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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Regular conventtion rates will prevail for the State Democratic convention at San Antonio.

Joe Ruma, an Italian boy fifteen years of age, who has been in Galveston four or five months was drowned Thursday night while bathing in the bay.

Mrs. Inez Suttle, the 16-year-old wife of J. A. Suttle of Houston, died in New Orleans Thursday night. The girl succumbed to death while on her bridal tour.

In Grayson County scores of binders at work in the wheat fields at night, lanterns being used in profusion. The grain is ripening rapidly under the influence of warm weather.

The bakers' strike at Houston has been settled and Houston is now assured of her bread supply. The men got the increase demanded, amounting to $3 raise per week.

It was decided by the committee to seat the "black and tan" delegation from Louisiana, in opposition to the lily white delegation from that State in the Republican National Convention.

The Davis Gin Company has been organized with $6000 capital. The company will be incorporated and will erect a new modern gin in Davis, I. T., this being necessary to handle the crop this season.

Albert Koepping, who murdered John Martin in Port Jervis, and Oscar Borgstrom, who killed his wife in Mount Kisco, were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison Monday.

Elevator builders in Philadelphia struck for a raise from $3.60 to $4.25 a day, and have drawn about 7000 elevator workers from many other large cities into their trouble by a general strike.

Dallas members of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Maccabees, are making preparations to go to St. Louis in August to compete for the prizes offered for the best drilled company of Maccabees.

A cyclone of unusual severity, accompanied by unprecedented rain, has caused great damage to Santiago, Cuba, and surrounding country. The death list is over one hundred, and is increasing.

Robert Hall, a negro, shot at his brother, Levi, below Waco, missing him, but shooting a Winchester ball clear through a small son of Levi Hall and also shooting a horse. It is thought the boy will die.

J. C. Buchanan was arrested near Whitesboro on a federal warrant charging fraud in connection with a transaction alleged to have taken place at Ardmore, I. T., where he will be taken for trial.

Reports come from Robinsonville, seven miles south of Waco, where the mad dog showed up some three weeks ago, to the effect that two or three more rabid dogs have been seen there in the past few days.

The Concho-Colorado Confederate association, which is composed of all the old Confederates in this western section, will hold its annual reunion on the Colorado river four miles above Ballinger August 10 and 11.

John L. McAtee, aged 61, for seven years United State District Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Oklahoma, with residence in Enid, died Monday morning at Chicago of paralysis.

Two loads of oats, the first of this season's crop, were marketed at McKinney Wednesday evening. They brought 37 1-2c.

Oklahoma is sending a train load of wheat to the World's Fair for exhibition purposes.

York, an inland town eight miles southwest of Roff, I. T., has been completely washed away. The Indian Trading Company's branch house there, consisting of a general store, was the heaviest loser.

Indian Territory Elks will heartily support Dallas for the next annual meeting of the grand lodge.

An agreement has been reached and ert Fitzsimmons and "Philadelphia articles will be signed shortly for a ball park.

While crossing Pecan Creek, about three miles west of Brandon; with a load of oats, Boone Spalding, a son of Dan J. W. Spalding fell from the wagon. The wheels passed over his chest killing him almost instantly.

The little gasoline yacht Palmett, owned by T. I. Snider of New York, has arrived at Chicago from New Orleans, having on board the owner and a party of friends bent on circumnavigating the eastern half of the United States.

CURRENT • TELEGRAPH • TOPICS

More Than Six Hundred Lives Lost.

Awful Fate of an Excursion Party.

New York, June 16.—One of the most appalling disasters in the history of New York, tragic in its immensity and deeply pathetic in the tender age of most of its victims, took place today in the East River at the entrance to Long Island Sound, within a short distance of the New York shore and within sight of thousands of persons, the majority of whom were powerless to minimize the extent of the catastrophe. By the burning to the water's edge of the General Slocum, a three-decked excursion steamer, the largest in these waters, more than six hundred persons, the majority of whom were women and children, were burned to death or drowned by jumping overboard or by being thrown into the whirlpools by the lurching of the vessel and the frantic rush of the panic-stricken passengers.

