

BOILER BLOWS UP AND WRECKS SHIP AT SEA

Chief Engineer, Second Mate and Two Firemen Meet Death in Disaster
Survivors Fail to Recover Two Bodies From Wreck in Engine Room
Revenue Cutter to Tow Derelict Into This Harbor or Destroy It

KILLED
THOMAS HOUSTON, chief engineer, 902 Sixty-first street, Oakland.
RANDOLPH C. RASMUSSEN, second mate, San Francisco.
WILLIAM NICHOLSON, fireman.
CHRIS HANSEN, fireman.
INJURED
CHIEF OFFICER LOUIS LARSON.
ERIC OLSEN.
OLE MICHELSEN.

FOUR men were killed late on Saturday night when the boilers of the steam schooner Phoenix, Captain Peter Halverson, blew up at sea about 10 miles north of the Point Arena lighthouse, off the Mendocino coast. Two of them—Chief Engineer Thomas Houston of 902 Sixty-first street, Oakland, and Second Mate Andrew Rasmussen of San Francisco—reached shore with the survivors of the vessel, but died yesterday morning from their burns and other injuries. The mangled bodies of the other two men, Firemen Chris Hansen and William Nicholson of San Francisco, ride in the demolished engine room of their waterlogged ship as she floats at sea, a derelict.

The vessel is practically a total loss, as during the night it turned turtle and defied the efforts made by the crew of the tug Hercules to salvage it. The revenue cutter McCulloch has been informed that the derelict is a menace to navigation. It will go to Point Arena from Sausalito to tow the boat into harbor, or, if that is not possible, to destroy it.

Crew on Brooklyn
Henry Templeman, principal owner and manager of the Phoenix, directed the schooner Brooklyn, operated by the same company, to bring the crew and the bodies of the victims to San Francisco. The Brooklyn will arrive early this morning, probably before 8 o'clock. The death of Rasmussen is particularly cruel, as his wife is about to become a mother.

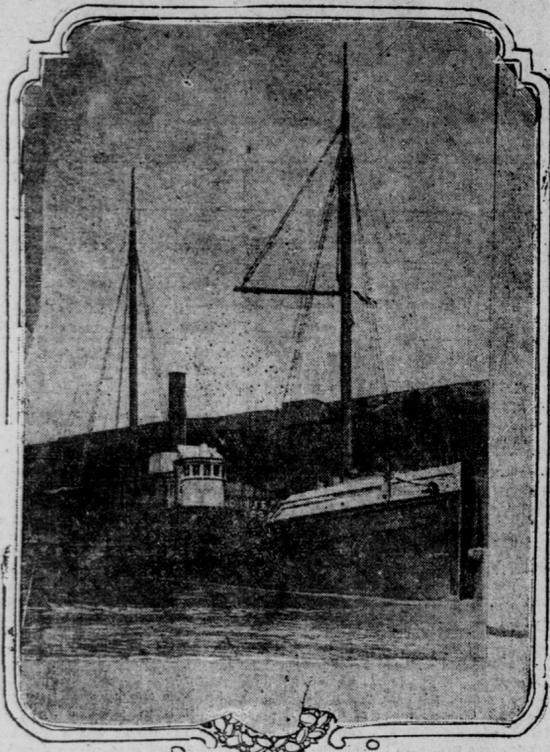
Heavy Explosion
The accident occurred Saturday night shortly after 9 o'clock. The Phoenix, loaded with bark from Needle Rock for San Francisco, was making its way slowly southward against a brisk wind in a choppy sea. Hansen and Nicholson were stoking below and Houston and Rasmussen were chatting at the engine room door when suddenly there was a blinding flash and a terrible roar from the direction of the boilers. The mate and the engineer were hurled to the floor toward the fire boxes and Chief Officer Larson was torn from his post on the bridge and his body sent hurtling through the air 30 feet to the deckload below. The sailors forward and Captain Peter Halverson, seated in his cabin, were tossed about in their quarters by the force of the explosion.

With its bow well out of water and careening to starboard, the Phoenix settled. Pump crews were stationed and some of the sailors were sent into the engine and boiler rooms to discover whether the ship was afloat. The men, working amid the tangled wreckage and the hissing steam, came upon the prostrate forms of Houston and Rasmussen, who were carried to the deck, who were still alive. Nicholson and Hansen were never seen after the explosion.

Ship Abandoned
The skyrocket distress signals flashing through the air attracted Captain Stitt and his crew of the Point Arena life saving station and the rescuers put off in the life boat for the steam schooner. They returned at midnight Saturday with Rasmussen and Houston and several members of the crew, leaving Captain Halverson and the others aboard the vessel. At day break the skipper and those who had stayed with him made their way through the breakers to the shore in the ship's boat. After making every effort to beach the Phoenix they were forced to abandon the vessel at 3 o'clock yesterday morning to save their lives. An effort was made by the tug Hercules to put a line aboard the vessel yesterday, but the heavy seas made this impossible. As darkness fell last night the Phoenix was bottom up 10 miles below the Point Arena light and about two miles off Fish Rock.

