

FLAMES THREATEN BIG MAIL LINER

Sparks Ignite Canvas on the Sierra and Life and Big Ship Are Endangered

Crew of Vessel Succeeds in Extinguishing Blaze After Hard Fight

The Oceanic steamship company's liner Sierra, which is out of commission and laid up in Mission bay, narrowly escaped serious damage yesterday afternoon by fire. As the result of prompt action taken by those on board, the damage was limited to the destruction of a stretch of canvas awning and the partial destruction of No. 6 lifeboat and a life raft lying close by.

Chief Officer J. J. Koughan, who is in charge of the laid-up liner, was the only one on deck when the fire started. The others of the crew, 10 of them, were below having dinner. Koughan was at the after end painting some iron work that had just been chipped. A shower of soot swept over him and he looked up to see a cloud of smoke and flame rising from one of the lifeboats on the starboard side. Grabbing a fire extinguisher he ran to the seat of trouble, calling all hands on deck as he ran.

Number 6 lifeboat had been swathed in canvas to protect it from the weather. A spark from the galley smokestack had ignited this canvas, and when Koughan got there the fire was blazing fiercely. With the extinguisher he put out the flames on the inshore side with little difficulty. Pumps were rigged and within 20 minutes the blaze was out. The tug Arabs was passing at the time, and Captain George Harvey turned a stream on the smoldering canvas and completed the work of extinction. The crews from the Ventura and Sonoma, attracted by the blaze, also rowed over to the Sierra, but their assistance was not required.

The damage done by the fire was comparatively slight, but if the flames had been allowed five minutes more headway and had burned through the roof of the afterhouse the liner would probably have been destroyed.

The Sierra is one of the three liners that formerly was in the mail, passenger and freight service between the United States and the Antipodes and has been laid up since that service was abandoned.

DR. CREELY SENT TO COUNTY JAIL

Veterinary Who Advised Jury Not to Convict His Friend Ruel Serves Sentence

For the next five days the address of Dr. E. J. Creely, veterinary, will be cared for by the county jail of San Francisco. Suffering equine patients, limping with spavins or tottering with blind staggers, must endure their pain without his gentle ministrations, for the doctor is paying a penalty for advising the Ruel jury not to convict his "friend," the arch grafter on trial.

The remittitur of the appellate court was handed down late in the afternoon, shortly afterward Dr. Creely was notified that he was to be arrested and that escape would be impossible. He then came down town and gave himself up at the office of the sheriff. Deputy Caldwell took him in charge and escorted him to a cell in the county jail.

Creely committed the offense for which he is now being punished more than three months ago at the time the Ruel jury was deliberating prior to its disagreement. He met the jury in the street and called out to them: "Don't convict my friend Ruel."

This the jury reported to the court and Judge Looking issued a bench warrant for Creely's arrest, afterward sentencing him to five days in the county jail. Creely appealed the case and was released on bail.

LAST NIGHT OF PASSION PLAY
The passion play, which has been presented for the last week at St. Paul's church, Twenty-ninth and Church streets, will be enacted for the last time tomorrow night.

Personal Mention
E. F. Hirsch of Ukiah is at the Dorchester.
C. D. Freeborn of New York is at the Majestic.
W. A. Corson of Omaha is a guest at the Fairmont.

James Nicholson of St. Louis is staying at the Stewart.
F. J. Currie of Los Angeles is registered at the Holland.
E. Lindenberger of Black Diamond is at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lowe of New York are at the Stewart.
Frederick C. Hornby of Redlands is staying at the St. Francis.

Arthur Letts, a merchant of Los Angeles, is at the Fairmont.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crocker of Buffalo are staying at the Grand.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Scott of Sacramento are at the Grand.

Adolph Fleischman of Los Angeles is a guest at the Fairmont.
Brigadier General Philip Reade, retired, is at the St. Francis.
Dr. James J. Logan of Vallejo is registered at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lazelle of Spokane have apartments at the Grand.
A. N. Cohn of Missouri and L. Hirsch of New York are at the Baltimore.
J. M. Coombs and party of McCloud have apartments at the St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Knight of Los Angeles are staying at the Stewart.
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Newman of Santa Rosa are guests at the Pacific Grand.
C. F. Beard of Santa Maria and F. R. Reeves of Tonopah are at the Hamilton.
H. H. Watkins of Arizona and Dr. C. E. Lashburn of Rawhide are at the Savoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ganell of Los Angeles are registered at the Pacific Grand.
R. N. Norman of Santa Rosa and W. Wilcox and wife of Chicago are at the Imperial.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chester of Santa Barbara have apartments at the Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Goodheart and Major M. J. Borden of Manila are at the Jefferson.
Among late arrivals at the Holland are A. J. Davids of New York and J. F. Currie of Los Angeles.

Adjutant General Lauck of Sacramento, accompanied by A. W. Bradbury, is staying at the Fairmont.
W. A. Shepard, representative of the executive committee of the democratic state central committee, whose home is in Auburn, is in town for a few days.

Dr. E. F. Stoll, Haight at Masonic av.

Is Well Fitted for This Work



Major Samuel W. Dunning

SOLDIER'S BODY TO LIE IN HOME TOWN

Remains of Lieutenant Bernard P. Oswald Brought From Manila on Transport Thomas

The body of Second Lieutenant Bernard P. Oswald, U. S. A., who was electrocuted July 26 at Fort William McKinley in the Philippines while experimenting with electricity, was brought home on the army transport Thomas, which arrived yesterday. The young soldier's widow accompanied the remains and will take them to Tuskegee, Ala., for burial. Tuskegee was his home town.

