

BIG STEAMSHIP RUNS AGROUND ON BLACK POINT

Liner President, With Many Passengers on Board, Strikes Bank

Tugs Go to Big Vessel's Assistance, but Aid Is Not Needed

Stranded Craft Succeeds in Backing Off After One Hour's Work

AFTER a buffeting by a severe sou'wester which held it five hours late, the steamship President of the Pacific Coast steamship company's line added another thrill to an eventful voyage by ramming its nose into a mud flat off Black Point, in San Francisco bay, at 7:25 o'clock last evening.

After remaining stuck until 8:10 o'clock the big ship was able to pull itself off by its own engines and proceed to its slip at the Broadway wharf.

Just before she was floated several tugs went to its assistance, but the aid was declined by Captain Thomas, who was confident he could get off the shoal as soon as the tide began to come in.

On the President when it struck were 231 passengers, who were all below preparing to disembark. Few of these realized that the ship was aground and all excitement subsided when Captain Thomas assured inquirers that the President rested easily and there was no danger.

After trying with its own engines to pull off the shoal preparations were made to land the passengers by lighter at Melges wharf. This proved unnecessary, as the ship began to respond to her propellers. After 25 minutes' time, in which the engines were reversed and churned the mud, a channel was cut, through which the ship was drawn backward into deep water.

At the time of the accident the ship was proceeding under one bell, the engines being stopped just before she struck.

Big Vessel Strikes At Black point workmen have been filling in a wharf, and the tide rip is supposed to have washed much of the material toward the channel.

According to Captain Thomas, who was on the bridge with the pilot, he had passed over the same ground many times before without mishap, and had no fear of grounding his ship. Hardly had the engines been stopped when the big steamer began to rise forward and then struck fast.

In speaking of the accident last night Captain Thomas said: "From the time we passed Cape Flattery until Point Arena was reached we were in the teeth of a severe sou'wester that made progress slow. The President rode the storm easily. We had taken aboard a pilot and were proceeding up the bay slowly. As is customary, we turned inshore to take aboard our usual compliment of baggage handlers. Having passed this point many times without mishap I had no idea that the ship would ground. At the point where it showed her nose into the mud I was under the impression that the man at the wheel was shearing offshore too far instead of approaching too close to Black point.

From the way it grounded I was satisfied that we were not on a rock, and as there was no swell or other danger decided to lay there until the tide helped us off. The only cause I can attribute to the mishap is the extreme low water and a strong current that swung the ship in too close to the mud flats.

Ship Not Damaged The ship was not damaged in the least, and an extended examination of her plates will not be necessary before proceeding on her voyage southward Monday.

The President is one of the finest ships of the Pacific Coast steamship company and is one of the fastest coastwise steamers plying between Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

The point where the President struck is where the City of Chester was lost many years ago, and just beyond this point the Rio de Janeiro struck Mile rock and was wrecked in 1901. Besides the danger from rocks a terrific tide rip is a constant menace, especially at low tide.

Of the passengers aboard last night 215 were first class and 108 second class. All but about 100 of these were destined to San Francisco and the remainder are bound to points in the south.

AVIATOR IS KILLED BY DIRIGIBLE PROPELLER

Italian Lieutenant Steps Too Near Whirling Wheel

ROME, Oct. 31.—As the Italian military dirigible balloon No. 1 made a landing here on a trip from Bracciano to Naples and return, Pietro Rocchetti, lieutenant of engineers, stepped too near the whirling propeller and was killed instantly.

PLAN LENGTHY BOAT RACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—A race for motor boats from Philadelphia to Havana has been arranged by the Yachtmen's club of Philadelphia and the Havana yacht club.

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LEADER OF REBELLION IN GREECE STILL FREE

Government Not Thought to Desire Tibaldos' Capture

ATHENS, Oct. 31.—Four British warships have arrived at Pihaleron near Piræus. The rebellion, for the time being at least, is at an end, and the last of the naval vessels in the hands of the mutinous naval officers was recovered when the torpedo boat destroyer Velos returned to the arsenal last night. Lieutenant Tibaldos, however, who was the leader in the recent movement, is still at large.

Several of those closely identified with the political situation think the only solution of the crisis is for the king to invite the military league to form a cabinet.

There is a general belief here that the government will connive at the escape of Tibaldos and his companions in order to avoid the embarrassment their capture would entail.

The cabinet council has decided to try the other mutineers in the ordinary courts.

