

DEAD PILED

NO SAFEGUARD AGAINST DEATH ON THE SLOCUM

Life Preservers Rotted by Age and Placed Out of Reach.

Inspectors Admit No Test of Their Buoyancy Was Made.

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NEW YORK, June 15.—Passengers make specific accusations that the life preservers on the General Slocum were so rotted with age that they fell apart in one's hands and were practically worthless.

F. A. Barnaby, president of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, owners of the Slocum, declares that the requirements of the law had been observed on the steambot.

Henry Lundberg and John W. Fleming, assistant inspectors, who made the inspection of the Slocum on May 5 last, admitted that they had made no test of buoyancy, declaring that such tests were made only at the factory.

Lundberg in his inspection did not reject a single life preserver.

MEDICAL SKILL IS UNAVAILING

Mrs. George Crocker of New York Is Reported to Be Dying in a Paris Hotel

RELATIVES SUMMONED Suffering From a Tumor in Thoracic Region Which Defies Surgical Treatment

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PARIS, June 15.—Mrs. George Crocker of New York is lying dangerously ill at the Hotel Vendome in this city, and her death is momentarily expected.

She is suffering from tumor in the thoracic region which defies surgical treatment, the rapid growth of which must quickly end her life.

BUNKER HILL DAY BANQUET.—Some of the American Revolution will hold a banquet at the Occidental Hotel, prominent speakers will address the society.

MRS. ZELIE'S WILL.—Frederick W. Zelle yesterday petitioned the Superior Court for the probate of the will of his late wife, Sophie Smith Zelle.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS advertisement with logo and text.

If you neglect the stomach and bowels you are going to suffer from Nausea, Sick Headache, Sleeplessness, Constipation, Dyspepsia and Indigestion.

LEPP'S COCOA advertisement with logo and text.

The Most Nutritious and Economical.

These two words, Schilling's Best, are perfect assurance of getting your money's worth.

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ward found clasped in one another's arms.

It is alleged that men fought with women to escape, resulting in the trampling under foot of scores of children.

During her flame-enveloped run to North Brother Island the Slocum's whistles kept blowing for assistance, but before the whistles had begun to blow several tugs, the captains of which had seen the outbreak of the fire, started after the vessel, while several rowboats put out from the shore.

The number of these craft constantly grew and not the least dramatic incidents of the catastrophe were the efforts of the men on these boats to rescue those who had jumped overboard from the burning vessel.

Coroner O'Gorman said late to-night that many more bodies had been sighted and were being brought in.

The following telegraphic message from President Roosevelt was received by Pastor Haas:

"Accept my profound sympathy for yourself, your church and your congregation. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

VAN SCHAICK'S ACCOUNT.

Captain of the Excursion Boat Is Held in Prison.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Captain William H. Van Schaick, master of the Slocum, who is held by the police, said to-night:

"The Slocum left the foot of East Twenty-third street at half past 9 o'clock this morning. There had been collected from those on board 982 tickets. The boat passed slowly up the river, through Hell Gate and over toward Sunken Meadows, where the many thrills occurred."

When the boat was burned in the Meadows an alarm of fire was given. At that time I was in the pilot-house. I jumped down to the deck and gave immediate orders for fighting the fire. The fire drill

was sounded and the crew of the boat, numbering twenty-three men, worked like niggers to get water on to that part of the boat that was burning.

"The fire was under" the forward boilers on the port side, as I made it out in the excitement. My men were exerting their efforts to keep the passengers from jumping. The fire was gaining every instant and the cries of people burning to death could be heard above every other discordant sound.

"I got the boat under way for North Brother Island, which was the safest place to attempt to land. The boat was driven on under full speed and pulled up sideways to the shore of the island."

"Many had jumped prior to this. Many were jumping every instant. My pilots, Edward Van Wart and Edward M. Weaver, were doing everything to get safely toward shore and Engineer B. F. Conklin remained in the hold. Mate Edward Flannigan had charge of the fire brigade, but when the fire spread toward the bow, he got off the boat. My hat was burning when I jumped, and I was pulled out of the water and hauled up on shore under a tree before I remembered what had occurred."

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SAVES LIVES OF BABIES. San Francisco Says Women Bit Him in Their Frenzied Struggles.

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"We had about 100 persons aboard. The fire started in the forward cabin, which was used as a storeroom, below the main deck. I don't know what started it. I ran forward and assisted the first engineer to stretch a hose up to the forward deck. This didn't do any good, because we couldn't get any water through the hose. I went to the promenade deck forward, where I pulled down four strings of life preservers."

"There was a panic. It was absolutely hell. Men and women and children grabbed for preservers. I tried to put one on three times, and they were torn away from me."

"Finally I got my hands through the armholes of a life-preserver, grabbed two children and jumped overboard, pulling the children by the hand. I think I was the first to jump overboard."

"Just before I leaped I took my cap and fanned out the flames in an old woman's dress."

"When I came to the surface after going down the first time a guy came up with a rowboat. I put the children in the boat. He said: 'Get in yourself.' I said, 'No, I am a good swimmer. There are lots of women here.'"

"Just then another child that had been thrown overboard floated near me and I put it in the boat. Then I swam to the wheel of the steamer and started to climb up the padles. There were a half dozen women around me, pulling me down. They bit me on the arms."

Templey rolled up his sleeves and exhibited several deep marks which he said were made by the women's teeth. "It was a perfect hell in the water all around the steamer at that time. I climbed up on the wheel several feet and then jumped out head first as far as I could and dived under the water in order to get away from those women who were swimming around that side of the steamer."

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A schooner will be chartered and a year will be consumed in the trip. Director Loomis of the Academy museum states that the matter is only in its beginning, and no date has been set for the sailing of the expedition. The Galapagos Islands once teemed with animal life not to be found elsewhere. It is passing away. Several scientific expeditions—one from Stanford University—have visited that group and have returned with many valuable specimens, one of which was the great land tortoise, now becoming rare.

TINNERS Still on Strike.

SAN JOSE, June 15.—Local tanners are still holding out for \$4 a day. The strike is peculiar, in that it was ordered by the District Council of the Tin and Sheet Metal Workers at San Francisco, but has not received the sanction of the Building Trades Council of this city, with which the local union is affiliated.

TO QUIET TROUBLE.—John R. Aiken, as guardian of Mary Voorman, who has been in the asylum at Stockton ever since 1875, yesterday brought suit against the Voorman Company and the heirs of Henry Voorman to quiet the title to the property at Jackson street and Sullivan alley. The defendants claim an interest in it.

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