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DEATH LIST GROWS

Number of Fatalities From the Steamer Disaster is Placed at Over 700.

OVER 500 BODIES RECOVERED.

It is Believed That Many Reported Missing Are Safe and Will Be Heard From.

Many Persons Were Injured During the Panic Following the Breaking Out of the Flames and 200 Are in Hospitals.

New York, June 17.—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 scarce one dares venture a guess.

Police and health department officials have placed the number at a figure as high as 1,000 and more, but Thursday night it was seen that the maximum fatality will not largely exceed 700.

All day long anxious searchers kept up their eternal vigilance and at dusk there had been recovered 536 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 rows of coffins for those who came to search for the missing.

Rescuers Grappling For Victims.

Up the sound where the hulk of the Gen. Slocum lies submerged, showing only a paddle box, scores of small craft aided the tugs in grappling for the victims. Divers went down time and time again, and when their work ended for the day 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 hand tightly clenched the skirt of one of them.

As far as comes within their power, the divers searched the wreck from stem to stern, but there were masses of broken timbers through which it was almost impossible to explore, and it may be that some will find a grave under these sunken timbers until the hulk is raised, or the waters of the sound wash away the last traces of the wreckage.

MISSING PEOPLE REPORTING.

There Are Many Places Where the Living Could Have Landed.

There are a number of places where the living may have landed and it is believed that many that are now reported missing are safe, and eventually will be heard from by the officials who have the rescue work in hand. Indeed, Thursday night a surprising number of persons reported to these officials that they had been saved, thus cutting the list of missing down considerably as well as the probable mortality list.

Many persons were injured in the panic that followed the breaking out of flames on the Gen. Slocum and at least 200 persons were taken to the hospitals. Not a death has occurred so far among these and many of them have already been discharged.

A Remarkable Case.

Perhaps the most remarkable case in the many appalling experiences of those who were on the Slocum was that of Miss Clara Hartman, who was picked up for dead, towed behind a boat for several miles, wrapped in a tarpaulin and tagged as dead, and then recovered consciousness at the Alexander avenue police station. It is now believed she will recover.

Although many of the bodies taken to the morgue were very badly mutilated and the clothing in many cases almost entirely burned off, valuables have been taken from them, and are in the keeping of the city officials to the extent of \$200,000 or more.

JEWELRY AND MONEY LOST.

Several Victims Had the Savings of a Life Time on Them.

Several of the men and women had the savings of a life time on them when they perished. Much jewelry, it is reported to the police, has been lost, but an explanation may be found in the fact that it was destroyed by fire rather than stolen by ghouls.

The coroner's investigation to fix the responsibility of the disaster will begin on Monday next. The federal

authorities as well as the district attorney also will hold an investigation and the society for the prevention of cruelty to children, through its counsel, has signified its intention to push the inquiry to the utmost.

Mayor McClellan Visits the Scene.

Mayor McClellan visited the scene of the wreck with Health Commissioner Darlington, to whom he gave directions to have all the bodies which are burned beyond any hope of identification, buried at once in the Lutheran cemetery at the city's expense.

He also authorized the heads of other departments to spend any necessary sum warranted.

Fathers frantic with grief, representing over two score of Brooklyn homes, spent Thursday searching the morgue and hospitals in Manhattan for wives and children who had attended the excursion and have not since been heard from.

DISTRESSING SCENES.

A Boy is Dumb Because of the Ordeal He Went Through.

Henry Heintz, 12 years old, who lost his mother, his aunt, Hannah Luder-mann, and his sister, Louise, is dumb because of the ordeal he went through. He and his brother George were saved. They stood on the middle deck until it became too hot, when they jumped into the water. Henry held on to the paddle wheel and was rescued by men in a tug. When he recovered from the first great shock he could not speak. George declares his mother's and aunt's bodies were robbed of diamonds and jewelry. He said his mother had a valuable diamond brooch and his aunt two diamond rings, all of which were missing after their bodies were found.

In a number of instances Brooklyn families were almost entirely wiped out. These included the family of William Oelrich, which consisted of father, mother, two sons, Henry, 11 years, Frederick, 8 years, and three daughters, Minnie, 7, Lizzie, -5, and Helen, 2 years. Mr. Oelrich had intended going on the excursion but was obliged to serve as a juror.

