

SCORES OF PASSENGERS DROWNED

French Line Steamer Ville de St. Nazaire Sunk at Sea.

SEVENTY-EIGHT LIVES SACRIFICED.

But Four of Those on Board the Vessel Succeeded in Reaching Port.

FOUNDERED DURING A GALE ON THE ATLANTIC.

Survivors of the Ocean Disaster Tell of Horrible Sufferings and Privations.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 17.—The French line steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which sailed from this port on March 6, bound for the West Indies, foundered at sea. Of her eighty-two passengers and crew, only four are known to have been saved.

These arrived here yesterday on the schooner Hilda, after a week's drifting about the Atlantic in an open boat, during which thirty-four out of the thirty-eight occupants went mad or died of starvation. The saved are:

Berry, inspector of the Compagnia Generale Transatlantica.
Maire, the ship's doctor.
Staubs, third engineer.
Tagado, a San Domingan.
Among the lost are:
D'Andrews, first lieutenant.
Herbert, second lieutenant.
Lejeune, purser.
Nicolas, second captain.
Mariani, chief engineer.
Tagado Mrs. and four children, starved to death.

The steamship Ville de Saint Nazaire left this port on March 6, bound for West Indian ports. She was one of the smaller vessels of the French line and had been engaged in the West India trade for years. She was the first to come to New York when the line between New York and the West Indies was established here.

The steamship encountered severe weather on March 7, while off Hatteras. Tremendous seas broke over her; she rolled and pitched; floods of water found their way through the gratings to the engine-room and extinguished the fires. The vessel was unable to make any headway, being waterlogged. Captain Jacqueneau gave the order to man the four boats.

There were eighty-two persons in all. In the haste to leave the vessel it was impossible to get provisions or water to last more than a day. Of the four boats only one has been heard from. It is believed the other three have been lost. The largest boat contained thirty-eight persons. It had practically no provisions.

It was tossed about upon the rough seas for seven days and seven nights and the passengers were without food or drink. Their sufferings were the most intense. The sea calmed and they drifted about. The survivors of this ocean tragedy are hardly yet able to give a correct story of the last twelve days.

Captain Berry, the Inspector-General of the French line, is confined to his room in the Hotel Martin. His story is a narrative of privation and hardship, such as is seldom heard in the annals of the sea. The other survivors are on board the Normandie and the Ville de Brest, a sister ship of the ill-fated vessel.

In telling of how the wreck occurred, the survivors say that the steamship sailed from this port bound for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, at noon on March 4. That was on Saturday. Sunday came with the wind blowing stormily from the southeast.

The ship began to plunge heavily in the seas, waves burst over the deck in torrents and early on Sunday night the flood invaded the fire-room and clouds of hissing steam arose from the hatches, telling that the fires had been drowned.

SEIZES THE BALLOTS.

Committee from the Nebraska Legislature Takes Possession of Votes Cast in November.

LINCOLN, NEBR., March 17.—A committee of three from the lower house of the Legislature, headed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, to-night took possession of the ballots cast at the November election, in the custody of the Secretary of State and reconvalescent committee recently appointed by Governor H. H. Henshaw. The ballots were in custody of this committee, four members being present when the House Committee and sergeant-at-arms entered the committee's room, and though they protested no physical resistance was offered.

The seizure followed the action taken by the House late this evening when a resolution offered by S. S. Henshaw (Pop.) of Dawes County was adopted, empowering a committee "to seize the ballots, and in case of resistance to summon the sheriff and the sergeant-at-arms of this House and to use all force necessary to gain possession and hold possession of said ballots, pollbooks, tally-sheets and abstracts until further order of this House."

By this action the House purports to canvass and declare the result itself. The seizure of the ballots is in conflict with District Judge Hall's order, and arrests may be attempted to-morrow.

"Oliver Optic" Dying.
BOSTON, Mass., March 17.—William T. Adams, the author, widely known by his nom-de-plume of "Oliver Optic," is very ill at his residence in Dorchester, and his physicians are of the opinion that he can live but a few days. He has heart and kidney trouble. He is 72 years old.

Kentucky's Governor Threatened.
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 17.—Governor Bradley this morning received a letter from Cincinnati warning him that he would surely be assassinated if he permitted Walling to hang.

The "Dollar a Bushel."
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—Cash wheat smashed all records for the last six years this morning by reaching the dollar mark.

COUNCIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

President McKinley and Members of His Cabinet Discuss the Case of the Dauntless.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—A conference on the subject of enforcing the neutrality and navigation laws was held at the White House to-day between the President, Secretary Sherman, Secretary Gresham, Secretary Long and Attorney-General McKenna.

The question that formed the basis for the conference related to the steamer Dauntless, now under surveillance at Jacksonville, Fla. The owner has made application to the United States to grant or reject the application. The books were sent for by the Attorney-General and the statutes on the subject of filibustering and neutrality laws, which occupied the cabinet yesterday.

After that meeting it was arranged that the four cabinet officers named, whose offices deal directly with the enforcement of international questions, should meet again to-day.

California's Bank Office.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Applications for Collector of Internal Revenue were made to-day as follows: John W. Davis, San Jose, Cal.; C. A. McVey of Fresno and Willis H. Quinn of San Francisco, at San Francisco.

Tariff Bill on Friday.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The tariff bill will be reported to the House on Friday of this week. This was the conclusion reached by the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee at their meeting to-day.

William's He-Lth Again.
Bad News of Germany's Emperor Is Reported in London.

LONDON, Eng., March 17.—The Daily Chronicle will say to-morrow: It is stated that somewhat grave news has been received in London regarding the condition of the health of Emperor William of Germany, and that certain international possibilities have been discussed.

CANTUA CREEK MYSTERY.
Half Finished Meal on the Table of an Isolated and Deserted Dwelling Suggests Foul Play.

FRESNO, CAL., March 17.—A very mysterious case from the Cantua Creek region in the western portion of this county was brought to the attention of the officers to-day. A deserted house has been found, there and in some strange manner its tenants have disappeared. The dwelling stands on the plain, eight miles distant from any human habitation. It is completely furnished, and on the table a half finished meal is prepared on the table. It looks as if the person whose home it was had been suddenly called away. Every article of furniture was covered with dust, and appearances indicate that no one has been there for two or three months past. It could not be ascertained to-day whether any one was living in the house or who owned the land on which it stands. The parties who discovered the deserted dwelling looked through a number of papers they found. Judging from these the name of the missing tenant was John Handley.

CAPIZED NEAR ALCATRAZ.
Willard Meehan's Experience in the Boat.

FAVORS TREATY WITH ENGLAND

Senate Committee Declares for Friendly Relations with Britain.

It Is Declared That King Oscar of Norway and Sweden Shall Not Be the Umpire.

Acting Chairman Davis Will Urge Speedy Action on the Important Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations spent two hours this morning in the consideration of the treaty of general arbitration with Great Britain, and then ordered a favorable report to be made to the Senate to-morrow with amendments in line with those mentioned previously in these dispatches. The amendments are administrative only in character. The scope of the treaty has not been touched.

Much of the public criticism against the action of the committee during the last session was due to the alleged fact that the committee had emasculated the convention and made it practically a mere sham. The amendment to the first article, that no question relative to the foreign or domestic policy of either party should be included, which was previously given such prominence, had disappeared entirely. The same result was reached, however, in a very different way.

The designation of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway as umpire has been stricken out, as has been all reference to the Supreme Court of the United States as arbitrator in the event of a dispute under the treaty. In place of this designation it is stipulated that "jurists of repute" shall be claimed by the President to act as such arbitrators.

The chief amendment, however, is found in the clause which reserves to the United States the sanction of the whole treaty-making power in deciding what questions shall be submitted to arbitration. This provision will make it necessary for the President to submit to the Senate for its approval all questions intended to be submitted to the arbitrators.

The committee has acted in the belief that it has only reserved to this government the identical power reserved by Great Britain, which under the treaty, decides through its Premier what questions shall be arbitrated.

Under the British form of government one man alone, the Premier, acting for the crown, determines all matters of this sort and is the sole treaty-making power of the nation in respect to such questions. Under the treaty, no deviation from the universal rule of the British Government and reasoning thus the Senate committee has decided to reserve to the President the power to determine what questions shall be submitted to arbitration.

Under the treaty as thus amended no argument can consistently be advanced that the Senate is relinquishing any of the prerogative given it by the constitution. It will, by ratifying this treaty, endorse and subscribe to a doctrine of universal arbitration, to which the United States stands pledged, and then leave all questions as to details connected with the submission of particular cases to the treaty-making authorities of both countries. Acting Chairman Davis will urge as speedy action in the Senate as possible. It is quite likely that the bill will be reported in the next two weeks will be spent in executive session.

