams, tried to obtain concessions for arrest by Colorado authorities until the Tyler case is disposed of. No promise was given him. Sheriff Bailey, of Shoshone county, is here with a warrant for the arrest of Adams on the charge of murdering Ed. Boule, near the same place and at about the same time the Tyler murder occurred.

It is understood that Adams is not to be taken to Colorado at present, and that the state will not oppose efforts to get bail for Adams in the Tyler case. Darrow will later make an application for bail for his client, but will now hurry to Boise for the Pettibone case.

Hawley, chief counsel for the state, declared the disagreement of the jury will have no effect on the prosecution of the Tyler case again, nor will it lessen the efforts of the state to prosecute in other cases wherein the Western Federation of Miners officials and prominent members are defendants. Mr. Hawley is disappointed at the verdict. Darrow says the defense expected an acquittal.

LOVE CAUSE FOR MURDER

Student Kills Friend Who Was Rival.

GIRL TELLS OF INTIMACY

Blanche Kerfoot Informs Officers of Prisoner's Affection for Her.

DECEASED CAME FOR LETTERS

Harry Kleinschmidt Arrested for Killing of Frank Bellows, Who Was Found on Kleinschmidt's Lawn on July 27 and Who Was Buried as a Suicide.

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 25.—Blanche Kerfoot has told the authorities of Alameda county a sensational story of her experiences with Harry Kleinschmidt, the University of California student who is in custody in Oakland, awaiting the action of District Attorney Everett J. Brown to prosecute him for the murder of Frank Bellows. To Chief of Police Vollmer of Berkeley and Deputy District Attorney Philip M. Carey the girl has unfolded a narrative which, in the opinion of those who are investigating the circumstances of young Bellows' death, supplies strong evidence that the young Chicagoan was murdered.

The police have interviewed no less than 50 witnesses, all of whose statements bear more or less upon the case. District Attorney Brown was profoundly impressed with the reports which were made to him yesterday by Chief Vollmer and Assistant District Attorney Carey upon their return from Sutter Creek.

"Blanche Kerfoot knows enough as to the circumstances attending the death of Frank Bellows to send Harry Kleinschmidt to the gallows," said Brown. "More than that, this slip of a girl was herself the victim of attacks by Kleinschmidt, which of itself is a crime. Blanche Kerfoot is our principal witness in the case we shall present against Harry Kleinschmidt when we proceed in the courts to try him for the killing of his friend."

Harry Kleinschmidt was arrested on

Friday last on suspicion of being connected with the death of Frank Bellows, a friend of his, who was found dead in Linwood Park, near Claremont, on the 27th of July. Both men are said to have been engaged to Miss Kerfoot who finally dismissed Kleinschmidt, having promised to marry his rival.

In her statement to the police she now avers that Kleinschmidt attacked and tried to poison her. The case, which promises to be highly sensational, will come up before the grand jury on Friday next.

Miss Kerfoot admitted that she and Kleinschmidt had been unduly intimate. The young woman said she had been wronged forcibly by the young student. The statement of Miss Kerfoot, who is a beautiful young woman of 20 years, was made at her home in Sutter Creek, in the northern part of the state.

Miss Kerfoot's father is the superintendent of a large mine in Sutter Creek, and since her return from Berkeley, where she visited over the summer, Miss Kerfoot has remained quietly at home. She has been in poor health.

According to the statement of the young woman, she and Kleinschmidt became friendly last spring. Later their acquaintance ripened into love and the wealthy young collegian was her constant attendant. Later the engagement was broken. Subsequently Miss Kerfoot became engaged to young Bellows.

It appears that Bellows learned that Kleinschmidt had in his possession letters reflecting on Miss Kerfoot's character. It is said that on the night he met his death Bellows had called on Kleinschmidt to get these letters. What took place at the interview between the two young men has not yet been revealed.

The next morning Bellows was found dead on the Kleinschmidt lawn. In his hand was a bottle of acid. On the lawn were marks which the police claim indicated that a struggle had taken place. The police charge that the bottle of acid had not been used.

Attorney Lin Church, counsel for Kleinschmidt, said this morning he would this afternoon sue out a writ of habeas corpus. He declares Kleinschmidt is being held without due legal process and says that if the local courts refuse the writ he will apply to a Federal tribunal.

Kleinschmidt still refuses to make any statement. He passed a restless night in his cell. His description and measurement in conformation with the Bertillon system were taken by the authorities this morning.

Later.

SUTTER CREEK, Cal., Nov. 25.—It is now feared that Blanche Kerfoot, the girl who is believed to have driven Harry G. Kleinschmidt to murder his former chum, Frank Bellows, will lose her mind. Ever since she gave her deposition to Assistant District Attorney Phil Carey she has been hysterical and any reference to Kleinschmidt or Bellows drives her frantic. She is constantly under the care of a doctor and no one but her relatives is permitted to see her.

START FIRE TO REVENGE

Tenement Holocaust Work of Incendiary.

VICTIMS DIE IN FLAMES

Suffocated by Smoke Others Are Spared Terrible Death Agonies.

