

Finest of French Ships Was Destroyed--Fierce Panic Caused Life Loss

Crews of Other Ships Going to the Rescue Were Driven Back by the Explosions and Dense Smoke and Many of the Rescuers Succumbed--Fire Started in the Hold and Flooded Magazines--Origin of the Blaze is Unknown

Special to The World:

Toulon, France, Sept. 25.—Three hundred and fifty men, the crew of the *Liberte*, one of the finest vessels of the French navy, were burned to death early this morning, while one hundred others lost their lives in going to the assistance of the ill-fated battleship.

The fire started in an unknown manner in a corner of the hold of the large ship, the result being that the flames soon flooded the magazines, causing a series of explosions that wrecked the *Liberte* and brought instant death to all on board.

The panic, according to wireless, was the worst ever seen on water. The dense fog of smoke made it impossible for the rescuers to do anything and even those who went to the assistance from other ships were driven back by the explosions and smoke.

The *Liberte* was one of the finest battleships of the French navy, had the largest crew and the loss is the greatest that has ever been sustained.

CHAS. G. STURTEVANT, ASSISTANT GENERAL SOLICITOR OF SOO ROAD IN CITY.

That the legal details preparatory to actual building operations of the new Soo road will be pushed through to a rapid completion is the statement of Chas. G. Sturtevant, assistant general solicitor of the Soo road, who was in the city today consulting with the local attorneys.

It is the intention of the road to complete all right of way contracts, either by condemnation or amicable settlement so that there will be nothing to hinder the actual building operations which will surely commence in the spring.

The conditions in this section of the state are such that the road is anxious to get the line completed and no time will be lost in rushing the work through.

REV. W. M. SMITH LEAVES FOR THE MAGIC CITY WHERE HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SONS.

"I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way," was the strain of the song sung by Rev. W. M. Smith, the colored divine, who has been shifted from town to town by the authorities. Smith reached Devils Lake via the St. Cloud, Fargo Falls, Fargo and Grand Forks route and with the assistance of a contribution raised here he claims to be on his way to Minneapolis.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES WILL NOT RECEIVE EXPENSES WHILE OUT OF DISTRICT.

District court judges of the state, under a ruling of Attorney General Miller, will not receive traveling expenses when engaged in work outside of their own district. The law passed by the last legislature, he says, is unconstitutional, different from the provisions of the measure, as expressed in the body, and those expressed in the title, are responsible.

SCHOOL LAWS OF THE STATE TO BE ENFORCED BY AUTHORITIES IN DEVILS LAKE.

Finding several cases where the new school law has been ignored and children have been kept out of school for the purposes of having them work in stores and other places, the local officials have decided to make a vigorous campaign for the enforcement of the law.

The new law, which is Sec. 232 in the code, and which was enacted by the last legislature makes it compulsory for children between the ages of eight and fifteen to attend school and parents or guardians ignoring it lay themselves open to prosecution.

CASE VS. FREEMAN ALEXANDER FOR STABBING LANGHOFF IS BEING AILED.

Lakota, N. D., Sept. 25.—The hearing of Freeman Alexander, charged with an assault on Hallie Langhoff, who was confined in the Devils Lake hospital for some time, is now on and will not be concluded until this evening. Alexander is charged with having stabbed Langhoff as a result of a poker game in this city.

MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATS WILL BE INDICTED FOR CORRUPTION IN ELECTION.

Brook Haven, Miss., Sept. 22.—It became known today that at least ten indictments against Lincoln county farmers charged with selling their votes during the state Democratic primary in August, this year, will be returned by the grand jury now in session here late today.

JEWISH NEW YEAR PROPERLY OBSERVED TODAY BY MEMBERS OF THAT FAITH HERE.

The Jewish New Year was properly commemorated today by the members of that faith in this city with the services that are laid down for their observance.