A Father's Grief.

Jacob Michael identified the body of his daughter Carrie, 12 years old, late in the afternoon. He was slowly walking along the line of coffins when he suddenly halted and, with a moan, fell to his knees in several inches of water, and reaching into a coffin, raised the head of a child and began to kiss the cold lips fervently. He had to be dragged from the coffin by the police and was forced to leave the pier.

The body of Lena Ackerman, 10 months old, was identified Thursday afternoon by her father. Mr. Ackerman was walking out on the pier when he saw some photographers slant a coffin against the side of the pier and attempt to take a picture of two bodies therein. He recognized the features of his baby, and rushing forward tore the body from the coffin. It was some time before the police could persuade him to give it up.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

He Appoints a Committee to Receive Relief Contributions.

Mayor McClellan Thursday issued a proclamation to the citizens of New York on the appalling disaster of Wednesday. He appoints a committee to receive contributions to a fund to provide for the fit and proper burial of the dead and for such other relief as may be necessary. As a sign of mourning he ordered the flags of the city hall to be placed at half-mast.

The society for the prevention of cruelty to children has issued an official statement through its counsel that the society will take determined action to fix the responsibility for the deaths of the little ones who were burned to death or drowned in the Slocum disaster.

SEVERE STORM IN CUBA.

Forty-Five Persons Known to Be Dead and Many Are Missing.

Santiago de Cuba, June 17.—By Steamer Manzanillo, June 16.—The worst storm of a decade began Friday and terminated Monday night in 14 inches of rain which fell in five hours, accompanied by a hurricane. The lower village of El Cobre has been destroyed. Forty-five persons are known to be dead and scores are missing. Bodies are floating in the Cobre river. Twenty bodies have been recovered by boats patrolling the bay. A relief train bringing mail and passengers was wrecked at Moron. The fireman and mail agent were killed and two of the employees were injured. The passengers are safe. The mines at Dalquiri are crippled and six of the employes have been drowned. The pier has been damaged. The city's property loss is enormous. All telegraph and cable lines are disabled.

Brooksville, Ky., June 17.—Four new rural free delivery routes were started from this place Thursday.

DAMAGE SUITS.

Action Will Be Brought Against Gov. Peabody and Others.

Denver, Col., June 17.—Former Gov. Charles S. Thomas, it is announced, is preparing papers in behalf of James F. Burns, president and manager of the Portland mine, in a damage suit which Burns will bring against Gov. James H. Peabody, Adjt. Gen. Bell and the state of Colorado for \$100,000 for the closing of the Portland mine by the military.

Attorneys Richardson and Hawkins, acting for Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, are drafting papers in a suit for \$50,000 damages which Moyer is to file against Gov. Peabody, Adjt. Gen. Bell and the state of Colorado.

Moyer's action is based on a charge of false and illegal imprisonment by the military authorities acting under the proclamation of martial law in San Miguel county.

WARRANT FOR MOYER.

He is Charged With Aiding and Abetting Murder.

Cripple Creek, Col., June 17.—Assistant District Attorney S. D. Crump Thursday wired Sheriff Rutan at Telluride to hold Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, until K. C. Sterling, a secret service agent of the Mine Owners' association, can bring him to Cripple Creek. Sterling left Thursday afternoon for Telluride. Moyer will be brought here on a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Patrick, charging him with aiding and abetting the murder of Charles McCormack and Melvin Beck, who were blown up in the Vindicator mine by an infernal machine explosion November 1, 1903. The warrant implicates Charles C. Kennison, former president of the Miners' Union No. 40, who was arrested in Denver last Friday.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Engineer Killed and Train Robbed of a Large Amount.

Butte, Mont., June 17.—At 10:45 p. m. the North Coast Limited, the finest train on the Northern Pacific, east-bound, was held up one mile east of Bearmouth, the scene of last year's hold-up of the same train, when Engineer O'Neill was killed. Three explosions of dynamite on the express car completely demolished it as far as reports are obtainable. The engineer was killed in the fight with the robbers. The rear brakeman was sent back to Bearmouth conveying word of the hold-up. The plunder of the robbers at this hour is believed to be large. The bandits, two in number, have escaped in the large timber of the mountains. A posse with bloodhounds is in pursuit.

