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FOUR BOILERS PUT OUT OF COMMISSION

Report Says This is What Investigating Board Found on North Dakota.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS CONCERNING INQUIRY

Officers Spend Day on Dreadnaught Examining Fire Room in Which Fatal Accident Occurred and Hearing Witnesses—One Man Probably Drowned in Compartment.

(By Staff Correspondent). OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., Sept. 9.—According to a report from a reliable source the board of inquiry, consisting of Capt. C. A. Core, senior officer; Lieutenant-Commander C. V. Price and Lieutenant-Commander A. M. Proctor, which today began a searching inquiry into the full out blaze on the battleship North Dakota, found that the flooding of the fire room had put out of commission four of the big boilers on the battleship and that the vessel will have to undergo extensive repairs. The board had nothing to give out for publication and the officers of the fleet declined to discuss the probable outcome of the inquiry, claiming that no one can anticipate the findings of the board, and that the real cause of the accident is yet unknown.

The inquiry was started early today and, it is said, that several witnesses were heard on the North Dakota. As the work of cleaning up the ships was in progress and the board of inquiry was sitting on the North Dakota no one was permitted to go on board the ship. Pumps were working all day pumping the water from the engine room and, it is said that the room was cleared sufficiently to satisfy the board that the boilers are seriously damaged.

Only One Drowned. Another fact, according to reliable reports, brought out is that only one man was drowned in the engine room and it is declared that the unfortunate seaman was dying before the water was pumped in. It is further asserted that Seaman Schmidt and Gilmore had been taken from the blazing fire room before the water was turned in and that there is no truth in the reports sent out from Norfolk to the effect that all three of the dead sailors sacrificed their lives in order to prevent an explosion. The men were pulled from the engine room in a dying condition.

May Make Report Today.

The work of the board of inquiry probably will be forwarded to Washington either today or tomorrow. The battleships are expected to return to the Southern Drill Grounds Sunday and it may be that the board will file its findings with the secretary of the navy for several days yet. The investigation was commenced this morning and it was reported at 4 o'clock that the officers comprising the board had left the North Dakota for the Connecticut to confer with Admiral Schroeder.

It was also given out that the bodies of the three dead seamen had been sent to the morgue in the Portsmouth navy yard, and that they will today be forwarded to the homes of the dead sailors for burial.

Wounded Faring Well.

It was said that the wounded sailors are getting along nicely and that all will recover. Chief Machinist E. W. Andrews is the most seriously injured, but he was said to be resting nicely and there is reason to believe he will soon recover.

Target practice will begin among the ships of the fleet on the Southern Drill Grounds Monday morning and will last for ten days. The war department has detailed a large number of officers to come to the grounds on Monday to witness the target practice.

The following officers are designated to witness the target practice: Lieut.-Col. Edwin B. Rabbitt, ordnance department; Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Bailey, coast artillery corps; Maj. John L. Hayden, coast artillery corps; Capt. Charles H. McNeil, coast artillery corps; Capt. Joseph P. Tracey, general staff; Capt. Johnson Hazard, general staff; Capt. William F. Huse, coast artillery corps; Capt. John W. Gulick, coast artillery corps. Each of the officers named will proceed to Fort Monroe, September 11.

Restoring Order.

Everything was working smoothly

on the North Dakota today and visitors to Old Point would never have thought that an appalling tragedy from the general appearance of the men and officers on the vessel. The seamen seemed to be thoroughly alive to the necessity of putting the North Dakota back in condition for the target practice work and the scrubbing of the vessel could be seen from the wharf here.

The officers and men from the other ships of the fleet coming ashore today declined to talk of the North Dakota accident, all of them declaring that the facts will be brought out when the board of inquiry completes its labor.

The men of the North Dakota are proud in their praise of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, who returned to the burning vessel on the tender Yankton yesterday.

WILL NAME LAMB'S OPPONENT.

Richmond Republicans Elect Delegates to Convention Tonight. RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 9.—Much interest is manifested by the Republicans of Richmond in the mass-convention to be held in Belvidere hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting eighteen delegates and alternates will be elected to the district convention, which meets in Thompson's hall, this city, Monday, Sept. 12. The district convention will nominate a candidate to oppose John Lamb for congress. Many names have been mentioned as probable candidates but it is difficult to ascertain in advance of the convention who will be selected.

T. R. DEFENDS HIS PLAN

Replies to Opponents of "New Nationalism."

FIGHTING FOR INDIVIDUAL

Former President Declares Additional Power to the Government is Necessary in Order to Master Aggregations of Rich People.