FATALITY ARGUES FOR RUGBY

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CADET'S DEATH SUSPENDS GAME AT WEST POINT

Fatal Termination of Eugene A. Byrne's Injury Brings Order Against Football

President Jordan of Stanford Believes Rugby Will Be Accepted in East

WEST POINT, N. Y., Oct. 31.—Cadet Eugene A. Byrne, who was injured in yesterday's football game between the army team and Harvard, died early today. His father, former Chief of Police John Byrne of Buffalo, was with him at the last.

"Because of this fatality no more football will be played by the West Point eleven this year."

This statement was made by Colonel Hugh L. Scott, superintendent of the academy, late tonight after a consultation with the athletic authorities of the academy.

Colonel Scott further said: "This is the first serious accident West Point has had during the many years football has been played here. It is considered football develops those manly virtues especially needed in war, and we know of no many game in which accidents do not occur."

Young Byrne expired at sunrise. Brave as was the young soldier's fight against death, it was hopeless from the start. Buried beneath a mass of struggling players in the Harvard-Army game yesterday, his neck was twisted and broken by the weight of the crushing pile above him.

Only the immediate resort to artificial respiration kept the boy from almost instant death, for he did not draw a natural breath after receiving the fatal shock. Surgeons were unable to make a complete examination last night, but X ray photographs taken after his death revealed a dislocation between the first and second cervical vertebrae. This caused the natural process of breathing to cease, and the artificial means of respiration resorted to was all that kept the injured cadet alive until today. No autopsy was held.

Cadets Guarding Body

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in the Catholic chapel at the post, where the body was taken. A cadet guard has been posted at the chapel and details of young soldiers will watch over the body until after the service tomorrow.

The funeral will be conducted with full military honors. Monsignor C. C. O'Keefe, in charge of the Catholic chapels in this vicinity, will officiate.

The manner of young Byrne's injury, witnessed as it was by the father and the hundreds who gathered here to see the army struggle against Harvard, was dramatic. When the spectators realized the shock was serious, the cheering was hushed as if by magic. A few minutes later Byrne was carried unconscious from the field. Taken to the cadet hospital, skilled surgeons labored over him throughout the night. Conscious at times he realized the seriousness of his condition.

All Activities Suspended

By order of Colonel Scott cadet activities for today were directed to be only such as were necessary.

There was no parade tonight, the flag was lowered to half mast and directions were given that all academic duties be suspended tomorrow.

Young Byrne was only 21 years of age, but was a veteran of the army football team and popular with his classmates and officers. He was acting as captain of the eleven yesterday.

Byrne was injured in a mass play on tackle, a play common enough in football, and which had been used several times in the game previous to the incident. Byrne, standing valiantly as left tackle for the army, was forced under the rush of crimson players, and on falling must have had his head twisted into a position where the weight of the men piling upon him was greater than the strong ligaments of the vertebrae column could stand.

Stand by the Game

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 31.—President H. M. Bell of Drake university and President A. B. Storms of Iowa state college at Ames, said tonight football should not be condemned because of the death of Byrne and the terrible injury to Wilson.

"I am sure we all deplore the death of Byrne," said President Bell. "But such an accident is liable to occur in the progress of any game which is pursued by the vigorous young men of today. I like football and can not see that many permanent injuries are suffered in it when the pumber of participants is considered."

President Storms said: "I do not think the death of the West Point player is enough of an indictment against football to bring about its abolishment. In general I think the game is all right."

Fatality Argues for Rugby

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BOMBS HURLED AT CHICAGO BUILDINGS

Two Explosions Damage Structures Occupied by Gambling Clubs and Cause Panic

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Two bombs were thrown here tonight in the downtown district in buildings occupied by gambling clubs. No one was injured, but many windows were broken and store stocks were damaged.

The first bomb exploded soon after 9 o'clock in a building at 260 State street, and the other followed 15 minutes later near the corner of La Salle and Madison streets. In the State street building the Empire club is located, and in the latter the Worth jockey club.

For two years bombs have been exploded intermittently in the vicinity of gambling houses and race book makers' establishments in Chicago. The bombs thrown tonight were the thirty-second and thirty-third that have been thrown in what is regarded as a quarrel between syndicates of gamblers.

The State street explosion damaged buildings within a radius of a block and broke hundreds of windows. In the store on the first floor the explosion scattered the stock and blew out plate glass windows.

Many buildings were damaged, including the Chicago automobile club, the Imperial and Inter Ocean hotels and the Premier theater, a vaudeville house, which was filled when the bomb was fired. The detonation frightened the audience and men and women rushed for the street in a panic. No one was injured.

TWELVE MINERS DIE IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Three Men Escape From Mine by Perilous Climb

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 31.—Twelve men were killed in the Cambria steel company's coal mine two miles from here tonight as the result of what is supposed to have been a dynamite explosion. All the dead are foreigners.

