

MYSTERY OF BURNED
STEAMER IS SOLVED;
13 SURVIVORS FOUND

Tragic Story of the Columbian Partly Brought to Light

SUFFER TERRIBLY
DURING EXPOSURE

Survivors So Exhausted That They Are Unable to Tell Correct Story of Disaster—Others of Crew Missing

Boston, May 5.—The mystery surrounding the identity of the steamer on fire in the westbound transatlantic steamer line, south of Sable Island, for 48 hours, was solved tonight when wireless messages from the Cunard liner Franconia told of the burning of the freighter Columbian and the rescue of 13 of her crew from a small boat. The death of Chief Steward Matthews, whose body the survivors had in charge, and the disappearance of a second boat, in which were 19 men, including the first and second officers, also were reported.

Whether the number of missing was represented by those said to be in the second boat was uncertain tonight. Estimates by officials of the Leyland and Phoenix lines placed the number of the crew at between 45 and 50. The estimates from the Franconia told of only 33 men, represented by the occupants of the two boats. It was thought possible that there was a third boat, commanded by Captain McDonald of the Columbian.

Survivors Exhausted
The survivors were so exhausted by their experience that they could tell little of what had happened and steamship officials expressed the opinion that the omission in the wireless messages of mention of the captain might be laid to this fact.

The Franconia searched until midnight for the second boat without result. Then Captain Miller of the Cunard sent word ashore that he had given up the search and would proceed for Boston with the survivors and his 133 passengers. He said he expected to arrive at Boston lightship at midnight Wednesday.

Before leaving for his destination Captain Miller had notified the steamers Manhattan and Haverford, both eastbound, of the missing boat, and they sent word that they had changed their course and were heading toward the burning steamer.

Survivors Rescued
On board the Steamer Franconia, via Sable Island, N. S., May 5.—Thirteen survivors of the British steamer Columbian, bound from Antwerp for New York, which caught fire at sea Sunday night, were picked up today by the Cunard liner Franconia, bound from Liverpool to Boston. In the boat with the survivors was the body of the chief steward, Matthews.

Another boat, containing the chief and second officers and 17 men, was still afloat. The Franconia cruised in search. Those aboard the Franconia are: James D. Roban, wireless operator; Alton Elms, carpenter; J. H. Trevson, boatswain's mate; Unguz Prince, Jens Jensen, A. Ahelnick, quartermaster; Gustav Schirhorn, donkeyman.

Thomas Connor, Juri Lei and Arthur Brantik, able seamen.
Anthony Cordones and Bennet Rother, firemen, and Frank Wedekind, messroom steward.

Suffered Terribly
The survivors suffered terribly during 48 hours' exposure in an open boat. Their exhaustion was so great it was impossible to obtain a coherent story from them several hours after they were picked up.

The Columbian caught fire Sunday night when 30 miles south of Cape Race.

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VETERANS GATHER
BY THOUSANDS IN
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Prepare for Opening of Twenty-fourth Annual Convention Today

VETERANS RECALL
STORIES OF THE WAR

Old Soldiers While Away Hours With Gossip of the '60's—Alabama to Return Flag to State of Ohio

Jacksonville, Fla., May 5.—Survivors who wore the gray in the war between the states gathered by the thousands in Jacksonville tonight preparatory to the opening of the twenty-fourth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans here tomorrow.

Housed in the tents of Camp Kirby-Smith, the veterans recalled again the stories of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and a score of other battlefields of the conflict between the north and the south.

Two allied organizations held meetings today and tonight. The Confederate Southern Memorial association met this afternoon and the Sons of Confederate Veterans held its first meeting tonight. Neither organization transacted business of importance.

Park Trammell, governor of Florida, and Van C. Swearingen, mayor of Jacksonville, formally will welcome the veterans at their first meeting tomorrow. Sessions of the reunion will continue until Friday when the meetings of the two allied organizations also will end.

Parade Today
The first parade of the reunion will be held tomorrow afternoon and will include the sponsors and maids of honor from the various southern states who were sent here as a tribute of honor to the veterans. A parade of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held Thursday and on Friday the veterans' parade will be held.