Captain Peter Halverson of the wrecked schooner telephoned an account of the disaster to The Call yesterday afternoon just before his departure.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR VESSEL TURNS TURTLE



The steam schooner Phoenix, on board which four men were killed in boiler explosion.

EL PASO'S MAYOR KILLED WHILE RESCUING FIREMEN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
EL PASO, Aug. 14.—While attempting to rescue five firemen from under a falling wall, Mayor W. E. Robinson was instantly killed Sunday morning by being buried under a mass of bricks from the falling wall.
Todd Ware, a fireman, was also killed by the falling wall and Fireman William Robinson and Assistant Chief Dave Sullivan were seriously injured. The fatal accident occurred after the Callisher department store, the largest in the southwest, had been destroyed by a fire. The firemen had been fighting the flames for seven hours and had them under control when the mayor saw the front wall start to fall. He rushed across the street to warn the firemen who were playing a stream through the main entrance. Two of the firemen escaped without injury by leaping through the entrance of the store and avoiding the falling debris when the mayor had called out his warning. The three remaining firemen attempted to escape into the street but were pinned to the paving with the mayor by a mass of brick. The building and contents, valued at \$250,000, is a total loss. The American National bank, which had temporary headquarters in the building, also suffered heavy loss.

"BIG TIM" SULLIVAN IS HOST TO 6,000 BOYS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—"Big Tim" Sullivan, the friend of every "newsie" in greater New York, entertained 6,000 newsboys this afternoon and evening at the City theater in Fourteenth street.
The big playhouse was packed from floor to dome with a crowd whose enthusiasm and exuberance the ordinary means of applause could not express, and when an act in the two big vaudeville bills struck a popular chord the theater fairly rocked with whistles, yells and cheers.
The greatest noise was made when, in response to persistent demands, "Big Tim" left his box and walked on the stage to make a speech. "I was one of you once myself," he said, "and now I am proud to be here and greet you all as your host. My advice to every newsboy in this city is not to drink and never tell a lie. And when you are selling your papers day by day always keep one back. Read it, and read it well, for it is better than all the libraries in the world. If you do that you will put yourself on an equal footing with the sons of millionaires who graduate from college."

20,000 VOLT SHOCK SPURS MAN TO PLAY BILLIARDS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
PLATTEVILLE, Wis., Aug. 14.—Alexander McMillan, son of a wealthy Callifornian, received a 20,000 volt electric charge at the ore separating plant here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and played a game of billiards in the afternoon.
McMillan brought his hand near one of the high voltage separators on the third floor and the current broke from the machine, passing through his body and out through his feet. A workman immediately broke the circuit and McMillan fell unconscious to the floor, the workman believing him dead. In a few minutes, however, he sat up and was found to be uninjured, except that his hand and foot were burned.
McMillan is an engineering student in the state mining school here and is the son of Anthony McMillan, a wealthy mining man of Claremont, Cal.

AMELIA BINGHAM'S SPOUSE THRASHES LEADING MAN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14.—Lloyd Euclid Avenue Garde theater, and Connor attended. He did not like the star given him, and declaring himself to be a good friend of the star, demanded another.
Bingham asked his wife whether she knew Connor, and being assured that she did not, called the matinee idol to account. In a few minutes the two men were pounding each other. Spectators finally interfered.

MANY DEAD IN TERRIBLE RAILWAY WRECK IN FRANCE

BOYAN, France, Aug. 14.—An excursion train from Bordeaux with 1,200 passengers and running at a speed of fifty miles an hour crashed into a freight train at Saujon today. Thirty-two persons were killed and one hundred injured. Many of the victims were schoolgirls. Several of the passenger cars were torn to splinters. A misplaced switch caused the accident.

DOG UNEARTHS WOMAN'S BODY AFTER MURDER

Wealthy Ranch Owner's Son Discovers Mutilated Remains of Mother in Yard
Victim's Brother in Law Leaves Hurriedly, Ordering Trunk Sent to Galveston
Mrs. Frieda Schultz Castine of Lancaster Felled With Ax and Buried Alive

LANCASTER, Cal., Aug. 14.—From a shallow grave sunk in the sand of her front yard, a pet dog dug the body of Mrs. Frieda Schultz Castine, a wealthy ranch owner, today. Every indication pointed to murder, with robbery as the motive, and telegrams have been sent to all seaports and border cities between Galveston and San Francisco to arrest the woman's brother in law, Otto Schultz, who left here yesterday after telling Station Agent C. H. Stoughton of the Southern Pacific that he was bound for Germany. Mrs. Castine was last seen Friday when she came here from her ranch four miles east to receive a remittance of \$6,000 from relatives in San Francisco.