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, OHIO, Sept. 8.—Ex-President Roosevelt defended his doctrine of "new nationalism" in a speech at the Ohio Valley Exposition here today.

Colonel Roosevelt's day in Cincinnati was one of the quietest which he has had on his Western tour. At his own request the program had been made simple.

Defends "New Nationalism."

Colonel Roosevelt, in defending "new nationalism," replied to those who oppose his plan of increasing the power of the central government for the purpose of dealing with conservatism, the control of corporations and other questions which he believes vitally concern the future of the nation.

"They say, 'do not give the government too much power,'" he said. "Certainly not. I don't want to give the government any more power than is necessary. You would not have to have so much power in the national government if you were dealing with individuals, none of whom was very rich, but when you get an aggregation of rich individuals you must master them through the government."

Gives Individual a Chance.

"Some people will say that is interference with individualism. It is not. It is giving the individual a chance. The individual has no chance if you permit a business monopoly to be established or permit it to develop so that a single man is powerless against it or can be crushed by it."

"I am not speaking in hostility to corporations," Colonel Roosevelt continued. "I recognize the need of the great corporation as a necessary instrument in modern individualism. Our conditions are new and we need this instrument of the corporation, but also we need another thing; and that is the complete control by the people through the government of the corporations."

Former Governor Dead.

(By Associated Press) MONTGOMERY, ALA., Sept. 9.—General W. C. Oates died here today. He was formerly governor of Alabama and a prominent Confederate veteran. General Oates was also a former congressman and a present member of the Chicago Chicagoan Park Commission. During the Spanish-American war he was a brigadier general of volunteers.

WANT HIM ASKED TO RESIGN HIS OFFICE

Democrats and Insurgent Make Report on Ballinger Findings.

REPUBLICANS REFUSE TO ATTEND MEETING

Unusual Proceedings Take Place

When Minority Members of Committee Organize Their Own Body and Proceed to Business—High Praise Heaped Upon Pinchot and Glavis.

(By Associated Press) MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Sept. 9.—That Richard A. Ballinger has not been true to the trust reposed in him as secretary of the interior; that he is not deserving of public confidence, and that he should be requested by the proper authorities to resign his office.

The foregoing sums up the findings of the four Democratic members of the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee which were made public today.

The Republican member issued no report of any kind bearing upon the controversy.

An independent report was given out by Mr. Madison, the insurgent Republican, from Kansas, which declares also that Mr. Ballinger should "not be retained; that he was an unfaithful trustee of the people's interest and enemy of conservation and that the charges of Gifford Pinchot should be sustained."

These findings will be printed and filed with congress. The Democratic report is signed by Senators Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, and William E. Purcell, of North Dakota, and Representatives Ollie M. James, of Kentucky and James M. Graham, of Illinois. It says:

The Report.

"That there was no conspiracy against Mr. Ballinger. "That Gifford Pinchot and L. R. Glavis, were faithful trustees of the people's interests. "That Mr. Ballinger's conduct on certain occasions was intended to have effect of deceiving the President.

"That Mr. Ballinger's action in having 'clear listed' the so-called Cunningham Alaska coal lands and ordering them patented showed bad faith. "That he advocated a bill to validate Alaska coal claims alleged to be fraudulent.

"That his action in acting as attorney in cases pending in the land office while he was commissioner was reprehensible.

"That he helped to force the Cunningham coal claims to a hearing before the government was ready to proceed.

"That he encouraged insubordination in reclamation service."

Numerous official acts of Mr. Ballinger are attacked.

High praise is given Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester, and L. R. Glavis, former chief of field division of the general land office.

Madison's Findings.

Mr. Madison's conclusions are: "That the charges of Messrs. Glavis and Pinchot should be sustained. "That Mr. Ballinger has been unfaithful to the public interests.

"That in the matter of the Cunningham coal lands he was not a faithful trustee of the people's interests. "That with regard to the reclamation service he has taken action tending towards its disintegration.

Secretary Ballinger's action in restoring water power sites without intention to withdraw is also criticized along with his conservation policy, among other things.

Unusual Proceedings.

The decision of the four Democratic members and Mr. Madison to make the reports public followed a session which was unusual. Three Republican members, Senator Sutherland, of Utah; Representative McCall, of Massachusetts and Deputy of Michigan, refused to attend the meeting. Finally the chairman of the committee himself, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, left the committee room and failed to return.

Chairman Nelson gave notice that a meeting would be held in Chicago next Tuesday. The Democratic members adjourned to meet again in Washington on December 3.