IMPROVE TRACKAGE.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 22.—International and Great Northern railroad stretching from Longview in the northeastern part of Texas to Laredo, on the Rio Grande, a distance of almost 800 miles, is making arrangements for improvement both in trackage and rolling stock. To meet this expense a bond issue of \$50,000,000 has been ordered by the management. This enormous sum will be spent in bettering the physical conditions of the line in every particular and every dollar of it will be spent in Texas. This gives some notion of what keen financiers think of the possibilities of the southwest. When the improvements now contemplated are made, the schedule will be quickened and St. Louis and the City of Mexico will be several hours nearer one to the other than they have been in the past.

DIED LAST WEEK.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory of Highland township was saddened last week by the death of their only son, Vernon, in his nineteenth year. He has never been physically strong, and a complication of diseases brought the end quickly, after an illness of only a few days.

He was born in Minneapolis, November 15, 1898. He was an industrious, good natured young man, and his many good qualities endeared him to relatives, neighbors and friends. The only child left to the parents is a little daughter, Minnie, aged nine.

A large number of friends gathered at the Gregory home last Sunday morning to attend the funeral services, of which Rev. E. L. Mudge was in charge. The interment was in St. Hans churchyard. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends. —Edmore Herald-News.

DANISH BIRDMAN SAYS HE WILL MAKE ATTEMPT TO REACH NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 22.—The conquest of the Atlantic, the most ambitious exploit yet undertaken by an aviator, is contemplated by a Danish air man who describes his plans in a letter to be published tomorrow in the *Nordlyset*, a Danish newspaper published in Brooklyn. The aviator writes that he has enlisted the necessary financial aid and made arrangements to fly next spring from Copenhagen to New York resting only at London and Queenstown and upon ships stationed at intervals across the North Sea and Atlantic ocean. At the aviator's request his name was withheld.

FARMER WAS INJURED.

Caledonia Man's Team Ran Away and He Was Severely Injured.

Hillsboro, N. D., Sept. 26.—Thos. Staska, who lives a mile northwest of Caledonia, was taken to the Anderson hospital suffering from several injuries received in a runaway while returning home from Neilsville.

Mr. Staska was thrown from the seat and got wedged in between the box and one of the front wheels, in which position he was dragged for a considerable distance before the team came to a stop. A neighbor of the team came to discover him and freed him from his perilous position. He was unconscious for a time and suffered a badly wrenched ankle and had one of his ears nearly torn off.

VETERAN IS DEAD.

Was in Battle of Gettysburg and Also Marched With Sherman.

Edinburg, N. D., Sept. 26.—P. R. Pritchett, who enlisted in Company C of the Twenty-fifth regiment, Wisconsin volunteer infantry, is dead.

Though he fought four years in the war of the rebellion, Mr. Pritchett was never injured, although in building a bridge, while under enlistment, he was badly hurt.

The deceased veteran was a survivor of the battle of Gettysburg and was with Sherman in his famous march. His remains were taken to Lancaster, Wis., for burial.

SUCH IS THE OPINION OF MRS. AVERY, WHO HAS MANY CALLERS AT LAKOTA.

NO TRACE OF MAN WHO CAME BACK AFTER ABSENCE OF TWENTY YEARS.

During the Social Hour He Spent With His Wife He Recalled the Circumstances Connected With His Sudden Disappearance and Related His Experience During the Many Years He Has Been Absent.

LAKOTA, N. D., SEPT. 26.—

Since the announcement of the return of her husband after twenty years' absence and his sudden disappearance again last Thursday after a visit of an hour, Mrs. Avery, who is at the home of her brother here, has had many inquisitive visitors and has answered many questions with reference to the mystery which surrounds the case of her husband, a former resident of Cray, N. D.

