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BURNING OF A STEAMER

OFF THE LONG ISLAND COAST CAUSES THE LOSS OF TEN LIVES.

An Ocean Horror.—The Pilot Bravely Held His Post Until the Vessel Bumped on the Rocks.—The Escaped Passengers Suffered Only Immersion in Cold Water.

New York.—The Bridgeport Line steamer Nutmeg State was hurned in Long Island Sound off Sands Point, L. I., at sunrise Saturday morning, and ten persons were burned to death or drowned.

Samuel Jayne Bridgeport, Conn. baggage master of Nutmeg State, body at the New York morgue.

Nils Nilen, member of the crew of the burned boat. Body not recovered from the wreck.

Charley Anderson, watchman on boat; body in wreck.

Patrick Coffey, mate, body in wreck.

Bernard Hendry, oiler, body in wreck.

Thomas Murphrey, member of crew, body in wreck.

John Connors, member of crew, body in wreck.

Unknown woman, passenger, 28 years old; body recovered.

Unknown man, passenger; drowned, body not recovered.

Unknown girl, 4 years old; body recovered.

Most of the passengers who escaped suffered nothing more than shock from immersion in the chilly water, and only four persons were sent to the hospital.

The steamer was run to the beach at the outbreak of the flames, and burned to the water's edge.

The bodies of two victims of the disaster drifted ashore about noon, on the beach, a mile east of the blazing wreck.

One was the body of a woman about 28 years old and the other a girl of 4 years.

The Nutmeg State, with over a hundred persons on board, bound from Connecticut towns to New York, was discovered on fire about 5:30, when she was within a few miles of Sands Point, L. I. The flames were in the bow of the boat, between the forward cabin and the donkey engine room. The fire was on the main deck and seemed to be a small affair, so Capt. C. M. Brooks, not wishing to needlessly alarm the passengers, ordered the crew to work as quietly as possible with buckets and hose. For about twenty minutes the flames did not seem to be dangerous, and the men appeared to have them in control. Suddenly they burst into a furious blaze amidships. Baggage master Samuel Jaynes was detached from the fire fighters and sent to alarm the passengers and all the members of the crew who were in the forward part of the boat. He ran through the passage ways in the several decks, shouting to the passengers and the sleeping crew. He remained amidships crying out warnings until he was forced by the flames and stifling smoke to jump overboard.

The passengers in various stages of frenzy rushed from the staterooms to the upper deck. Life preservers were given them and many of the men assisted in putting them on the women and children. By this time the entire mile section of the steamer was burning fiercely and the people forward were completely cut off from communication with those on the after part of the boat. This left the people on the rear decks in a perilous situation, as the life boats on the amidships davit were surrounded by flames and there were few of the crew in the rear to give aid.

As the flames continued to spread both forward and aft, and the pilot headed the steamboat at full speed for the beach at Sands Point, the draft swept the fire toward the rear of the boat. The passengers in that part of the boat went as far back on the rear deck as possible, but were enveloped with black smoke and the flames were leaping toward them, threatening in a few moments to roast them alive. They huddled close to the rear rail in fear, waiting for the steamer to strike the beach.

With a shock the Nutmeg State struck the rocks on the bottom and people seemed to shoot from all sides and tried to reach the lifeboats which had been launched on the forward part of the vessel. All the passengers were in the water in a few moments, but many members of the crew

had become imprisoned in the forward part of the ship below decks by the flames. There was no outlet in the thick side of the steamboat, except the small port holes, through which no man could squeeze.

The first person to leave the burning steamer was Baggage master Jaynes, who gave the alarm to the sleeping passengers. When the smoke and flames forced him amidships, he almost exhausted, made a leap for the sea. In doing so he struck his head against the guard rail and was stunned, falling into the water helpless. A launch from the steam yacht Kismet picked him up and carried him to the Kismet, where the brave fellow died shortly after being taken aboard.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Schwann's Forces Administered Severe Drubbing to Filippians.

Washington.—The following cablegram from Gen. Otis has been received at the war department:

"Manila.—Schwann's column swung into Imus from Das Minas Thursday morning, camped at Bacoor at night and scattered insurgents, who are probably retreating by detachments on Indang. Condition of roads prevented further pursuit; 125 men, thirty seven volunteers, Maj. Cheatham, drove insurgents south and westward from lake town of Mantulapa, pursuing several miles, and retired to Bacoor by Zapote river road. Loss, three men killed, two wounded, one missing. Schwann's movement very successful. Inflicted heavy loss on men and property of southern insurgent army. He reports their casualties at 200 killed and 40 wounded. Their stored supplies destroyed. Young moving from Argayal north and westward, scattered insurgents, who retired northwest. His casualties were three slightly wounded. Considerable store of grain captured."

Vice-President Mariscal in New York.

New York.—Senator Ignacio Mariscal, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, arrived here Friday. He is accompanied by Dr. Raphael Lavista, a Mexican physician; Capt. Samuel Cueller, military aide to Vice-President Mariscal; Gen. Chambers McKibben and his aide, and Lieut. Perry, representing President McKinley, and George Cook and Col. W. E. Roberts, of the Chicago Federal committee of the Chicago celebration, who are escorting Senator Mariscal about the country. The party was met at the Grand Central depot by the Mexican consular general to this city, who conducted them to the Waldorf-Astoria.

Extensive Counterfeiting Outfit Captured.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The detectives of the local police force have succeeded in locating and capturing the most extensive counterfeiting outfit ever seen in this section. The "mint" was located in a cave or under an overhanging cliff in a wild, unfrequented and thickly wooded cave on the slope of Lookout mountain, and consisted of neat plaster of paris moulds, kettles, smelting apparatus, ladders, rabbit, lead, aluminum, antimony and several counterfeit dollars. The proprietor of this mint, W. J. Green, a man 38 years of age, was arrested, but his confederates succeeded in escaping.

Tragic Death of A. M. Atkinson.

Cincinnati, O.—A business men's meeting of delegates of the Christian Church jubilee was held at the Grand Hotel Saturday night. The last speaker was A. M. Atkinson, of Wabash, Ind. His last words were: "This is probably the last time I shall ever speak to you." Then taking his seat he said in half-choking tones: "My heart is fluttering," and in a minute he was dead. Mr. Atkinson was a prominent business man, leading layman in the Christian Church, and the founder of the church endowment fund for the support of its aged ministers.

Labor Problem Will Have Attention.

Washington.—The industrial commission is contemplating entering upon a special inquiry into the labor problem, as it is found in the Southern States. Complaint has been made to the commission regarding the system of leasing lands to the colored people. The commission has authorized its sub-committee on transportation to visit the West for the purpose of continuing the investigation into alleged railroad discriminations. The first meeting under this order will be held in Chicago, November 1.

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