Approximately 500 passengers have been recovered and are now being tagged at the morgue of the Bellevue Hospital at Harlem. Divers were still busy at a late hour taking bodies from the hold of the vessel, which, they say, is choked with the remains of human beings, while the bodies of scores of others who leaped or were thrown into the river have not been recovered. It is the season of Sunday school excusions in New York Bay and Long Island Sound, the latter one of the most picturesque bodies of water in the country. Great preparations had been made for the seventeenth annual excursion of the Sunday School of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, the congregation of which is drawn from the dense population of the lower East and West sides and the General Slocum had been chartered to carry the excursionists to Locust Grove, one of the many resorts on Long Island Sound. It is variously estimated that there were between 1,500 and 2,500 persons on board the General Slocum when she left the pier at Third street, East River, though the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, which owns the Slocum, officially states that the number of passengers was 873, that being only one-third of the vessel's capacity. It is thought however that there were several hundred children in arms for whom fares are not usually charged on these trips. The scene on the deck of the steamer as she proceeded up the East River was one of merrymaking customary on such occasions. The mass of flags fluttered in the June breezes the bands were playing and children were singing dancing and waving handkerchiefs in answer to the salutatons of those on shore or from passng steamers. At the extreme end of Randalls Island, off 135th street, there is a stretch of water known as Sunken Meadows. At this point, just as crowds were watching the gaily decorated steamers from the shore, the General Slocum took fire, and as the age of the vessel—she was built in 1891—had resulted in the thorough seasoning of the woodwork of which she was almost entirely built, she was soon a mass of flames.

The fire is said to have broken out in a lunch room on the forward deck through the overturning of a pot of grease. The wind was high and all efforts to subdue the fire were futile.

At 13th street there are several lumber yards and oil tanks, and as Capt. William Van Schaik, in command of the General Slocum, started to turn his vessel toward the shore there, he was warned that it would set fire to the lumber and oil tanks, and as Capt. his course for North Brother Island, one of the twin islands, a half mile away, where the boat, partially burned, was beached.

She sank near this place at 12:25 o'clock in the afternoon, two hours and twentyfive minutes after the fire was first discovered.

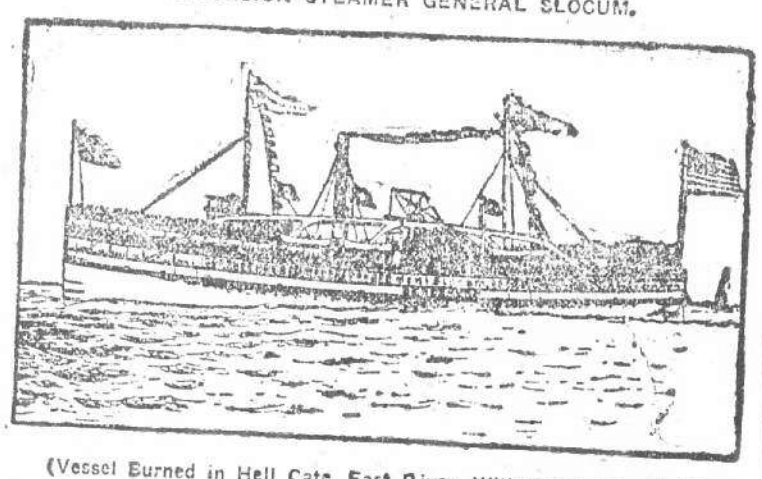
THE SLOCUM VICTIMS.

New York: With unceasing effort search is going on for the bodies of those who perished Wednesday on the Gen. Slocum. What the list of victims will total one scarce dare venture a guess.

Police and Health Department officials have placed the number at a figure as high as one thousand and more, but tonight it would seem that the maximum fatality will not largely exceed 700. All day long the searchers kept up their eternal vigilance and at dusk there had been recovered 336 bodies, for the greater part women and children. Up to dusk 499 bodies had passed through the morgue, and of these more than 300 were identified. Streets leading to the morgue were blocked and only with difficulty could the police keep clear the passages leading to the long row of coffins for those who came to search for the missing.