According to Mrs. Avery, her husband, she believes, is somewhat insane and has been insane since he left Cray over twenty years ago, he having just recovered from a long illness the night he was sent out after a pair of water rolling stock. To meet this expense a bond issue of \$50,000,000 has been ordered by the management. This enormous sum will be spent in bettering the physical conditions of the line in every particular and every dollar of it will be spent in Texas. This gives some notion of what keen financiers think of the possibilities of the southwest. When the improvements now contemplated are made, the schedule will be quickened and St. Louis and the City of Mexico will be several hours nearer one to the other than they have been in the past.

EUREKA LAD LOSES LIFE IN AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Ashley, N. D., Sept. 26.—Martin Prezler, the 5-year-old son of Fred Prezler of Eureka, in company with two other boys, Herbert Hepperlie and Walter Isak, also of Eureka, went out hunting ducks on a lake about eighteen miles northwest of Eureka.

Martin started into the lake closely followed by Herbert when the latter's gun was discharged in some unaccountable manner, the Prezler boy receiving the entire charge in the back of the head; the two other boys were only a few feet away. Death was instantaneous, not a sound came from the unfortunate lad as he sank into the water.

The other boys finally removed the body from the water, taking it to the nearest farmer from whom a telephone message was sent to Eureka, notifying the parents of the horrible accident.

HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DISPUTES THE STATEMENTS ON SCHOOL LIFE.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 26.—In his opening address to the student body at the agricultural college this morning, President J. H. West declared the general character of college students showed the falsity of the statements of Dr. Crane, who said the drinking habit in student life was growing to an alarming extent in all American colleges.

President West stated that the general character of the students showed what they were individually and that he did not believe the statements of Dr. Crane were true. He said that it was up to the students in general to disprove this impression that has come out and he hoped that they would all live so that he would not be disappointed in his estimate of them.

Professor Minard was in charge of the exercises in the chapel this morning. Everything went off in excellent style and the year gives every promise of being an exceptional one.

PROMINENT SCOTCHITE BITE MASON OF EAST IS DEAD.

Bellevue, Mass., Sept. 26.—Gen. Samuel C. LeFevre, formerly a director of various large corporations, lieutenant commander of the supreme council Scottish Rite, and commander of the Fifth Massachusetts infantry in the civil war, died tonight. He was 79 years old. General Lawrence had a prominent part in the reorganization of the Attchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. His death leaves but two survivors of the 57 men who in 1867 were instrumental in bringing about a union of the Scottish Rite Masonic bodies.

CONFERENCE MEETS.

Anamosa, N. D., Sept. 26.—The Valley City conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio will hold its session at the Zion church in Roosevelt, this country, commencing tomorrow morning. The conference covers a wide area and the program that has been arranged is signed to give each department of work representation.

BRACES WILL SUFFICE FOR THE MAINE DAM.

Washington, Sept. 26.—In their plan to get at the bottom of the Maine wreckage in Havana harbor army engineers are working on a new method having abandoned the idea of constructing a small cofferdam within the large dam. Braces will be so placed now that the walls of the existing dam will be capable of resisting the enormous strain when the mud is removed on a depth sufficient to expose the keel plates.

R. L. BORDEN

The Man Who Will Succeed Laurier as Premier in Canada



GRABBED AND PULLED OFF THE STREET NEAR CENTER OF THE CITY--RUFFIAN ESCAPED.

Rowells, N. D., Sept. 26.—Grabbed and pulled into a dark passageway between two buildings, Miss Elmyra Porter of this city was robbed of \$2 in currency which she had pinned to the inside of her waist. The ruffian had looked, just a short time before, that Miss Porter had placed the money in side of her waist after she had paid a gardener for some potatoes, and when she left her home and started for a store, he laid in wait and caught her. The girl's waist was torn off by the thug in his effort to secure the cash, but he escaped capture although the affair occurred within a few rods of the center of the city, and there were many people about.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION AT FARGO WILL BE THE GREAT-EST IN HISTORY.