Alabama's division of the veterans will return to the state of Ohio tomorrow night a battle flag which was captured from one of Ohio's regiments in the historic conflict. Governor Cox of Ohio will accept the return of the colors. Various divisional meetings and social events also are scheduled for tomorrow.

One of the largest delegations to arrive today for the reunion was from Memphis, Tenn. The latter city is seeking the big meeting of the veterans in gray. The Oklahoma delegation also arrived late today.

Selection of next year's meeting place and election of officers will be made Thursday.

**M. E. CONFERENCE
TO OPEN TODAY**

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 5.—With the arrival of tonight's trains the roster of delegates to the seventeenth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, which will convene here tomorrow to be in session three weeks, was practically complete. Of the 12 bishops of the church all are in Oklahoma City tonight with the exception of Bishop W. R. Lambeth of Nashville, Tenn., who is aboard a steamer bound for New York. Bishop Lambeth will come to Oklahoma City immediately he lands.

Besides the 37 accredited delegates several thousand men and women prominent in church affairs will attend the conference as visitors.

Baseball Star Dismissed

Chicago, May 5.—Mac McInerney, captain of the Northwestern university baseball team, star of the football team last fall, was dismissed from the university today. The action followed the dismissal yesterday of Coach Dennis Grady, after an investigation showed that Grady and McInerney had knowledge that two dental freshmen were in the line-up under assumed names in the game against the University of Minnesota a week ago.

Railroad Cut

Chihuahua, Mexico, May 5.—It was learned here today the railroad between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi has been cut off by rebels. It is thought this will cut off the advance of any federal reinforcements for Saltillo.

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O'SHAUGHNESSY ON
WAY TO WASHINGTON

Mexican Charge d'Affaires Leaves New Orleans for Capital

New Orleans, May 5.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who as American charge d'affaires at Mexico City, recently received his passports from Provisional President Huerta of Mexico, left here tonight for Washington, where he will report direct to President Wilson. Mr. O'Shaughnessy arrived here early today on the United States gunboat Yankton, and was accompanied by Mrs. O'Shaughnessy and their son.

The 15 hours that the charge spent in this city was devoted principally to shopping and to searching for the house in which he had spent 15 years of his boyhood. The shopping was made necessary by the loss of such of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's trunks as contained his wearing apparel while they were being transferred from the train on which he left Mexico City to the one sent out to meet him from Vera Cruz. To find the house in which he once lived was a bit of sentiment with the diplomat, and he was successful in his quest.

While here Mr. O'Shaughnessy declined to discuss Mexican affairs and political matters generally, saying that he would not break his silence until he had first reported to the President.

1 KILLED, 2 HURT IN
TENNESSEE CYCLONE

Delina, Tenn., Visited By Disastrous Storm—Property Is Damaged

Nashville, May 5.—In a cyclone which struck Delina, about 15 miles from Fayetteville, at an early hour Tuesday morning, Mrs. Bird McRee was killed almost instantly and two other occupants of the house, Mrs. Halsip and James Luna, were badly, though it is thought not seriously, injured.

The house was partly wrecked, and Mrs. McRee was blown from her bed across the house. The chimney fell at the same time, and she was struck by falling brick.

Mr. Luna was blown out into the road and Mrs. Halsip was blown violently from her bed, striking the opposite wall.

At Tom Rives' home the chimney and porch were blown away, and the residence of Mrs. Denham was also badly damaged.

Trees were uprooted, fences blown down and many other damages of a minor nature resulted.

The path of the storm was quite narrow, and so far as can be learned, Delina was the only serious sufferer.



Just think how lucky you were if you couldn't go fishing yesterday

FRANK'S LAWYERS
DENY IMPROPER
MEANS WERE USED

Claim No Undue Influence Used to Gain New Trial for Condemned Factory Superintendent

Atlanta, May 5.—Denial of the state's charge that improper means had been used in obtaining evidence tending to show that Leo M. Frank, the factory superintendent, was innocent of the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan, was made today by counsel for the defendant.