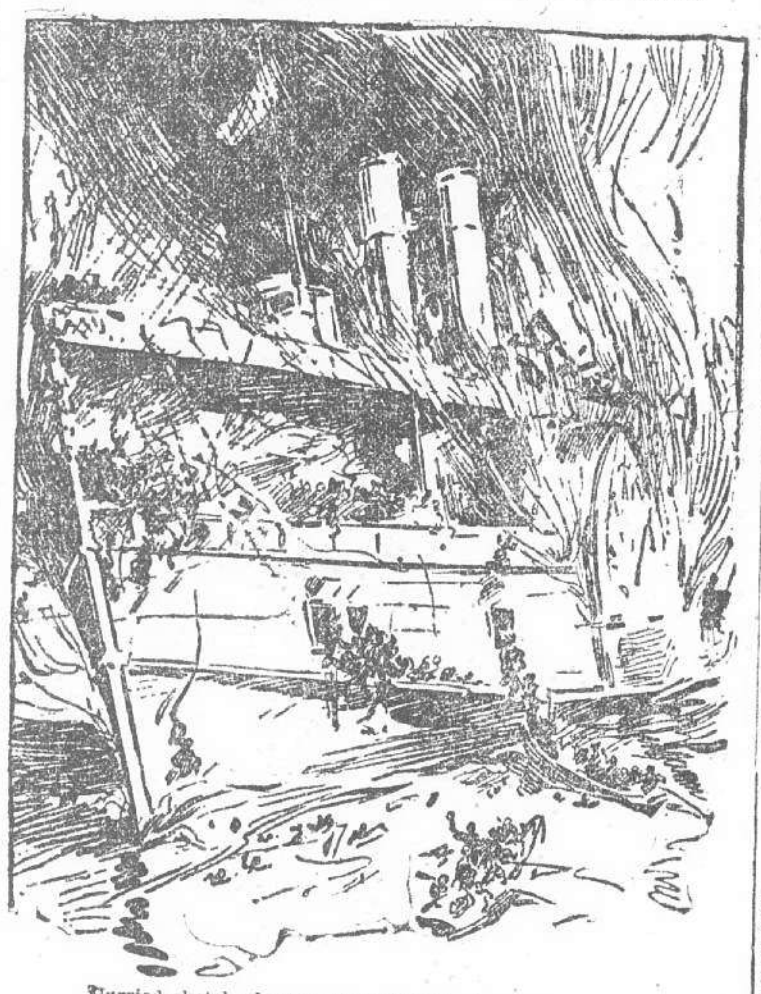
Up the Sound, where the hulk of te Gen. Slocum lies submerged, showing only a paddle box; scores of small crat aided the tugs in grappling for the victims. Divers went down time and time again, and when their work ended they declared there were no more bodies in the wreck. A score of times a diver reappeared after his plunge with the body of a woman or a child. Two of them coming to the surface together on one occasion had in their arms two little girls, sisters, clasped in each other's embrace, and their mother, it was thought, whose dead and tightly clinched the skirts of one of them.

EXCURSION STEAMER GENERAL SLOCUM.

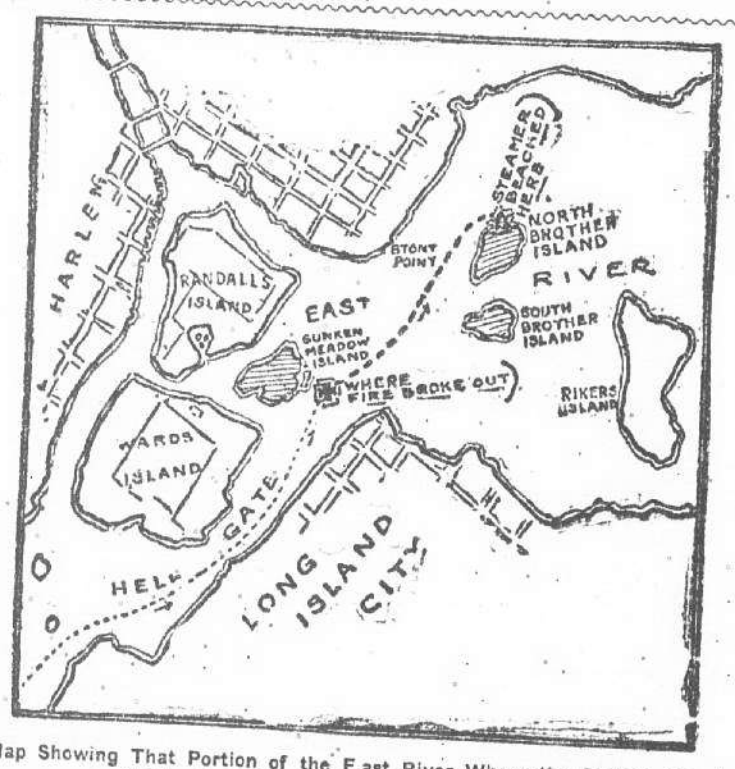


(Vessel Burned in Hell Cate, East River, With Great Loss of Life.)

THE BURNING BOAT DRIFTING DOWN THE RIVER.



Hurried sketch of scene by a New York newspaper artist.



Map Showing That Portion of the East River Where the General Slocum Was Burned and Hundreds of Lives Sacriced.

Miners Deported.