The next meeting of the State Educational association will be held in Fargo on November 1 to 3, 1911. This will be a banner meeting from all indications. There is considerable interest shown already and the local committee will assure all of the best that Fargo has to offer. The general sessions will be held in the Masonic Temple while all other will convene in the high school building. Thus the several meetings will be centralized and this will add much to the value of the session.

Two lecturers of national reputation have secured. Ernest Thompson Seton will lecture on Wednesday evening on "Scouting of Wild Animals" while Dr. A. E. Winslow of Boston will speak to us on both Thursday afternoon and evening, his subject for the afternoon being "Rural Schools for Country Life" and for the evening "Education for Prosperity, Efficiency and Service." These two men come to us with messages and will interest everyone present.

A little later the entire program will be published through the courtesy of the press. At present the following topics up for discussion:

The program for the general association for Wednesday will consist of the address by President McDonald of the association; address of welcome and response; address by the state superintendent of public instruction, and an address by Superintendent Hoover. On Thursday the speakers are men and women in North Dakota education who have given much time and thought to the scientific method to be presented and who will interest the educator with live thoughts. School which can be put to practical use. On Friday discussion of "The Bible in the School," "Scientific Management in North Dakota Education," and an address by Dr. P. G. Knowlton of Fargo college will engage the attention.

The schedule for the department programs has been arranged so as to enable each present to find something of interest and value to him each morning. On Wednesday morning the Rural, Industrial, Music and History departments will hold meetings. On Thursday morning the Directors, County Superintendents, Secondary Educators and the Rural, Industrial and Elementary departments jointly will convene. On Friday the Departments of Higher Education of Superintendents, and of Elementary Education will hold sessions.

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GOVERNOR BURKE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT OF THOSE WHO GO TO CONVENTION.

HE WILL GO TO WATERWAYS MEETING WITH FRED MANN OF THIS CITY.

The Farmers' National Congress will have a delegate from Ramsey County in the person of L. D. Maurer of Starkweather--Hogau and Haig on List--Announcement Was Made Yesterday.

Devils Lake was favored considerably in the appointments made by Governor Burke for attendance at the various conventions, the delegates from this city to be appointed being in the majority. Announcement of the appointments was made yesterday.

The representatives of the state named for the national association of supervisors of state lands to be held at New Orleans the week of November 20th, follow:

Prof. J. A. Haig, Devils Lake. George A. Kuss, Jr., Bismarck. J. C. Anderson, Wilton. Michael Murphy, Jamestown. W. P. Houghton, Cooperstown. W. P. Houghton, Cooperstown. J. A. Hoguang, Devils Lake. For the sixth annual Gulf to Gulf Deep Waterway Convention at Chicago beginning October 12:

C. M. Fisher, Devils Lake. F. P. Mann, Devils Lake. To the International Dry Farming Congress at Colorado Springs, beginning October 16:

S. C. Cooper, Cooperstown. D. F. Bangs, Devils Lake. C. W. Kelly, Devils Lake. J. H. Bloom, Devils Lake. To the Farmers' National Congress at Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 31:

L. D. Maurer, Starkweather.

DEVILS LAKE MAN HAS CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BIG GATHERING.

Rev. R. A. Fahl of this city has just made announcement of the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Synod of North Dakota of the Presbyterian church, which will convene at Jamestown October 12. Rev. Fahl is the stated clerk of the session.

Robert E. Speer will be present Wednesday evening and open the Synodical Sabbath school institute. This will be Dr. Speer's first visit to the synod and we are sure that you cannot afford to miss hearing him. All of Thursday will be given over to the discussion of Sunday School subjects and problems. Rev. Alexander Henry, D. D., and Rev. Willis L. Gelsten of the Sabbath school board will be present and lend material interest to the institute. Other men of undoubted ability will be present to help make this a noteworthy meeting of the synod.

Entertainment will be on the Harvard plan. This plan will allow the hostesses the privilege of attending a part of the meetings of the Synod. The Women's Synodical Missionary society will meet at the same time.

GRAND LARCENY IS CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST TWO MEN HERE FROM CRAWFORD.