Various affidavits were introduced at the hearing in the superior court on the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Frank, which the defense claimed showed that no intimidation, attempted bribery, forgery or other improper means had been used in obtaining sworn statements.

The action of Frank's lawyers followed the conclusion of the counter showing of the state against the plea of the convicted man's representatives for a new trial. Notes were given that further evidence would be introduced by the defense tomorrow, when, it is expected, the trial of evidence will be concluded. Arguments of attorneys will follow.

Introduce Affidavit
An affidavit introduced by the state today from Anna Maude Carter, a negro, charged that the latter had been approached by an unknown person in the county jail and asked to put poison in the food of James Conley, the negro factory sweeper. The negro woman said she was a prisoner at the time and that she was given considerable freedom in the jail. Conley was the chief witness against Frank and was convicted as an accessory after the murder.

Superior Judge Hill today issued an order placing Dan C. Lehon, representative of a national detective agency, under \$1000 bond for his appearance later before the Fulton county grand jury here. Solicitor General Dorsey, chief of the state's legal forces in the case of Frank, said that he desired the testimony of the detective in connection with the obtaining of an affidavit from the Rev. C. B. Ragsdale. The minister asserted that he had heard Conley confess the murder, but he later repudiated the statement.

The solicitor-general tonight would not say whether he contemplated asking the grand jury to make a general investigation of the methods used in obtaining evidence in connection with the extraordinary motion for a new trial for the factory superintendent. Various persons have repudiated affidavits and claimed undue influence.

No time has been set by Superior Judge Hill for hearing of arguments on a motion filed by the defense for the annulment of the verdict sentencing Frank to be hanged. Counsel for the defendant allege that it was illegal as the factory superintendent was absent from the court room when the decision was returned.

**SMITH LEADING
BLEASE IN RACE**

Columbia, S. C., May 5.—Practically complete reports tonight from the conventions held in the 44 counties of South Carolina yesterday indicated that the supporters of United States Senator E. D. Smith would have a large majority in the democratic state convention here on May 20.

Unofficial reports place the number of delegates who are avowedly supporting Gov. Cole L. Blease at his contest for the democratic nomination for United States senator against Senator Smith at between 40 and 50, while between 250 and 275 delegates are said to be opposed to the governor.

Resolutions favoring primary reform were adopted by the most of the county conventions and it is considered certain that action on the matter will be taken by the state convention. In addition to adopting a platform, the convention will set a date for a state-wide primary for the nomination of state candidates and a candidate for the federal senate.

TWO HUNDRED CRUCIFIED

Durazzo, Albania, May 5.—Two hundred and fifty Mohammedan Albanians, captured by the Epitro invaders at Harrova, were crucified in the orthodox church at Kodra, according to information received by the Albanian government. The Epitros are said to have set fire to the church afterwards and allowed the bodies to burn.

MINERS TO DECIDE
IF THEY SHALL GIVE
ARMS TO OFFICERS

Union Leaders Say Strikers Will Be Urged to Comply With President's Proclamation

Trinidad, Colo., May 5.—The question of delivering the arms of striking coal miners to the United States army will be put up to the men themselves, according to announcement by union officials here tonight. The announcement came at the end of a conference between William Diamond and Robert G. Bolton, strike leaders; Col. James Lockett and Maj. W. A. Holbrook.

Diamond said union leaders would urge the strikers to comply with the proclamations of the President and Secretary of War and turn their guns over to the army officers.

"It must, however, be understood that the guns do not belong to the union; they belong to the men themselves," he added. "If we should order the strikers to bring their guns to headquarters and turn them over to us we would not get 10 per cent of them. We will explain the situation to the men and use our influence with them to obtain obedience to the President's proclamation. That is as far as we can go."

To Hold a Mass Meeting
Union leaders announced that a mass meeting would be held at the San Rafael tent colony at Starville tomorrow. These meetings will be attended by union officers and by Major Holbrook and other officers of the army. The demand of the Secretary of War for the surrender of arms will be explained to the strikers in their various languages. Diamond announced that they will be urged to deliver up their guns.