NEW KIND OF COTTON BUG.

It is Not a Member of the Weevil Family, So Far As Known.

Selma, Ala., June 17.—A kind of cotton bug not known to any farmers or cotton men in this section has been found in the cotton and specimens of the pest were Thursday sent to New Orleans. The new bug is not a member, so far as known, of any of the weevil families. It is very small but masses in such quantities that it seems like a blight. It is prevalent all over the country and already has done much damage. It kills every leaf and branch it attacks.

LEVI Z. LEITER'S WILL.

It Will Be Filed For Probate Within a Few Days.

Washington, June 17.—The will of the late Levi Z. Leiter, of Chicago, will be filed for probate in the courts of the District of Columbia within a few days. The document is in the hands of a local firm of attorneys and all of the heirs have been communicated with. Replies have been received from all except Lady Curzon, who is now in England. When Lady Curzon responds the bequests of Mr. Leiter will be made public through the filing of the will.

The Jury Disagreed.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 17.—The jury in the case of E. D. Conger, manager of the Herald in this city, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal, came into court and reported a disagreement. They were discharged.

The Metal Workers Take Action.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 17.—The Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance, in annual convention Thursday, passed a resolution requesting President Roosevelt to investigate conditions in the Colorado mines.

Peoria, Ill., June 17.—The last session of the 17th annual convention of the American Association of Freight Agents was held here Thursday.

JIM HOWARD CASE.

The Time Extended For Issuing the Mandate.

Frankfort, Ky., June 17.—The court of appeals Thursday extended for 40 days the time for issuing the mandate of the court of appeals in the Jim Howard case. The mandate is due now, and if issued Howard would be brought to the penitentiary at once, but Howard's attorneys expect to have the United States supreme court take jurisdiction in the case in the next 40 days, which would suspend the mandate of the Kentucky court till the supreme court passes finally on the question involved.

Acting Gov. Thorne Thursday pardoned Henry J. Draudt, of Louisville, who was given a two-years' sentence on a charge of embezzlement. He had served over half his term, and the trial judge, commonwealth's attorney and the jury that tried him all signed his pardon petition, as did Mayor Grainger and other officials.

JACKSON'S APPOINTMENT.

A Race Prejudice Now Threatens the Organization.

Lexington, Ky., June 17.—Race prejudices have broken out among local republican leaders, and which seriously threatens to impair the efficiency of the local organization, through the appointment of a Negro, Edward W. Jackson, as rural mail carrier, for a new route which has been created in this county. The appointment was made Thursday by the fourth assistant postmaster general. It is urged by the white republicans that the route has been created without cause or demand simply to enable the federal office holders in this district to carry out a political agreement between them and Jordan C. Jackson, a leading Negro politician of this city, and who was pushed for delegate at large from this state. The latter is a cousin of the appointee.

IS UNDER ARREST.

He is Charged With Frightening a Woman From Her Home.

Owingsville, Ky., June 17.—An unknown man went to the home of Joshua Jones, near Wyoming, this county, frightening Mrs. Jones away with threats. He ate his dinner, then searched the house and stole some goods and a small amount of money. His description was telephoned throughout the county, and a man giving his name as J. S. Stork, of Los Angeles, Cal., was arrested on suspicion and placed in jail here. He denies the charges.

The Clay Model Rejected.

Lexington, Ky., June 17.—The clay model for the statue of the late William Goebel, which has been prepared by the Italian sculptor Moretti, is not satisfactory to the monument commission, which met in this city, and another cast has been ordered made. Arthur Goebel, brother of the deceased, said the model was not a good likeness and several defects were pointed out.

Rioters Sentenced.

Louisville, Ky., June 17.—Crowds of Negro strikers who gathered around the plant of the Continental Tobacco Co., were dispersed by the police, and there has been no further trouble. Four of Wednesday's rioters were sent to the workhouse for a year in the city court.

Judge C. C. Givens Resigns.

Madisonville, Ky., June 17.—Judge C. C. Givens has forwarded to Gov. Beckham his resignation as judge of the Hopkins county court. This resignation is effective July 1, by or before which time Gov. Beckham will appoint his successor.

Schilder is Indicted.