Grand larceny is the charge brought by Julius Hagen of Crawford against E. L. Erickson and J. Hogarth, who were brought from Crawford and placed under Sheriff McLean's guidance at the county jail to await hearing.

The men stole a large fur robe and a coon skin coat out of Mr. Hagen's wagon at Crawford.

The preliminary hearing will be brought before Judge Jurgens in justice court this afternoon.

The stolen goods have been secured, the fellows being caught with the plunder.

TRAIN KILLS THREE.

Owosso, Mich., Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Almdinger, of Flint, Mich., and Miss Marie R. Baughman, of Lansing, were killed, and Burr J. Warner, of Flint, was seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Grand trunk passenger train at a crossing four miles from this city.

JOY AT FATHER'S RETURN HOME TURNED TO GRIEF AS LITTLE LAD FELL.

Ray, N. D., Sept. 26.—Childish glee at the return home in the evening of his father resulted in the death of Ira, the 4-year-old son of William Chamness, residing ten miles from this city. The little fellow ran out to the road to meet his father, who was hauling wheat, and in some manner tripped and fell under the wagon wheels. Just as the rear wheel of the wagon was pressing against the lad, his father stopped the horses and backed them, but went too far and the front wheels passed over the boy, killing him almost instantly.

BEHOLD MAN, A WELL-TO-DO FARMER, COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 26.—Shooting himself through the left breast, the bullet passing through the body and coming out of the left hip, W. A. Brown, a well-to-do farmer living four miles west of Berthold, ended his life at six o'clock this morning. Brown, who is supposed to be a brother of C. A. Brown, also a farmer living near Berthold, was thought to be in good financial circumstances. He owns three quarter sections of land on which the yield of grain this fall is very fair, and so far as is known he had no reason for the rash act. Temporary insanity is given as the cause.

SEVERAL NEW COMPANIES.

Charters That Have Been Granted by the Secretary of State During Present Month.

The secretary of state reports the following new corporations organized in the state for which charters have been issued out of his office:

First National Bank of Woodworth, Woodworth, Stutsman county. Capital stock \$15,000. Incorporators O. J. Rued, Ward A. Rued and C. F. Rued, all of Woodworth.

The Weaver Farmers Elevator company, Weaver, Cavalier county. Capital stock \$25,000. Incorporators John Webber, Lewis Platt and Barr Webber, all of Weaver.

The Dogden Farm Land Company, Dogden, McLean county. Capital stock \$50,000. Incorporators J. A. Ross and J. A. Johnson of Dogden and A. L. Ober of Charles Mix.

Deutscher Ungarische Telephone company, Lefor, Stark county. Capital stock \$10,000. Incorporators, Adam A. Lefor, John Lefor, Sr., and John Martin, all of Lefor.

Farmers Elevator company of LeVere, LeVere, Steele county. Capital stock \$25,000. Incorporators Christensen, W. H. Northrop and C. W. Christianson.

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WITNESSES WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING YESTERDAY.

Morden, Minn., Sept. 26.—The preliminary hearing of Ed Davis, the abductor of Miss Price, who was captured at Hannah, N. D., which was scheduled to come up here yesterday afternoon, was continued until tomorrow, owing to the failure of witnesses to appear.

The case is attracting considerable interest and the room was crowded when Davis entered, in the custody of the officers.

Considerable speculation is going on as to what will be the outcome of the case and what penalty will be prescribed for Davis.

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Nineteen Years Ago

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'The Racket' is the name of the store that will be opened in a few days by S. L. Wineman.

Ed. Crowell has purchased the Hovis property, the consideration being \$1,200.

Harry Trodahl returned from Mankato on Tuesday. He came very near losing his life in a collision between the White Bear motor and a street car.

Geo. Wheeler reports threshing out 2,200 bushels of No. 1 hard the average yield being 19 bushels to the acre.