Pending the arrival of the tariff bill in the Senate, which will be reported together with the consideration of Presidential nominations, and it is the confident expectation of the committee that it will be able to have this convention out of the way by the first of April.

INCENDIARISM AT FRESNO.

Thieves Set Fire to a Clothing-Store and a Conflogration Is Narrowly Averted.

FRESNO, CAL., March 17.—At a late hour last night fire was discovered in the Poor Man's Friend clothing-store on Mariposa street, adjoining the Farmers' Bank. Some passerby happened to notice the smoke issuing from the cracks of the door and gave the alarm. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the chemical engine.

PEOPLE BOOST TREE TOPS

Mississippi and Ohio Rivers Continue Their Encroachments.

Many Lives Swept Away in the Rushing Waters of Southern Streams.

Ten Thousand Homeless Refugees Compelled to Seek the Higher Lands.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—The perilous condition of the lowlands south of the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers is strongly emphasized by the hourly receipt of messages here telling of the encroachments of the flood.

All that section of Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana drained by the St. Francis, the White, Arkansas and Red rivers is either under water or soon will be. The Ohio River is over its banks at many points and Paducah, Ky., is to-night an island. There was a heavy rain throughout Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky to-day and the already well-charged streams are overflowed.

It is estimated that 400 square miles of Arkansas bottom land are under water. The attention that has recently been paid to saving livestock is now directed to rescuing embargoed families from hills and tree tops.

From Osceola, Ark., to a point opposite Memphis the entire basin is overflowed, and 10,000 refugees have been compelled to seek high land.

On Floyd's plantation in Louisiana three women and six children were drowned. Three children were drowned on Blanton's plantation. William Cox was drowned near Marion, Ark., and four persons on Barton's place. There is a well-defined rumor that half a dozen men on a plantation near Butler's landing were drowned. Two unknown negroes who live near Marion, Ark., today attempted to cross Mound Lake in a dugout, when they were caught by the current, their boat capsized and they were swept away.

JUDGE HANFORD'S CANDIDACY.

Seattle Influence Working to Secure His Appointment to Judge McKenna's Old Place.

SEATTLE, WASH., March 17.—Andrew F. Burchick, ex-receiver of the Northern Pacific Railroad and delegate from this city to the State Republican National Convention, left to-night for Washington City, where he goes in the interest of the candidacy of Federal Judge Hanford for the California District Judgeship vacancy caused by the resignation of District Judge McKenna to a Cabinet portfolio under President McKinley. Incidentally Mr. Burchick will also endeavor to secure a hearing in matters of tariff legislation especially to the State of Washington.

NEWS OF SAN JOSE.

Central and Southern Pacific Companies Pay Back Taxes and Suits Arrears.

SAN JOSE, CAL., March 17.—The suits of Santa Clara County against the Central and Southern Pacific companies to recover taxes for the fiscal year 1887-88 were dismissed to-day by Judge Logan, as the taxes having been paid after nearly ten years of litigation. The claim against the Central Pacific was for \$243,45, upon the eight and a half miles of road in this county extending from San Jose through the mountains to the northern border of Alameda County. That against the Southern Pacific Company was for \$11,214, the assessment upon a total of 59.3 miles extending through the county from north to south. The assessed valuation of the company's property in the county is \$97,078 and the total in the State was fixed at \$16,500,000.

J. B. DOLET'S WILL.
Leaves Considerable San Francisco Property to His Widow.

SAN JOSE, CAL., March 17.—J. B. Dolet, deceased, a native of France, who died recently in this county, left a will written in French, a translation of which has been filed with the County clerk. Dolet, a member of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, was married to a woman who had a house and lot on Dupont street, San Jose, and a property on Eastern Kentucky street, of the same city. Upon the death of Mrs. Dolet, a half sister will also come into possession of a house at 2400 N. J. St. Dolet, however, states that she like possession of this property she must give her brother, Marcel Osanne, who resides in Australia, \$500 in a lump sum. The will names Louis E. Dolet as executor without bond. The value of the estate is about \$8500.

BUSINESS SUSPENSION.
Deserted Wife of a Cloth Dealer Arrives Unexpectantly.

SAN JOSE, CAL., March 17.—M. Barry, who opened a cloakstore here a few months ago, hurriedly left this city last Sunday. The cause of Barry's flight was the arrival of a woman on Saturday who claimed to be his wife. The woman said Barry deserted her in New York last May. She had a child, a boy, named Harry, who was born after the desertion of her husband. Before leaving the city Barry deposited the goods in the store at 71 East Santa Ana, \$500 in a lump sum. Mrs. Barry left for San Francisco last evening in search of her recalcitrant husband.