Major Holbrook said after the conference that the union officers had agreed to use their influence to persuade the strikers to comply with the requirements of the government. Colonel Lockett declined to say what measures he would take if the men failed to turn in the guns. Many of the arms of the mine guards already are in possession of United States troops.

Bodies Recovered

Eccles, W. Va., May 5.—Bodies of 151 of the 172 men who lost their lives a week ago today by an explosion in mine No. 6 of the New River Collieries company, had been recovered tonight.

TODAY'S AGE-HERALD

- 1—Mystery of burned steamer solved. Confederate reunion begins today. Mediators to meet in Canada. Houston may be named president of conference.
- 2—Cotton conference acts favorably on resolutions.
- 3—Belmont foresees important change by canal.
- 4—Editorial comment.
- 5—Commission meeting quiet.
- 6—Harding's friends congratulate him. Pastors protest against Sunday moving pictures.
- 7—Rabbi Newfield heads social workers.
- 8—Sports.
- 9—Mexicans vacate when cruiser reaches San Diego.
- 10—Conspiracy charged by LaFollette.
- 11—Chicken problem still unsolved.
- 12—How Villa refused to aid Masas.
- 13—Markets.
- 14—Spiritual healing effective in some cases.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT
GIVES DETAILS OF
TRIP OVER BRAZIL

Gives Out First Interview of Recent Exploration Visit Through South American Wilds

Para, Brazil, May 5.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, in an interview with the Associated Press today, on board the steamer Dunstan, on which he had just arrived from Manaus, gave many interesting details of his exploring trip through the wilds of Brazil. He said:

"The expedition has proved a signal success. It was undertaken originally for the American Museum of Natural History."

"During our trip George K. Cherry and Leo C. Miller, the naturalists, collected more than 200 birds and mammals and a few reptiles, batrachians and fish, chiefly from regions not hitherto traversed by any collector and many representing species hitherto unknown to science."

"The most important part of our trip was geographical. In the exploration of an unknown river we have put on the map a river nearly a thousand miles long, the existence of which is not hinted at on published maps. The upper part of its course was utterly unknown to anybody except the wild Indians along its banks, while the lower part was known to a few rubber men only. The river takes its rise in the high uplands of the western part of the state of Mato Grosso, just north of the thirteenth parallel of south latitude and between longitude 59 and 60, west of Greenwich."

"We embarked in latitude 12 degrees, 1 minute south and longitude 60 degrees, 15 minutes west."

Many Doublings
The river ran with many doublings and twistings almost due north into the River Madeira, where its entrance was at about 5 degrees, 30 minutes south latitude."

"We were 60 days in canoe. In latitude 7 degrees south we passed the last rapids and reached the seamer when we were but 36 hours from Manaus."

"In latitude 10 degrees, 58 minutes south, we struck the mouth of a big affluent, flowing from the right and in latitude 9 degrees, 49 minutes south, we came to the mouth of another big affluent, flowing from the left."

"The Divida river, in point of volume, is like the Rhine, the St. Lawrence or the Hudson, but is too much broken up by rapids to be navigable except in the lower part. In about 7 degrees, 30 minutes south latitude, it joins another river practically the same size, flowing from the right."

"From about 11 degrees, 48 minutes to 10 degrees, 48 minutes, south latitude, the course of the Divida is almost an unbroken series of rapids, there being no clear day's run without rapids. This was the hard part of our journey."

Two Sets of Rapids
Two sets of rapids were at the bottom of canyons, where the river clove its way through mountain chains. "Of the seven canoes with which we started five were lost in the rapids. One of our men was drowned and two others, including Kermit, narrowly escaped death by drowning."

"Under the strain one man went mad. He finally murdered one of his comrades and fled into the wilderness."

"We saw no Indians, but twice heard them. While Colonel Rondon, the chief of the Brazilian mission, was out alone hunting his dog was killed by arrows. The dog's death probably saved Colonel Rondon's life."

"I had a severe bout of fever and while working around a canoe in the rapids I was bruised by a log, which developed into a bad abscess, but I am now practically all right."