Oswald was attached to the Twenty-ninth infantry. He was a graduate from West Point of the class of '04, and he devoted all his spare time to electrical investigation. He met his death trying to charge a shower bath with electricity. At luncheon on the day he died his wife had protested against his reckless handling of the electrical fluid. Oswald laughed, left the table and went to the bathroom, where he resumed work on his electrical shower.

An hour later his dead body was found lying across the bathtub, and the autopsy showed that death had been instantaneous. Just how it happened was not clear, but it is supposed that after charging the shower apparatus and while still handling the wires his body came in contact with the metal bathtub and formed a circuit for the deadly fluid.

VILETTE IS ARRAIGNED

Henri Vilette, who was indicted by the federal grand jury and ordered held for trial on the charge of bringing an alien woman into the United States for immoral purposes, came up for arraignment yesterday morning in the United States district court. Vilette, at the advice of Attorneys Schlesinger and Shortridge, who have been retained by him, pleaded not guilty to the charge. Assistant United States Attorney Black asked that Vilette's bonds remain fixed at \$10,000 and that the case be set for trial. Both prayers of the prosecuting attorney were acquiesced in by the court. September 21 was the date set for trial by Judge de Haven.

TROUBLE OVER SHARES

Henry Kistenmacher, 22 Mission street, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Weller yesterday for the arrest of R. H. Adams on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He alleges that Adams, on March 15, 1906, falsely represented to him that he owned ten shares of the capital stock of the 2nd floor wireless telegraph company, and received from him \$120.

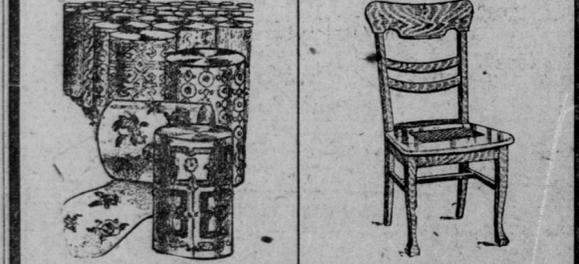
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MAUS PRAISES THE CAMP ARRANGEMENT

Officer Returns From Atascadero Enthusiastic Over Preparations for Maneuvers

Major Samuel W. Dunning Selected to Fill Position of Adjutant at Encampment

Colonel Marion P. Maus returned from Atascadero yesterday after a short visit of inspection of the work being done, preparatory to the arrival of the troops at the army maneuvers next month. Colonel Maus expressed himself as highly pleased with the arrangements thus far.

"I think the camp will be the most complete that has ever been put up for field maneuvers in this country. Already we have a splendid water supply there, which will give us 200,000 gallons of water a day, which is in excess of what we need. Our railroad station is now finished at Atascadero and the postoffice and express office will be opened up early this week. Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, who is to have charge of the signal corps, will leave for the camp in a few days and will install a telegraphic system, direct into the camp, connecting with the Western Union lines at Atascadero station."

DUNNING TO BE ADJUTANT

Major Samuel W. Dunning, who is to act as adjutant general at the maneuvers, arrived on the transport Thomas yesterday from Honolulu. Major Dunning has been in command of the military post at Honolulu for the last year. Dunning was specially selected by Colonel Maus for the work to be done at the camp, as Dunning has had a long experience in work of this character. Major Dunning is accompanied by his wife.

PAY OF MILITIA ANNOUNCED

Major George E. Pickett, who is to be chief paymaster at Atascadero, has given out the following figures as the pay that the state troops are to receive for this stay at the encampment:

Pay for officers of California troops (militia), based on 14 days pay, one day to go, 12 days in camp, and one day to return home—Brigadier general, \$23.33; colonel, \$15.56; lieutenant colonel, \$12.11; major, \$10.07; captain, \$8.33; first lieutenant, \$7.78; second lieutenant, \$6.11. Each private will get \$7; corporal, \$9.80; sergeant, \$14; first sergeant, \$21.

Pay for officers Arizona troops (militia), based on pay for 10 days, and two days returning to their home rendezvous: Lieutenant colonel, \$15.56; major, \$12.11; captain, \$10.07; lieutenant, \$8.33; second lieutenant, \$7.78. Enlisted force: First sergeant, \$24; sergeant, \$16; corporal, \$11.25; private, \$8.

Colonel Maus has applied to the war department for a dirigible balloon to be used during the camp, but as yet he has not been advised as to whether it will be forthcoming or not.

PIONEER BUTCHER DIES AT HOME OF FRIENDS

Peter McCann Succumbs in His Eightieth Year After Trouble With Heart

Peter McCann, San Francisco's pioneer butcher, who slaughtered beefs in an improvised abattoir at Kearny and Sacramento streets to supply the hungry fortune hunters of the early fifties, is no more. Surrounded by a few intimate friends, he passed away at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of George D. Pratt, 1340 Utah street. As the news of his passing was spread yesterday among the butchers of the city many recalled the genial old man, but only two or three were able to talk of his early life in San Francisco, for McCann was one of the two oldest butchers in the city.

During the last few years McCann's health had been declining. Three months ago he passed his seventieth birthday, and although suffering with heart troubles he received the congratulations of many friends. Friday night he sank into a deep stupor, from which he never rallied.

McCann had always been a conspicuous figure at all the San Francisco butchers' gatherings, and he was noted among the fraternity for his ready wit and affable manner. Until a few months before his death he was employed as a salesman by a local wholesale meat firm.

When a mere lad McCann emigrated to California from Albany, N. Y., accompanied by his late wife, Mrs. Elizabeth McCann, who passed away in this city many years ago.

FALL OPENING

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Alterations Free

Princess Coat

In light weight kerseys; trimmed with silk, Hercules brand; new model; full length; value \$17.50.

New Sheath Skirt

Made of fine chif-fon Panama, finished on either side with plaited fans, folds and buttons; length 37 to 45 inches; value \$12.

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