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CENTENARIAN DIES AT LOS ANGELES

Believed to Have Been the Oldest Man in the Country.

Francisco Garcia Gives Up the Ghost After a Struggle of 17 Years.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 17.—Francisco Garcia, the oldest man in the United States, died here this afternoon, aged 117 years. He lived at 615 Buena Vista street and passed away at 12 o'clock. The old man was a native of Sinaloa, Mexico, but came here when he was 25 years old and has resided in this pueblo ever since.

Senior Garcia was a familiar object on the streets of that region of the city in which he lived. He wore partly the Mexican costume, always appearing with a silver-braided high felt Mexican hat. Of late years he has been very poor and has been aided by the Lafranco family.

There is a story extant to the effect that years ago he was induced to appear in a mine museum as a living skeleton, but there is some doubt about this, as he was a man of great dignity.

His funeral will be made an event of great magnitude by the Mexican population, as he was regarded with great reverence by his compatriots. His age has been questioned, but he had documents which sustained his claim, though the papers themselves were never verified.

TEACHER BECOMES INSANE.

An Instructress at Los Angeles Goes Crazy and Is Taken to the Highlands Asylum.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 17.—Miss Eugenia V. Steinger was carried, kicking and struggling, to Sheriff Barr and a deputy into Judge York's courtroom here to-day.

HAWAII BARS JAPAN'S PAPERERS

Honolulu Officials Refuse Admission of Immigrants to the Island.

Passengers on a Japanese Steamer Must Return Home.

The Government Not Inclined to Allow Beggars to Land on the Island.

HONOLULU, HAWAII, March 10.—This city was wild with excitement for a short time last night, owing to rumors of an alarming nature concerning an outbreak among the Japanese at the quarantine station.

The rumors had their source in a report that the Japanese at the quarantine station were in an ugly and excited mood. Ten heavily armed police were at once sent to the station and so far there has been no outbreak.

The Japanese who are the cause of this trouble are those who arrived on the Japanese steamer Shishin Maru, manned entirely by a Japanese crew.

This vessel was reported to have 695 passengers in the steerage and one in the cabin. They were landed at the quarantine station and on the following morning a case of German measles broke out on board.

Five days additional quarantine was ordered, not from any alarm about the measles, but because the Government wanted time to investigate the circumstances surrounding the landing of so many Japanese. The vessel was consigned to the Kobe Immigration Company, but the Government having been notified of her coming gave strict orders that no communication whatever should be allowed between the officers of the vessel and the agents.

This was done to checkmate a plan that has been in successful operation here to land Japanese. The captain and agents of the Shishin Maru have been notified that clearance papers will not be given the vessel until the rejected immigrants have been taken on board for return. So far the captain has refused to take them.

At noon to-day the Government investigation came to an end. Seventy-six only of the Japanese will be allowed to land. The remainder have been notified they must return whence they came.

Mrs. Weiner Released from Custody.
PORTLAND, OR., March 17.—Mrs. M. Weiner of San Francisco, who was arrested here several days ago on a charge of receiving money by false representations, was released from custody to-day upon motion of the District Attorney, the latter stating that his evidence was not sufficient to convict.

Arizona Wedding Event.
TUCSON, ARIZ., March 17.—The marriage of Miss Gertrude B. Hughes, daughter of ex-Governor L. C. Hughes, to Sherman M. Woodward of the faculty of the Arizona University, was celebrated to-night at the residence of the bride's parents.

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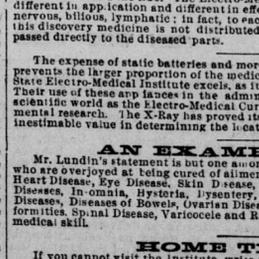
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AN EXAMPLE OF MANY.

Mr. Lundin's statement is but one among hundreds that have been received from people who are joyous at being cured of ailments such as Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Neuralgia, Heart Disease, Eye Disease, Skin Disease, Rheumatism, Malaria, Nervous Disease, Kidney Disease, Diseases of Bowels, Dysentery, Paralysis, Rickets, Scrofula, Consumption, Liver Formities, Spinal Disease, Varicose and Eruptive, which have proved too stubborn for other medical skill.

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