Representative Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, one of the Democratic members, announced that all the Democrats would refuse to attend the meeting of which Senator Nelson has given notice. The Republicans will then be in the same position that the Democratic members and Mr. Madison found themselves in today.

A resolution adopted by the Democrats and Mr. Madison provided for

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SOLDIERS FINED FOR SHOOTING IN STREETS

Richmond Justice Imposes Upon Men That Civil Law is Supreme in Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 9.—Privates Elmer Lenhart, George Campbell, Frank Scruggs and Harry Meredith, of Company F, First Virginia Infantry regiment, were each and all fined \$10 in police court today for firing their rifles from the windows of street cars in Broad street last Monday evening while returning from the sham battle at the fair grounds.

Each of the men, with the exception of Meredith, pleaded guilty as charged, and Meredith today admitted when under oath that he had fired his rifle like the rest.

Justice Critchfield explained in passing sentence that he had no desire to be harsh or unduly rigid in his ruling by reason of the fact that Major Lawrence T. Price, in command of the battalion, had promised yesterday that the four men under arrest should be promptly tried by a military court. Justice Critchfield said, however, that he desired to impress it upon the minds of both privates in the ranks and officers, mounted or unmounted, that the civil laws of Virginia are supreme in the state, so long as the commonwealth is not under martial rule.

LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR CRIPPEN TRIAL

Body of Dead Woman is Examined—Ethel Leneve Secures Counsel.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Sept. 9.—Arthur Newton, counsel for Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, who is on trial here charged with murdering his wife, known on the stage as Belle Elmore, was today engaged to defend Ethel Leneve, Crippen's typist, who also is on trial as an accessory after the fact. This will enable closer cooperation between the accused, who heretofore had not been permitted to consult with one another. Another step in the trial of the prisoner was known today when two pathologists, engaged by the defense, examined the body unearthed in Crippen's cellar in Hilldrop Crescent, London.

Solicitor Newton expects to receive reports from these pathologists for use as the basis of his cross-examination of the police experts when the trial is continued next Wednesday. An analyst also has been retained by the defense to investigate the alleged finding of poison in the body. The engagement of experts to controvert evidence offered in a trial by officials of the home office is unusual in England and indicates that the trial of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve is likely to become as famous as was the long chase after them and their dramatic capture.

HUSBAND IS KILLED BY HIS DESERTED WIFE

Meet in Salisbury, Md., Lawyer's Office and Woman Fires Fatal Shot.

SALISBURY, MARYLAND, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Annie E. Hudson today shot and killed her husband, Tobias Hudson, in the office here, of State's Attorney Joseph L. Bailey. Hudson deserted his wife in Cambridge, Md., two months ago and came here to live with another woman. Mrs. Hudson had him arrested on Wednesday, but a reconciliation was effected. Today, however, Mrs. Hudson learned that her husband was preparing to leave Salisbury with the other woman. She purchased a revolver and then asked State's Attorney Bailey to have her husband come to his office for a conference.

The Hudsons went into a back room and after a few minutes of angry conversation, Hudson started to leave the room when Mrs. Hudson drew the revolver and shot her husband in the temple, death resulting an hour later.

Mrs. Hudson had been twice divorced and had left her second husband to live with Hudson, whom she married after the second husband secured a divorce.

Crops Will Be Large.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—"Business and agricultural conditions throughout the West and Northwest are notably prosperous. The crops this year scarcely will be bumper crops, in the ordinary sense of that term, but they will be very large." This statement was made today by Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture.

VESSEL GOES DOWN; THIRTY LIVES LOST

Ferry Boat Sinks to the Bottom Midway of Lake Michigan.

ONLOOKERS WITNESS MOST HORRIBLE SCENE

When Steamer is Known to be Doomed

ed the Captain Makes Great Race for Shoal Water. But the Fight is Lost—Many Persons Are Seen Struggling For Life.

(By Associated Press) LUDINGTON, MICH., Sept. 9.—Thirty lives were lost today when Pere Marquette car ferry No. 18, bound from Ludington to Milwaukee, went to the bottom of Lake Michigan half way across the lake. The dead include Captain Peter Kilty, of Ludington; S. F. Zeppanke, of Chicago, purser and wireless operator whose signals of distress brought assistance to the sinking steamer, and two members of the crew of car ferry No. 17, who lost their lives in an effort to rescue the crew of No. 18. Eff. Colbean, of Saginaw, Mich., a member of the crew of No. 18, would make a thirty-first victim, but it is believed that he was not on board when No. 18 set out from here last night on her fatal trip.

Names of Persons Lost.