Newport, Ky., June 17.—The grand jury has a final report returning an indictment against H. J. Schilder, of Chillicothe, O., who visited the immaculate Conception parochial school and kidnaped his ten-year-old daughter Clara.

Death of Thomas Van Meter.

Eminence, Ky., June 17.—Thomas C. Van Meter, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Eminence, died after an illness which has lasted back for several years. He was one of the most famous Shorthorn breeders in America.

Two Murder Indictments Returned.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 17.—The grand jury has returned indictments against Laura Bruin and two other Negroes, charging them with the murder of Jim Bruin, whose dead body was found floating in a stream last winter.

Engineer Drummond Dropped Dead.

Paducah, Ky., June 17.—William Drummond, aged 55 years, a well-known river engineer, formerly of Dubuque, Ia., dropped dead from heart disease in the rear of a saloon. He leaves a family in Pickwick, Minn.

HE ADMITS DEFEAT

An Official Telegram From Gen. Kuropatkin to the Emperor of Russia.

THE MUSCOVITE LOSS WAS HEAVY.

Two Batteries of First Artillery Were Literally Cut to Pieces by the Japanese Shells.

The Japs Attacked the Right Flank With a Superior Force and the Russians Were Compelled to Retreat By Three Roads.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram dated June 16 from Gen. Kuropatkin:

"I have received the following dispatch from Lieut. Gen. Baron Stakelberg, dated June 16:

"Yesterday I had intended to attack the enemy's right flank but just as our troops had been assigned for the purpose and were beginning to successfully envelop the enemy's right flank the Japanese in turn attacked my right flank with superior forces and I was compelled to retreat by three roads to the north.

"Our losses are heavy, but they are not yet completely known.

"During the engagement the Third and Fourth batteries of the First artillery brigade were literally cut to pieces by the Japanese shells.

"Of 16 guns, 13 were rendered completely useless and were abandoned.

"The conduct of the troops was excellent, a large proportion refusing to retire until after they had been repeatedly ordered to do so."

The popular disappointment felt in St. Petersburg over the result of Lieut. Gen. Baron Stakelberg's fight, which it had been hoped for the past 36 hours might turn out to be a victory, is tempered somewhat by the knowledge that the Russian force was overwhelmed by numbers. Gen. Stakelberg does not attempt to conceal the seriousness of his losses, but his report and the report from all other Russian sources agree that the retreat was in no sense a rout.

The fierce character of the fight is made evident by the fact that the Russians were again forced to abandon their guns, thus indicating, as in previous encounters, the superiority of the Japanese artillery.

A SURGICAL OPERATION.

Six Stitches Taken in a Man's Bullet-Torn Heart.

Chicago, June 17.—The surgical operation, said to have been but once before successfully performed in surgical history, is believed to have been accomplished here, saving the life of 15-year-old Edward Peltz, who had attempted to commit suicide. Peltz fired a bullet into his heart while despondent over the loss of employment. With death impending at every tick of the watch, Dr. Wagner, of St. Joseph's hospital, placed six stitches in the bullet-torn heart, effectually stopping the hemorrhage. The condition is said at the hospital to warrant the belief that the patient will recover.

Complaints About American Mails.

London, June 17.—There have been stronger complaints than usual this week about the delay in the American mails. The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which left New York June 9, arrived at Plymouth at about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and the mails were delivered in the evening.

Moorish Troops Land at Tangier.

Tangier, Morocco, June 17.—About 400 Moorish troops of the worst type were landed here Thursday. They were sent by the sultan for the protection of Europeans. These troops had an exceedingly bad reputation at Casa Blanca, whence they came to Tangier.

A General Murdered.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Gen. Bobrikoff, governor general of Finland, was shot and mortally wounded at the entrance to the Finnish senate at Helsingfors. The assassin, a man named Schaumann, a son of Senator Schaumann, immediately committed suicide.

Quiet Prevails in Armenia.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Latest reports from the Russian consul in Armenia show that comparative quiet prevails there. He is acting in harmony with his British and French colleagues in elaborating a plan to prevent a recurrence of disorders.

St. Louis, June 17.—World's fair officials are very much pleased with the financial condition of the fair as indicated by the payment of the first installment on the government loan, which was made Thursday.