SIX VICTIMS ARE CHILDREN

Saloonkeeper Opens Door of Place of Business and is Met by Rush of Flames—Saves His Son But Other Members of the Family Perish.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at 109 Eighth street and Second avenue. All the dead were Italians. Six of the 13 were children. The bodies were huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames, which rushed up from the lower floors. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death by the flames.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries who sought revenge is the opinion of the police and firemen, who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of trying to rob a safe in the saloon of Giuseppe Cudano, on the ground floor. The safe contained more than \$2000, which the saloonist's friends had withdrawn from the banks during the money panic. The would-be robbers were arrested and are now awaiting trial.

The fire of today started in Cudano's saloon, and the police believe it may have been the work of friends of the prisoners to take this means of squaring the account with the saloonist.

Cudano discovered the fire when he went to his place of business early this morning. As he opened the door he was met by a rush of flames. He dashed up the stairs to the tenements above, crying out to the tenants of the building to run for their lives. When he reached the rooms occupied by his own family he burst in the door and seizing his young son, Dimonio, in his arms, told Mrs. Cudano and other members of the family to follow. Cudano and the boy managed to find their way downstairs to the street, but before the woman could get through the flames had cut off the exit by that avenue. It is supposed that Mrs. Cudano and the other children sought safety in the upper part of the building.

Just what happened in the burning building before the fire was checked never will be known. So quickly did the flames spread that almost before the firemen arrived the whole building was a furnace, and no one could enter. Even then the cries of the agonized women and children were drowned by the roar and crackle of the flames, the hissing engines and the frantic, babbling crowd which pressed as closely to the fire-lines as possible. No one was seen at any of the windows of the blazing building, with the exception of those on the second floor, where several women reached the fire-escapes and were rescued. The flames had been partially quenched when the firemen fought their way through the smoke to the upper floor. There they came upon the piles of dead, where they had fallen victims to the rush of the flames and smoke even before they had a chance to attempt to save themselves. In one heap the firemen found a woman who had made a last desperate effort to save the herself was doomed to a horrible death.

She had folded her arms tightly around the little one and then huddled down close to the floor, her own body protecting that of the child. The mother's body was badly burned; that of the child bore scarcely a mark, but it was dead from suffocation. On every side of the mother and child the bodies of victims were found.

WALKER TRIAL AGAIN.

Former County Treasurer Accused of Embezzling \$63,500.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Evansville, Ind., says: John P. Walker, former treasurer of Vanderburg county, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$63,500 in county funds, will be placed on trial again today at Rockport. The first trial, several months ago, resulted in a disagreement.

The surety company that was on Walker's bond has refused to make good the alleged shortage. The company says it will wait until the courts have passed on the Walker case and that if he is found not guilty it will go into the courts and set up the plea that there is no shortage, in view of the fact that Walker was acquitted. In this respect the case is unique.

As president of the Evansville Team in the Central Baseball League, Walker lost money. He also was known as a "good fellow" and loaned thousands of dollars to his friends. It also is alleged he lost considerable money in speculation.

LUSTS FOR BLOOD

Madman Kills Two Men and Wounds Three Others.

STABBED VICTIM WHO SLEPT

Forest Reserve Inspector Goes Insane in Lust for Blood—Stabs Victims and Would Kill Officer Who Finally Shot Him in Defense.

ALAMOSA, Colo., Nov. 25.—The running amuck of a madman this morning in this city resulted in the death of two men and the serious wounding of three others.

Without apparent cause, R. Rodrigues, a forest reserve inspector, entered the room of C. B. Anderson, a lumberman, who was asleep in the Palmer hotel, and deliberately stabbed him to death. So quick was the work of the murderer that he did not even arouse Anderson, who was almost instantly killed.

After he had satisfied himself that Anderson was mortally wounded, Rodrigues rushed to the rooms of three other guests, stabbing them as they also were in bed. Two of the wounded are not expected to recover.

One of the wounded managed to creep to the office, where he gave the alarm. Word was immediately sent to City Marshal Baumgaster, who rushed to the hotel, where he was confronted by Rodrigues, armed with his bloody blade. Rodrigues answered the marshal's demand for surrender by rushing at him with his knife uplifted, but the officer was too quick for him, and drawing his revolver he shot Rodrigues dead.

FEW GIFTS OF JEWELS.

Falling Off in Orders for Christmas Trade.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—That jewelry will not figure as largely as usual among Christmas gifts is the opinion of manufacturing jewelers in New York. While orders up to September 1 were larger than ever before they began to fall off soon after that date and since October 1, they have been very few. In fact, there have been a large number of cancellations of early orders and in many cases where orders were not cancelled they were cut in half. Many of the large manufacturers of jewelry have been compelled to lay off a large portion of their hands and the output of the factories has been materially decreased. It is estimated that in twenty months preceding September 1, last, about \$70,000,000 of the new gold output of the country was used by jewelers.



THE AGE OF WOOD PULP LITERATURE.

The Popular Novelist (nineteen years from now)—"I've about used up all your forests, but I think that if with the few trees left the wood pulp makers would use up these old stumps the publishers would get enough paper for my new novel!"