Victim Buried Alive
The investigations of deputies from the sheriff's office in Los Angeles, who arrived here this afternoon, tend to show that the woman was wounded as she drove into her yard and that she was thrown into the shallow grave while yet alive. An examination by an autopsy surgeon disclosed the presence of sand in the lungs and bronchial tubes, drawn there by the victim's dying gasps.

Mrs. Castine's son found his mother's body, half uncovered and mutilated by the dog, when he returned from a trip this morning. A wide wound, evidently inflicted by an ax, in the back of the head showed the work of the slayer, and the young man, who knew his mother had gone to town to receive a large sum, could not find any trace of the money.

Otto Schultz, the brother in law, who came here recently to take charge of the ranch, also was missing.

Fugitive Leaves No Trail
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—The sheriff's office was notified this morning of the murder of Mrs. Castine in Lancaster and detectives were detailed to search for Otto Schultz. It was learned that he arrived here Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, but nothing could be ascertained regarding his subsequent movements.

Shot by White Slavers
RATON, N. M., Aug. 14.—Tomo Tomick, a miner, was shot and killed by an unknown man in a saloon here today while an accomplice of the murderer held his arms. Both the murderer and accomplice escaped. The murderer and his companion are thought by the police to be "white slave" traders into whose clutches Pedro Petrovich, a Montenegrin girl, who was to have married Tomick, fell while passing through Chicago. The girl is said to have escaped from her captors and come to Raton. The police believe she was followed by the murderer and his companion.

Killed in Woman's Home
EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 14.—At Douglas, Ariz., "Bud" Barnett was shot and instantly killed at an early hour this morning while sitting in the room of Mrs. George Marryfield, a married woman, with whom he had attended a dance. The shot was fired from a point outside by some unknown person. Barnett was a smelterman and is also married.

TWO WARDRESSES WILL ESCORT LENEVE WOMAN
Scotland Yard Employees Arrive in Quebec
QUEBEC, Aug. 14.—Sergeant Mitchell of Scotland yard and two wardresses from Holloway jail arrived here today to help Inspector Dew take Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Ethel Claire Leneve back to London.

This afternoon the quartet drove to the provincial jail, but did not see the prisoners. Dew handed Jailer Maurin a letter from Miss Leneve, brought from London by Mitchell. Beyond saying that it came from the girl's family in England the jailer would reveal nothing of its contents.
Sergeant Mitchell tomorrow will present to the provincial attorney general papers containing evidence relating to the crime with which Crippen and Miss Leneve are charged. This evidence will be used only in case the couple resist removal. Apparently both prisoners are eager to return.

PAPAL NUNCIO ASKS TO SEE QUEEN MOTHER
Diplomatic Etiquette Observed in Request for Interview
SAN SEBASTIAN, Aug. 14.—Monsignor Vico, papal nuncio at Madrid, has asked for an interview with the queen mother through Foreign Minister Prieto, thus adhering strictly to diplomatic etiquette.

TWO DIE IN SUICIDE PACT GAS KILLS BRIDAL COUPLE

Mrs. Mary Katherine Atkinson-Roche, her husband and facsimiles of notes left by pair before carrying out suicide pact. One of the notes, written by Mrs. Roche, bequeaths her effects to Harry L. Atkinson, her first husband.

Dear Lottie
We both
give you our best
love
Katherine
Archie



What a sad thing, after the lapse of 20 years, to find ourselves among ruined hopes—to sit down with folded hands and say, "Thus far life has been a failure!" Yet to how many is this the wretched summing up at the end of a single score of years from the time that reason takes the helm! Alas! that so few who start wrong ever succeed in finding the "Royal Path." Life proving even to its last burdened years a millstone about the neck.

Dear Lottie
Only the good
prevails. Heaven is a
fact. You have not
magnified your faults
in the
Dishie

GIRL'S BODY FOUND BY LAKE MERCED

Identity a Mystery, for Elements and Birds Had Done Their Work

Lying face upward in the tules along the isolated south shore of Lake Merced, the body of a young woman was found yesterday afternoon, and while there are about the remains certain marks and ornaments which may lead to identification of the body, there was nothing definitely learned yesterday of the identity of the girl who died there alone, nor was there any definite clue to how she met her end. Her face had been terribly marred and torn by carbon beasts and birds and could bear little in settling the mystery of her identity.