The dead: Peter Kilty, of Ludington, captain; Joseph Jezinski, mate, of Maunio, wac. W. H. Browne, second mate, of Ludington. S. F. Zeppanke, purser, Worcester, Mass. E. R. Lecksam, chief engineer, of Ludington. Chalmer Rosecrans, assistant engineer of Northport, Mich. Paul Tennere, second assistant engineer, Ludington. Unknown other, Norwegian. A. J. Mackay, steward, Westfield, N. Y. W. B. Cummins, Webster and Halstead street, Chicago. John Schraufnagel, cook, Milwaukee. N. L. Bertrand, passenger, Ludington. Michael Haythaler, fireman, Forestville, Mich. Samuel Bouchio, fireman, River Bourgeois, N. S. W. Parker, fireman, Marine City. Unknown fireman. Mrs. Marion Turner, cabin maid, Ludington. Peter Hire, watchman, Ludington. Unknown lookout. Ole Bakken, wheelsman, Ludington. Joseph Marion, scrubber, Ludington. Two stowaways, Tom Kelly and brother, Detroit. Frank Warner, "Chicago Frank," porter, Chicago. Jacobson, seaman, residence unknown. Charles Jensen over, Ludington. Joe Peterson, watchman, steamer No. 17. James Jacobsen, scrubber, steamer No. 17, Ludington.

Thirty-five Survive.

The steamship company issued a list of 35 names of survivors of the wreck, all members of the crew, and most of them were brought here to night on Pere Marquette car ferry No. 17. Eight bodies were recovered, six being brought here on car ferry No. 17, and two being taken to Milwaukee on car ferry No. 20. The bodies were recovered, six being brought here on car ferry No. 17, and two being taken to Milwaukee on car ferry No. 20. The bodies brought here were those of Captain Kilty, Purser Zeppanke, Steward Mack, W. H. Cummins, W. H. Bertrand and Mrs. Marion Turner. One of the bodies taken to Milwaukee was that of Mate Joseph Jezinski. The other was reported to be that of Joseph Koob, but as there is a James Koob in the list of rescued some doubt has arisen in regard to the second body taken to Milwaukee. Koob does not appear in the steamship company's list of dead.

Story of Accident.

The story of the loss of car ferry Pere Marquette No. 18, constitutes the most tragic and thrilling chapter yet written in the history of the Lake Michigan marine.

Leaving Ludington last night at 11:30 o'clock, with a fair but stiff wind and 25 load-d cars on deck, the ferry made good weather for five hours on its course to Milwaukee. At 4:20 o'clock word was sent to Captain Peter Kilty that his boat was rapidly making water and that the pumps were unable to keep even with the inflow. With full confidence in the stability and seaworthiness of his craft the veteran car ferry navigator headed his ship with all speed toward Sheboygan, on the Wisconsin shore.

The steamer's pumps were choked

to their fullest capacity and all the expedients known to a skilled and resourceful mariner were resorted to.

But in spite of every effort the terrible fact dawned upon the captain and all on board that the boat was gradually, but surely sinking.

An effort was made to run a number of railroad cars overboard and thus lighten the load and gain a few precious minutes. With great difficulty nine cars were dropped off the stern of No. 18, but this gave the vessel only slight and temporary relief. The ship was doomed. Yet, notwithstanding this apparent fact and in hope of saving both crew and craft, the captain crowded his support to the utmost limit hoping to reach shoal water. The effort was futile.

Witness Horrible Scene.

At 7:30 o'clock this morning time came when the boat's buoyancy was no longer sufficient to sustain it. Suddenly, without warning, and before the horrified gaze of fifty men on board ferry No. 17, which had just arrived, on the scene, in response to a distress signal, the great black bow of the ship rose high in the air, the stern settled swiftly toward the bottom and with a roar and crash like an explosion, the ship shot downward and was lost to view.

The horrified onlookers on steamer No. 17 stood for a moment speechless and petrified. There was among the surging seas a half hundred of their fellow beings struggling for their lives. A muzzling cry for help was heard above the sea. All was confusion, indescribable terror and chaos. In a twinkling 27 lives were snuffed out and sixty strong men were precipitated into a death trap as cruel as it was hopeless. Irresistibly drawn by a tremendous suction, a score of men could be seen speeding toward the awful vortex of the sinking steamer's revolving wheels, which sealed their doom.

The cause of the disaster is, and will always remain, a mystery.

BOWERS DIES SUDDENLY

Solicitor General Passes Away in Boston.

LIFELONG FRIEND OF TAFT

Death Removes Prospective Candidate For One of Vacancies on the United States Supreme Court Bench—Blood Clot Forms in the Heart.

