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JOY LINER IS RAMMED BY SCHOONER

Crash Occurs While Pitiless Storm Is Raging

Life Boats Wrecked After Leaving Vessel

Half-Clad Men and Women Succumb to Exposure

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BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Feb. 12.—About 150 persons went to their death in Block Island Sound last night as the result of a collision of the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton and the Joy Line steamship Larchmont, bound from Providence to New York. It is estimated that, including the crew, there were nearly 200 persons on board the steamship when she sailed from Providence. Of these only nineteen appear to have survived the disaster—ten members of the crew and nine passengers. Forty-eight bodies have been recovered.

The Larchmont left her dock in Providence last night with a heavy cargo of freight and a passenger list estimated from 150 to 200. A strong northwest wind was blowing as the steamship plowed her way down through the eastern passage of Narragansett Bay, but the full effect of the gale which was blowing out in the sound was not felt until the Larchmont rounded Point Judith.

Captain George McVey was preparing to retire after a turn around his ship, when he was startled by several blasts of the steamer's whistle. He rushed into the pilot-house, where the pilot and quartermaster pointed out a three-masted schooner sailing eastward before a strong wind.

VESSELS CRASH TOGETHER
The schooner, which proved to be the Harry Knowlton, coal laden, from South Amboy for Boston, had been bowling along on her course, when she seemed suddenly to luff up and head straight for the steamer. Again several blasts were sounded on the steamer's whistle, the pilot and quartermaster at the same moment whirling their wheel hard to port in a mad endeavor to avert a collision.

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CONGRESS READY TO PASS AMENDMENT

Raising of Bars Against Transmigration Will End the Question Temporarily

By Ira E. Bennett

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The President and Secretary Root are believed to have hit upon a temporary solution of the Japanese question that will be acceptable to all parties concerned, including the San Francisco school authorities. Secretary Root was very busy today on the preliminaries necessary to bring about the consummation of the plan. All of his moves were made with the strictest secrecy.

The plan, as nearly as can be ascertained, contemplates the passing of the pending immigration bill with an amendment prohibiting Asiatic immigrants from coming to the United States from its insular possessions.

This will stop the influx of Japanese into the United States from Hawaii. Secretary Root has been in communication with the Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Aoki, and also with Ambassador Wright at Tokio. It is reported that the Japanese Government has replied through both of these diplomats that it has no objection to legislation which will be applied equally to all Asiatics, provided that the United States will first obtain a withdrawal of the resolution segregating Japanese school children in San Francisco.

With the consent of the Japanese Government thus secured, Secretary Root visited the Capitol today and had conferences with Speaker Cannon and certain members of the conference having in charge the immigration bill. Meanwhile the President sent for other members of the committee and laid before them his plan for adjusting the Japanese difficulty.

CONFERENCE TODAY

Sufficient progress was made to cause the President to send word to Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco School Board that he would like to see them at 2:45 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Californians were not advised of the exact nature of the proposed legislation, being told merely that an amendment was being prepared which would be entirely satisfactory to them. It is expected that the President will be able by tomorrow afternoon to assure the Californians that the proposed amendment will be enacted, whereupon they will be asked to rescind the resolution segregating Japanese school children.

Mayor Schmitz said tonight that he did not know exactly what the solution of the situation would be, but that he was satisfied that the conference tomorrow would be final. It is supposed that the partial exclusion of Japanese as thus outlined will be followed by negotiations looking to a treaty for the complete exclusion of Japanese from the United States and its insular possessions.

Apparently the President did not have any definite understanding with Japan when he sent for Mayor Schmitz and the School Board, and he has been embarrassed by the unyielding attitude of the Californians.

The immigration bill has been in conference since the last session of Congress, and until yesterday the prospect was that it would fail. The Senate inserted an amendment providing for an educational test of immigrants, which was strongly opposed by the House. The House in turn provided for a commission to investigate immigration matters, and this did not suit the Senate conferees.

AGREEMENT IS REACHED
After Secretary Root's talk with Speaker Cannon, Senator Lodge and others, it was reported that a tacit agreement had been reached to two propositions only, one providing for an immigration commission and the other Secretary Root's amendment. The conferees on the immigration bill are Senators Dillingham, Lodge and McCreary

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TACTICAL ERROR LIKELY TO BE RECTIFIED

House Must Swallow Senate Joint Rules to Save Face and Primary Measure

SIMPLE TASK FOR CONFERENCE BODY

Some Slight Change to Approach Plan of Cullen Would Tide Over Trouble

By George A. Van Smith

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 12.—Floundering in the pit dug by its own experts, the Assembly must swallow the Senate joint rules proposition to extricate itself and save the direct primary constitutional amendment. Most of the men who assisted in their own grave-digging, recognizing their tactical error, are game and will rectify it.

It is really not a very bitter dose the Assembly must swallow, and, fortunately, the lesson learned by a number of young legislators will be ample to serve as a guide for a number of sessions should their services be retained by appreciative constituencies.

As a matter of fact, the bugaboo in the joint rules is a straw creature, erected by the versatile Grove L. Johnson. Johnson is not only versatile, but he is prolific. His bills are numbered by the score. There may be some he wishes to pass. In any event he makes a fine, strong play to that effect, and when the Senate offered the joint rules employed by the last Legislature Johnson had a little improvement to suggest. The Sacramento sage wanted a rule compelling the Senate committee to report out all Assembly bills within five days after the receipt. The Senate has its collective eye on some of Johnson's measures and declines to enter into any such agreement.