Antonito, Colo.: Thirty-six union miners and sympathizers deported from the Cripple Creek district were unloaded from the special train near the New Mexico line today and were driven over by the guard under command of Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy. They were moreover warned not to return to Colorado. Nevertheles, after the departure of the troops, the deported men walked back to this town, five miles north of the line, where a meal was furnishd them by citizens.

Corpus Christi, Texas: A movement is being quietly engineered for the establishment of a great educational institution in Corpus Christi. If successful, the college will be located on the site of the Alta Vista Hotel, and its president will be a leading member of the Iowa State University.

Sin Yen's Capture.

Tokio: A detachment of the army under Gen. Kuroki captured the town of Siu Yen on Sunday after routing and defeating a force of 300 Russians and 300 mounted Chinese baudits.

Corbin Succeeds Wade.

Washington: Maj. Gen. Henry C. Corbin has been ordered to command the Division of the Philippines, succeeding Maj. Gen. F. Wade, the order to take effect in October.

Stakelberg's Loss.

St. Petersburg: A special dispatch to the Associated Pres from Liao Yang contains the first Russian estimate of General Stakelberg's losses, placing them at 1000 men and twenty officers.

Fleets May Have Met.

Tokio: A report has been received from the police station at Sago, near Sasebo, saying that sounds of cannonading have been heard off the coast It is possible that a Japanese fleet has met the Russians.

New Orleans: Nineteen Italian immigrants were held up by the board of inspectors and the steamship company ordered to deport them back to Italy on the ground of alleged violation of the immigration laws.

KRYDLOFF SENDS IN HIS REPORT.

Details Sinking of Japanese Ships Off Sasebo--They Refused to Surrender and Were Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, June 20.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch, dated June 19, from Vice Admiral Skyrdloff:

"On June 15 our cruiser division encountered in the strait of Corea a Japanese transport steaming from the south in the direction of the Japanese coast, which was visible on the horizon. The vessel proved to be the Izumi, with troops on board.

"On the expiration of the time given those on board to lower their boats and leave the ship, permission to do which was taken advantage of by part of the crew, the transport was sunk by our guns. Shortly afterward two more transports were sighted to the southeast. They proved to be the Hitachi and the Sado, the former with troops and the latter carying coolies, horses, and a railway plant. The transports refused to surrender, and at the end of the period granted those on board to take to the boats the two vessels were sunk by torpedoes and shells.

"The losses on the transports the tonnage of which aggregated about 15,000 tons, consisted of a portion of the troops and crews, a large quantity of war material and the railway plant.

"On June 16 our squadron met the British steamer Alton, which was proceeding south with a cargo of coal from the port of Mororoun, island of Hokkaido, the administrative name of the Japanese island of Yezzo.

"The lack of clearances in her papers and the irregularity of her log excited our suspicion concerning the neutrality of her cargo. The steamer was therefore sent to Vladivostok in charge of a detachment of soldiers commanded by Lieutenant Pitroff. She has arrived at Vladivostok, where a prize court will consider her case.

The British steamer Alton sailed from Penarth, Wales, February 20, for Sasebo, Japan, and arrived there on May 21.

FOREIGN NEWS SUMMARY.

The czar is said to have appointed a mission to devise reforms in Russia.

Mukden reports the loss of an entire regiment in the sinking of the transport Hitachi.

Manchester buyers await a lower price of cotton.

The Japanese transport Izumi was sunk Wednesday. When the Russian fleet was sighted all on board took to the boats and were picked up by a cruiser.

Denver capitalists have projected a road in Mexico from Los Reyes to Acapulco, on the Pacific.

Peonage in Mexico is being broken up.

Russian Interior Minister is averse to harsh measures in Finland as a result of the assassination.

Steamer Australia struck a rock on the coast of Australia. There was no loss of life.

Admiral Skrydloff reports his raid on Japanese transports.

Boll Weevil Test.

Taylor, Williamson Co., Texas. J. H. White and Charles Colbert of Tishomayo and Rovia, I. T., are in Taylor with a newly constructed two-wheel sulky fumigating device with a blower attachment, which they claim is a sure killer of boll weevils wheveren applied. In the presence of State Boll Weevil Commission C. C. Hooper and a number of farmers, an initial test of the machine was made yesterday afternoon in a 100-acre field of cotton near town belonging to Julius Kreiger and which was reported as alive with weevils. The test yesterday did not prove satisfactory to those present and another experiment will be made tomorrow. The device straddles and fumigates one row of cotton at a time, and is drawn slowly along by a team of mules.

Struck by an Engine.