Three men escaped by a perilous climb on life ladders through poisonous gas and falling slate up the steep walls of the main shaft. Only 15 workmen were in the mine.

A force of men at once began clearing the debris and fallen slate from the lower levels. When the final barrier was passed the party found the 12 bodies.

Mine officials refused to discuss the cause of the disaster.

STANFORD FRESHMAN MEETS DEATH IN BAY

Topples Over Edge When Inspecting Bridge

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 31.—While inspecting some construction work today on the Dumbarton bridge near Palo Alto Charles W. Anthony, freshman of the university, fell from a bicycle into the bay and was drowned.

Anthony was riding near the edge when he toppled over and was carried away by the strong tide. Planks were thrown to him, but he sank before they reached him.

BOY'S QUEER POWER SETS HOUSE AWRY

Furniture and Kitchen Utensils Dance Like Mad When Lad Comes Near

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31.—It is stated that a second exhibition of the unknown force which turned the contents of the Marshall street house topsy turvy Thursday took place Saturday in a lodging house to which the 11 year old boy mentioned in connection with the former exhibition had been moved.

After the first occurrence, when a dining table, chairs, china ware and kitchen utensils moved like things alive and defied all known laws of nature, the mother of the child is said to have been notified by the owner of the Marshall street premises that if the boy was respectable she must take him away.

Saturday morning the mother took her child to the lodging house, and in the afternoon another exhibition similar to the first is declared to have occurred.

The child's name is Ernest Harps. He is a son of Mrs. Annie Harps and grandson of J. C. Sanders, both families having lived at Saxon, Iron county, Wis., when the boy was born.

ROCKEFELLER'S HOOK WORM GIFT SPURNED

Bishop Candler of Atlanta Says Donation Is an Insult

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 31.—John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$1,000,000 to fight the hook worm in the south has stirred the ire of Bishop Warren Candler of the Methodist church, South, who denounces the "oil magnate's action as an insult to this section. Bishop Candler says:

"It is to be hoped that our people will not be taken by Mr. Rockefeller's vermin gift and hook worm commission. This habit of singling out the south for all sorts of reforms, remedies and enlightenments is not for our benefit and the too ready acceptance of these things on the part of some of our people is not to our credit.

"Mr. Rockefeller would take charge of both our heads and our stomachs. Rockefeller's gift follows a campaign in sensational magazines to picture the south as cursed by pellagra and hook worm. With a million of money and a sensational press engaged in portraying our section of the union as accursed we wonder what other slander is to be fulminated against it."

TEACHER WHO VANISHED SAYS MIND WAS BLANK

Mysterious Disappearance Explained in Letter

TEMPE, Ariz., Oct. 31.—Beverly M. Nevison, formerly a teacher in the high school here, whose mysterious disappearance January 11 last created much interest throughout the country, has been located in San Francisco.

A letter received from him today by A. M. Harner states that his mind has been a blank. Since leaving Tempe he has traveled in a sailing vessel to China, Japan and Alaska. The cold of the latter place seemed to restore his health and memory. The last he remembered of Tempe was two weeks before leaving there.

The Elks' lodge of Phoenix, of which he is a member, made every effort to locate him, without success.

RESIGNATION OF SHEAN IS REJECTED

Army Officer, Well Known in This City, Disappeared From Fort Crook

Lieutenant Daniel E. Shean's resignation from the United States army, which was proffered at Fort Crook, Neb., October 1, is not to be accepted, according to advices which have reached this city. The war department will not favorably consider the officer's request to leave the service on account of the rumors of scandal connected with his recent departure from the Nebraska post. Lieutenant Shean is well known in this city. He married Miss Ursula Stone, daughter of Charles B. Stone of this city, early in 1906. The ceremony was performed here and the wedding was a society event. Mrs. Shean is a sister of Mrs. Alexander Fraser Douglas of this city, and a niece of Mrs. L. L. Baker.

The lieutenant was attached to the Sixteenth infantry at Fort Crook, and on October 1 secured a 10 days' leave of absence. He told his wife that he was going to resign from the army and accept a remunerative position at St. Louis. When he reached Kansas City he sent his resignation to the army headquarters at Omaha, and nothing has been heard from him since.

The irregularity of the officer's departure aroused the curiosity of the war department. It was discovered that on the day the lieutenant left the post Mrs. Helen Bucklin, a trained nurse from Chicago, a very beautiful woman, who had been in the Shean household attending Mrs. Shean, also departed. Her movements could not be traced.

Before his departure Lieutenant Shean had shown his wife several telegrams in which he was offered positions in St. Louis, Texas and Arizona.