What may ultimately lead to her identification is the mark on her body of a surgeon's knife at the left side of her torso where the incision is made in the operation for appendicitis. The face also bore a faint birthmark on the left side of her face, over the lower jaw bone and along a meridian line dropped from the tail of the left eye.
The body had evidently lain in the sun and fog at the edge of the tules for several weeks.
Among the police records is the account of the disappearance of Mamie Pasno of Oakland, which was reported to the police by Mrs. J. Evans of 688 Castro street, Oakland. Mamie Pasno disappeared on Wednesday, July 20. She is a relative of A. Pasno of the Oakland iron works.

While the dress worn by the woman whose body was found in the marsh does not correspond with that worn by the Pasno woman, the age, 28, the height, 5 feet 5 inches, and the weight, 120, corresponded nearly with the approximate figures given by the coroner's office as the age, height and weight of the girl.

OCCULTISM LEADS TO TRAGEDY

Mary Katherine Atkinson Roche and Husband Found Dead in Apartments
SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN AIR TIGHT ROOM
Every Crevice in Bed Chamber Is Stuffed With Cotton to Insure Result
STRANGE ROMANCE OF WOMAN WRITER ENDED

Motive Revealed By Mrs. Roche's Markings

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IMPELLED by the influences of psychic thought and philosophy, in which death was robbed of all its terrors, Mary Katherine Atkinson-Roche, the divorced wife of Harry L. Atkinson and a figure in the literary life of the city, entered a suicide pact last Thursday with her second husband, Archie Roche, to whom she had been married June 27 at San Rafael, and the dead bodies of both were found yesterday in their beautifully appointed apartments at 755 Pine street. What of the tragedy was left untold by the many notes and letters found was more clearly expressed in the fumes of gas which had been escaping for three days and nights from the open jets of the bedchamber.

Occult Tale Unfolded

With the discovery of the bodies was unfolded one of the wierdest and most compelling tales of psychic force and mental suggestion ever brought to the attention of the local authorities. If credit is to be given the statements of those who were closest to the couple during their lifetime, both were ensnared in a vortex of occult speculation, the woman drawn on by the mastery of the man until she was unable to resist the suggestion of a double tragedy. In her own words, Mrs. Roche was rushed to death by the man whom she had married after a week of constant importuning and pleadings. In the very home where she had loved and lived with her first husband and to which she had returned after divorcing him, with her second spouse, she enacted the last scene in a life of crowding actions and changes, while yet lingered the echo of a plight-of-troth.

The discovery was brought about by the escaping gas fumes which had seeped through the apartment occupied by the pair and into that of W. C. Jones on the floor below.
Jones communicated with the police department and Detective McGrayan went to the address at noon and forced an entrance. The odor led McGrayan directly to the bedroom and here both bodies were discovered in bed.

Act Premeditated
On every side was evidence that the act was premeditated and carefully executed. In every possible aperture cotton had been stuffed, while at the bottom of the bedroom door and windows wet towels had been placed.
A clear and legible will, bequeathing all her property to her former husband, was executed by Mrs. Roche and left on the dresser with other notes, while

GIRLS TO SPRINT IN HOBBLE SKIRTS

Unique Sporting Event Planned for Benefit Program of Actors' Fund

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The Call's correspondent tonight learned of preparations that are being made by managers of the actor's fund for a unique sporting event.

A hobble skirt race, the first contest of its kind in the annals of American field sport, will be held at the Polo ground next Friday. The occasion will be the actor's fund field day, when 500 stage players will frolic for the benefit of the fund. Among those who will compete in the latest rival to the sack and three legged races are Miss Marie Dressler, Miss Fannie Rice, Miss Lauretta Taylor, Miss Gertrude McCoy and Miss Emma Carus.

Entry blanks have been sent to all the Broadway chorus girls, and it is expected there will be so many entrants that the race will have to be run off in heats.
The conditions give generous allowance for weight, height, breadth and age. Contestants are required to weigh in at noon on the day of the race. Entrants who have passed their prime and who will be carded as carrying weight for age, will get an extra allowance of two inches for every 10 pounds. Extra tall contestants will be handicapped by having the hobble band within 18 inches of their insteps. The race will be for 100 yards and a gold medal.

BELGIAN EXPOSITION IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Two Killed, Three Sections Destroyed and All Dooded
BRUSSELS, Aug. 14.—Fire swept the great Belgian exposition tonight. The flames were driven by a high wind and soon destroyed the Belgian, English and French sections. It is believed the whole exposition will be destroyed. Two are dead and 30 injured.

ANTIOCH, Aug. 14.—In the first of a series of five games to be played between Antioch and Black Diamond, the home team won today by a score of 13 to 6. The lumber town boys were unable to do anything with Marriam's delivery, while the Antioch players batted Johnson all over the field. Batteries—Martindal and Earle; Johnson and Auer.