San Marcos, Texas: In crossing the International & Great Northern tracks in a cut at a point a mile and a half north of here at 9 o'clock this morning, Charles Glover, colored, and two children in a buggy were struck by a light engine. Glover received injuries from which he died at 4 p. m. The two children were only slightly hurt. The buggy was completely demolished, but the horse escaped without injury.

Will Delay Attack.

Chee Foo: Japanese officials here believe that the loss of the transports Hitachi and Sado will delay the proposed combined attack on Port Arthur.

The Tao Tai of Che Foo has protested to the Russian Consul against the use of wireless telegraphy between Che Foo and Port Arthur, but the Consul has not yet made any reply to the Tao Tai's representations.

Japan's Exchequer Bonds.

London: A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio announces that the total subscriptions to the second issue of exchequer bonds ($50,000,000) has amounted to $160,246,762. The bonds are isued at 92, bear 5 per cent interest, and are to run for seven years.

Shipped 100 Fancy Beeves.

Bastrop, Texas: Mr. C. W. Hill of Elysium shipped from here today 100 head of fancy beef cattle via Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway to the Fort Worth market.

Pushing Weevil War.

Houston, Texas: Dr. D. W. Hunter, the boll weevil warrior for the Agricultural Department or the general government, was in the city this afternoon. He came up from Victoria. He, upon being asked, stated that he expected to remain in Texas to see the cotton crop through and its arch enemy, the boll weevil, get the worst of it. While he did not say anything about the enemy for publication, his conversation showed that the fight was being pushed right ahead.

TREASURER A SUICIDE.

Mills Was Financially Embarrassed Personally, but Accounts All Right.

Jackson, Miss: J. B. Mills, treasurer of Summit, and a prominent citizen of South Mississippi, committed suicide early today, having come to a local hotel for the purpose. He left notes to several persons explaining that he had not the courage to commit the act at his home, and that it was done because he was embarassed financially. It was learned today that his acounts as the treasurer of Summit are all right, and that his financial difficulties were personal. He was about 60 years old, a Confederate veteran, and was prominent in secret orders.

Killed Under Cherry Tree.

Chester, Pa.: Four boys standing under a chery tree on a farm near Felton, three miles from here, were killed today by a stroke of lightning. The dead.

Roy Smith, aged 13.

Alevander Fullerton, aged 13.

W. M. Davis, aged 14.

Samuel Clark, colored, aged 15.

The boys took shelter from the storm. Smith, Fullerton and Davis were killed instantly. The colored boy was so badly injured that he died on the way to the hospital.

Steamer Australia Sunk.

Bourne, Australia: The Peninsula and Oriental liner, Australia, inward bound, struck on the rocks on Point Neapany (at the eastern entrance to Point Philip Bay) at 2 o'clock this morning. The bottom of the vessel was stove in and it is feared that she will be a total loss. The passengers and crew were safely landed.

The Australia was bound from Toulon to Sydney, N. S. She was of steel and of 3,720 tons.

Dead Man in Ditch.

San Antonio, Texas. Lying flat on its face in the shallow water of an irrigation ditch near the Southwestern Insane Asylum the body of a Mexican about 25 years of age was found on Saurday morning. The body lay in two feet of water, perfecly nude, while the clothing was piled on the bank, as though the man had been bathing. From papers found in the pockets the man's name is believed to be either Alberto Soliz or Leon Soliz.

Left Fortune to State.

Colima, Hexico: General Angel Martinez, who died in this city recently, leaving no family, bequeathed his entire fortune, amounting to over $2,000,000, to the Governor of this State, who receives the greatest share, and the rest to the nation.

Has Yellow Fever Symptoms.

Vera Cruz, Mexico: The American steamer Vigilancia brought a second class passenger with symptoms of yellow fever. He was sent to the health station for observation.

Charbon in Louisiana.

Crowley, La.: Charbon, the cattle disease, is gaining quite a hold among the cattle of this parish and farmers in a number of sections have lost some valuable animals. The disease has already broken out in Calcasieu and Vermillion parishes, and it is thought that it has gained such a foothold that it will be a hard matter to stamp it out before fall.

Killing at Rock Creek.

Weatherford, Texas: This morning about daylight in a Mexican row at Rock Creek Coal Mine Red E. Lokeio was stabbed to death and Joe Garcia was fatally shot. I. Telano is in jail charged with murder and E. Campas is held for assault with intent to murder. The parties to the trouble are all Mexicans. County Attorney James C. Wilson and Deputy Sheriffs Albert Leach and R. J. Boggett have gone out to investigate. Other arests may follow.