A party of young people from this city consisting of Misses Nellie Stude

REVIVE FAMOUS RUSSELL CASE.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 26.—'Dakota Dan' Russell, claimant for a portion of the estate of the late Daniel Russell, has notified his counsel, Nelson L. Sheldon of Boston, who was associated with Sen. Leslie Simpson in the trial of the famous case in the Middlesex probate court, that he is on his way east for the second trial.

Last spring 'Dakota Dan' went to West Albany, a small town near Thielman, Minn., where he was the father-in-law, Valentine Chowrite. He has remained there since, pending the settlement of the estate.

There is a suit now pending in equity, asking for a ruling on identity, and the construction of the will of the late Daniel Russell. It is conceded by counsel for William Russell that according to the conditions of the will it was optional with William whether or not he should share the estate with his brother, in case the latter did not appear within the specified time limit.

The hearing in equity is scheduled to come up before Judge Lawton, Sept. 16, and to be present at this hearing is the purpose of 'Dakota Dan' in coming east at this time.

Since Judge Lawton has already passed upon the identity of the claimant, it is expected that he will dismiss the bill.

In such an event Lawyer Sheldon says an appeal will be taken to the supreme court, which would probably construct the will before taking up the question of identity.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE GILBREATH GIVES THE SIGNAL THAT DOES IT.

ARRAY OF TALENT THAT DEDICATED THE ANNUAL SHOW IS CREDIT TO THE STATE.

Exhibition Hall is Replete With All North Dakota Raisers From Which Will Be Taken a State Display to Be Shown at the St. Paul Development League Show--Program of the Opening Exercises.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 26.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Commissioner Gilbreath, general manager of the Industrial exposition gave the signal for the opening of the big show, the following program being carried out:

Music--Juvenile band of Monango. Prayer--Rev. Bruce E. Jackson. Address--Presentation of Exposition to the state, W. C. Gilbreath.

Music--Juvenile band of Monango. Address--Acceptance of Exposition and welcome on behalf of the state, Governor John Burke.

Music--Juvenile band of Monango. Address--Welcome on behalf of the city of Bismarck, President Williams of the City Commission.

Music--Juvenile band of Monango. The exhibit hall is filled with the products of the state, arranged attractively, from which will be selected the state exhibit to be made at the St. Paul land show.

WIFE OF STATE'S SENIOR SENATOR DIED AT NISSWA HOME LAST FRIDAY.

Mrs. Judson LaMoure, wife of the state senator from Pembina county, died Friday at Nisswa, Minn., and her remains, accompanied by the bereaved husband and two sons, Judson, Jr., and William, were taken to Pembina. Funeral services were held in Pembina this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. R. Campbell officiating.

Mrs. LaMoure has been in poor health for over two years, but during the past few weeks had taken a turn for the worse, and it was seen some time ago that there was no chance for her recovery.

The deceased was born in 1854 and was married to Senator LaMoure Dec. 3, 1874, and to this union six children were born, only three surviving. Her maiden name was Miss Minnie Nelson. In the funeral services the Eastern Star of Pembina participated, she having been a prominent member of that organization.

Mrs. LaMoure was very well known throughout the state, having accompanied her husband on many occasions to the state capital during the legislative assemblies and making her home there during the sessions. To the bereaved husband and family there will be extended the sincere sympathy of the entire state.

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LEWIS THOMPSON, WELL KNOWN MINOT RESIDENT, SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 26.—A terrible accident which has cost a gloom over the city is the death of Lewis Thompson, the father of Taylor O. Thompson, city editor of the Reporter. Mr. Thompson passed away last evening at nine o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital from the result of burns received Saturday night on the J. H. Scofield farm where he was operating a large Big Four gasoline traction engine.

A FOUR CENT RATE.

W. M. Holbrook, formerly of this city, who is now in Devils Lake on a visit, stated to a local business man that the rate charged by the municipal plant in Pasadena was but four cents a K. W.

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