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 9.—Solicitor General Lloyd Wheaton Bowers, aged 51, lifelong friend of President Taft, died at Hotel Touraine in this city today. Death came suddenly, the result of cardiac thrombus, which ended an illness of a month due to an attack of bronchitis. The death of Mr. Bowers, who relinquished an extraordinary remunerative position as railroad counsel to take up the duties of solicitor general on March 22, 1909, at the instance of President Taft, removes a prospective candidate for one of the vacancies on the Supreme Court bench.

Dr. Frederick Coggeshall, who has attended Mr. Bowers here, said today that the patient had a good night's rest, ate a good breakfast today and was chatting cheerfully with his wife and son when suddenly he stopped talking, and a moment later was dead. Dr. Coggeshall sped by automobile to the hotel on a telephone summons to discover that Mr. Bowers had died instantly of a blood clot in the heart. Dr. Coggeshall said that the original illness of Mr. Bowers, which took the form of a violent cold, was due to overwork. The cold attacked him at Gloucester, whence Mr. Bowers had come from Chicago, his home city, to spend the summer. Tompkins developed and to secure expert medical assistance. Mr. Bowers was brought to Boston. An abscess on one of the tonsils necessitated an operation, the effects of which Dr. Coggeshall says was too severe for his weak system to throw off.

Yacht Selected for Races.

(By Associated Press) MARION, MASS., Sept. 9.—One of three boats, which will represent America in the German-American sander yacht races at Kiel next June, was selected today by the committee which had charge of the elimination trials in Buzzard's Bay. The yacht is the Beaver, owned by George Dabney, which was one of the contestants in the recent Spanish-American sander yacht races off Marblehead.

Mayor Dies Suddenly.

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 9.—Mayor Frank P. O'Brien, of Birmingham, Ala., died suddenly early today at the Burn Brae private hospital at Lansdown, Pa., near here. Death was due to apoplexy. Mayor O'Brien, according to a physician of the infirmary, came to the institution about a month ago, suffering from nervousness and a general breakdown due to overwork.

Enforce Child Labor Law.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 9.—The State bureau of labor has started an active campaign to abolish the practice of parents violating the law by falsely stating the ages of their children in order that they may be employed in factories contrary to law.

Yesterday, through the efforts of the department, two indictments were brought in by the grand jury sitting in Danville and the cases will be heard next Wednesday.

Richmond Man President.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 9.—James A. Wade, of Richmond, was elected president of the Virginia and Carolina Photographers' Association, at the closing session of their convention in the Jefferson hotel today. Asheville, N. C., was chosen for the next annual meeting.

BROWNE ACQUITTED; BIG CROWD CHEERS

Illinois Legislator is Found Not Guilty in Connection With Bribery Charge.

JURY DELIBERATES ON CASE TWENTY-ONE HOURS

Democratic Legislative Leader, Charged With Corruption in the Election of United States Senator Lorimer, Receives Great Ovation When Verdict is Announced.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 9.—Attorney Leo O'Neil Browne, of Ottawa, Ill., Democratic legislative leader, charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer, of Chicago, to the United States senate, was acquitted by a jury in Judge George Kersten's division of the criminal court today. The jury, which took eight ballots, was out twenty-one hours. On the first ballot it stood 8 to 4 for acquittal. The final juror standing out for conviction was won over to sign the verdict of acquittal at 2:35 o'clock in the afternoon. The verdict was returned in open court a few minutes before 3 o'clock.

Verdict is Cheered.

Immediately the court room was in an uproar. It was an minutes before bailiffs stopped the cheering. Browne was at a verdict had been reached. He reached the court in time to hear the verdict. His eyes filled with tears as the clerk of the court finished reading. A second later he threw his arms around Attorney Charles Erbsstein, a counsel for the defense. Browne was then hoisted to the shoulders of friends and carried out of the court room amid handshaking and cheering.

Browne appeared as greatly pleased as though he had been completely absolved of further trouble in relation to the vexing subject of Senator Lorimer's election. Apparently he had forgotten, for the time, that he is under indictment on the same charge and will have to face trial at Springfield, in Sangamon county. State's Attorney Put Out. State's Attorney Wayman was evidently put out at the verdict. At first he refused to talk. Later he said: "The verdict speaks for itself; the public knows the evidence. I presented the evidence and did everything that a public prosecutor could do. The state of Illinois will reap the benefit of the prosecution regardless of the verdict."

The verdict in the Browne case came as a dramatic aftermath to yesterday's sensational incident between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Lorimer regarding the Hamilton Club banquet.