APPRECIATE SITUATION

Until the real reformers in the Assembly fell over their own feet yesterday Johnson was enabled to prevent the adoption of joint rules. Now these same men realize that if they do not adopt joint rules the primary amendment will fall, and on their shoulders will fall the responsibility. A majority of them are really in favor of direct primary legislation. They thought they saw a fine opportunity to bring the Senate to its knees and at the same time exhibit a bit of real independent statesmanship. So far as the Senate is concerned it could not have accomplished more had it by its leaders planned the coup the Assemblymen sprung on themselves.

The Assemblymen who participated in the blunder appreciate the situation, and while many of them think there is a lurking demon concealed somewhere in the horrid depths of those joint rules, they do not intend to imperil the ultimate adoption of a direct primary amendment. They cannot afford to go back to their constituencies without passing such an amendment, and an agreement of joint rules will result.

BELSHAW'S MEASURE

The conference committee appointed under the joint rules will have, if it chooses, a simple task. Some slight change to fit approximately to the plan suggested by Assemblyman Cullen would undoubtedly be satisfactory to the Senate. An attempt, however, to go the whole distance proposed by the Humboldt man would be simply a repetition of what Senator Caminetti failed to do when the amendment was before the Senate.

Should the conference committee fail to agree the Senate will be asked to pass the amendment introduced by Senator Belshaw. The Held-Wright amendment was given preference over this measure in the Senate committee on elections, but yesterday, fearing the Held-Wright amendment would die a weight of expert legislative endeavor in the Assembly, Belshaw asked the Senate committee to resurrect his proposition. This morning the committee reported it out without recommendation.

BILL TO BREAK TRUSTS

Sanford of Ukiah Presents Such Measure to Corporation Legislature
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 12.—Sanford of Ukiah introduced a trust buster measure in the Senate today, which is an adaptation of the familiar Ohio law. The bill prohibits any corporation in business in California or any person or persons from combining to pool interests and restrain competition. It has provisions which prohibit com-

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By George A. Van Smith

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The second session of the Second Parliament of the present reign, which promises to be full of interest and importance as a consequence of a projected liberal attack upon the House of Lords and the introduction of an installment of home

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Bitter Clash Between Counsel Enlivens Trial of Thaw

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A bitter clash between D. M. Delmas and District Attorney Jerome today roused jury and spectators at the trial of Harry K. Thaw to anticipations of exciting days ahead. Jerome hotly accused Delmas of trying to instill into the minds of the jury the implied suggestion that the operation performed on Evelyn Nesbit in 1903, before Thaw took her to Europe, was of "a criminal nature," when, as "a matter of fact," he said, "it was for appendicitis."

Delmas called the attention of Justice Fitzgerald to this, saying that the District Attorney was stating facts not in evidence, and that a "very serious exception must be taken to his remarks."

"Send the jury out of the room if you want to," exclaimed Mr. Jerome, "but I am going to get this thing straight. I am not going to have these false impressions fostered before this jury."

JEROME WROUGHT UP
Mr. Jerome seemed thoroughly wrought up. Mr. Delmas did not for an instant lose his calm demeanor, but he gave emphasis and force to his words to his hearers. Jerome said he would withdraw the objection to the term "capital operation" if Mr. Delmas would give him the word of counsel that they did not know the nature of the operation. Mr. Delmas gave his word that he did not know of its nature.

"But you may consult with counsel," suggested Mr. Jerome.
"I do not care to do that," replied Mr. Delmas. "It is not essential."
"Ah!" cried the District Attorney in a loud voice, "then you do want to make this insinuation?"
"The District Attorney strangely forgets his character and position when he charges me with an attempt to de-

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COLD BRINGS DEATH IN NEW YORK

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Three persons were frozen to death, several were found frozen and revived with difficulty, and many thousands suffered intensely from a wave of zero weather which swept into and out of New York today.

The most pitiful of the cases of exposure was that of a woman who was found in the doorway of a saloon at Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue. She had crept into such shelter as the doorway afforded and was so huddled up in her ragged garments when Policeman Keech of the West Thirty-seventh-street station discovered her that he thought at first it was a bundle of old clothes. She died later at Bellevue.

Neither of the men who were dead when found had been identified tonight.

BANK'S TREASURER SHORT \$150,000

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 12.—A high official of the Savings Bank of New Britain said today that there was a big shortage in the accounts of William Walker, the missing treasurer of the bank, and that the bank's own officers up to noon had discovered a shortage of \$150,000. The examination of the bank will be continued and the officers say that doubtless the shortage will be found to be much larger. The disappearance of Walker occurred shortly after the bank examiner visited the bank last Thursday. At that time Walker said he felt ill and would be at the bank later. He has not been seen since.

BELIEVE AGED MAN WAS KILLED BY YEGGMEN FOR HIS MONEY

Body of Victim Is Found Under Bridge Near Needles and All Valuables Are Missing
SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 12.—The body of P. V. Springer was found by a train crew under a bridge two miles east of Needles yesterday. The deceased was an aged man and started to walk from the town to Beal, where his son was in charge of a bridge gang. All the valuables were taken from the body. It is believed he was murdered by yeggmen.