When the officer's superiors looked into the case they decided that Shean was not, under the circumstances as then understood, entitled to resign gracefully from the service.

FINANCIER, 80, IS DEAD FROM WHOOPING COUGH

John S. Kennedy, Northern Pacific Director, Succumbs

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—John Stewart Kennedy, lawyer, financier and philanthropist, died at his home here today of whooping cough. He was within two months of his eightieth birthday.

Kennedy was a director of many large corporations, including the Northern Pacific railway. He was president of the board of trustees of Robert college, Constantinople, and of the American bible house here and was chairman of the Presbyterian hospital and united charities board of this city.

The Presbyterian hospital received much assistance from him, including a recent gift of \$1,000,000. He leaves a large estate, including \$10,000,000 in Northern Pacific stock and \$7,000,000 in Great Northern.

EARTH SHOCK RECORDED AT UTAH UNIVERSITY

Seismograph Indicates Temblor Was Far Away

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 31.—A well defined earth shock was recorded upon the seismograph at the University of Utah at 3:25:50 o'clock this morning.

The wave was apparently traveling from east to west, and in the opinion of Professor Pack of the university was as far away as Mexico or Southern California.

REPUBLICAN MANAGERS CONTENT

Confident Crocker Will Win the Mayoralty by Substantial Plurality

DISCOUNT ALLEGED INDEPENDENT SLUMP

Surface Indications Fail to Verify Wild Forecasts Made by Candidates

BETTERS UNAFFECTED BY LANDSLIDE REPORTS

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH SAVE for the issuance of more managerial claims and one last attempt on the part of all the candidates and noise directors to start or stem the tide of votes, the municipal campaign of 1909 is over.

Candidates, campaign managers, party workers, spell binders and interested parties have gone through all the motions generally characteristic of municipal campaigns. Their cards are on the table now. It remains for the people to compute the score at the polls tomorrow and declare the winners of their preference.

The candidates for the principal offices, naturally enough, are suffering from violent attacks of that campaign astigmatism which prevents an office seeker from seeing anything but assured victory before him. The managers of the three candidates for mayor and two aspirants for the office of district attorney are either afflicted with the same derangement or simulate its symptoms admirably.

The managers' and candidates' estimates of their respective margins range all the way from topheavy pluralities up to tremendous majorities. In one instance the claim amounts to virtually five out of every six votes to be cast tomorrow.

Crocker and his managers are generally agreed on an approximate 30,000 votes for Crocker out of a probable total of 65,000. They assert that McCarthy will run second with something like 20,000 votes, and that Leland will be a bad third with a total vote ranging from 14,000 to 15,000 votes.

Leland's estimators contend that their candidate stands relatively in the same position as regards the whole vote that Mayor Taylor occupied two years ago and that the partisan candidates will finish in the 1907 order. Which, reduced to figures designed to fit the probable vote on Tuesday gives Leland something like 30,000; McCarthy 20,000 or 21,000, and Crocker 14,000 or 15,000.

McCarthy Managers Modest

The McCarthy mathematicians decline to bother about a division of the vote that they are willing to concede Crocker and Leland will get, beyond insisting that Crocker will run third in the race. By way of insuring the perpetuation of their reputation for modesty they admit that they have thrown, roped and tied only 40,000 votes for McCarthy out of a probable 65,000. As to the division of the 25,500 or 24,900 votes which they contend will be the aggregate of the Crocker and Leland poll—that is a matter of no moment to them. Indeed, they are not prepared to burden their minds with the consideration of inconsequential trifles.

The management of Charles M. Fickert's campaign for district attorney put what they consider or pretend to consider an inside figure on Fickert's majority over Francis J. Heney when they fix it at a probable 15,000. On a percentage basis they estimate a vote of approximately 40,000 or more for Fickert as against a vote of 25,000 or less for Heney.

The Heney management fixes Heney's estimated majority at from 18,000 to 20,000. They base their estimates upon what they believe to be an accurate appreciation of public sentiment and partial canvasses conducted by the several organizations supporting Heney. Their figures involve rather more than the maintenance of the comparative ratio of the vote for district attorney two years ago when Langdon beat Frank McGowan, the union labor party candidate.

So far as it is possible to get anything like an approximation of the situation from the surface there is virtually nothing to indicate that any of the candidates' or managers' estimates or forecasts are anything more than mere guesses. No ante-election situation ever presented more difficulties for the unbiased student. The campaign managers and the candidates can all see tremendous landlides headed their way. But it is extremely difficult for them to produce more than theories and vehement assertions when an attempt is