To Report Lodge Bill
Washington, May 5.—The Senate fisheries committee today agreed to report without recommendation a Senator Lodge's bill, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide a hospital ship for the care of sailors of the American fishing fleet. The bill will be referred to another committee. An identical measure has been introduced into the House by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts.

MEDIATORS WILL
HOLD CONFERENCE
AT NIAGARA FALLS

Canada Selected As Neutral Territory for Peace Negotiations

CARRANZA MAY
YET BE INCLUDED

Envoys Hoping Rebel Chief Will Change Attitude—United States Not Yet Chosen Representatives for Conference

Washington, May 5.—The three South American envoys who have undertaken by diplomacy to settle Mexico's civil strife as well as her international difficulties announced tonight that the first formal conference with representatives of the "different parties interested in mediation" would be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, May 18.

Secretary Bryan made the announcement for the three diplomats in a brief statement, which read as follows:

"The mediators have notified the different parties that Niagara Falls, Canada, has been selected as the place where the mediators will confer with representatives of the different parties interested in the mediation, and that May 18 has been fixed as the date for the conference to begin."

The language of the declaration attracted attention, for although the envoys had, in a note earlier, said they would withdraw their invitation for a Carranza representative unless an armistice between the constitutionalists and the Huerta forces were arranged, no specific parties to the negotiations were named in the state department announcement.

Working On Carranza

It later was learned authoritatively that the reason for this was due to the fact that a further effort was being made to induce General Carranza to send a representative. It was understood that the mediators had further explained their position to General Carranza and still were hopeful that he might be represented at the negotiations without seeking to limit his agent to discussion of any particular subjects.

The American government has not chosen its representatives. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan and Lane discussed many names today. They are seeking to get men of training in diplomatic affairs, and inasmuch as it will take several days for the Huerta envoys to reach here, some of the intervening time will be taken by the President in considering men for the mission.

As yet, there has been no formal basis of negotiation, neither the United States nor Huerta having set forth their demand. It was learned today from a high administration official that in all likelihood the United States would not confine itself now to a mere settlement of the incidents at Tampico which provoked the present crisis, but would aim to bring about a solution of the whole Mexican problem so that it could recognize a constitutionally established government, which would be able to restore tranquility in the southern republic.

Meets With Favor

The disposition of General Carranza to eliminate himself from the mediation proceedings, if it should include a discussion of Mexico's internal problems, has not met with the favor of administration officials, but they do not think this decision is final.

It is virtually certain that the withdrawal of American forces from Vera Cruz will not be ordered until some delicate settlement of the whole Mexican problem is in sight.

The death of two of the Americans wounded at Vera Cruz, bringing the mortality list up to 19; the announcement that the President and Secretaries Garrison and Daniels would go to Brooklyn to attend memorial services for the 17 dead being brought back to the Montana, and the order to the hospital ship Solace to bring its wounded back to New York and Boston, so that the sick may be in a cooler climate, were the chief announcements from the navy department during the day. The war department continued plans for possible emergencies while the state department was active in caring for refugee Americans who are leaving Mexico by the hundreds.

Niagara Falls, Ontario, was finally selected as a place to hold the mediation conferences because it is neutral territory, yet in close proximity to the United States. The fact that Niagara Falls is on the extreme border of Canada and is known more as a scenic resort than as a political center, will remove, in the opinion of many officials here, any impression of partiality.

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LEPROSY VICTIM
SPEEDILY DEPORTED

Swedish Citizen Hustled Out of Country While Voyage Is Kept Secret

Chicago, May 5.—Chicago and Cook county authorities congratulated themselves today over the successful deportation of Charles Wolgren, a native of Sweden, who was taken to the county hospital in February, suffering from what was diagnosed as leprosy.

Because of the fear which the disease engenders all details of the deportation were kept secret and none but the crew of the train on which Wolgren rode in a private car knew of his presence aboard. Special permits were secretly issued by governors of states across which the train passed and all connected with the deportation breathed easier when word was received here today that Wolgren was safely aboard a liner, due to leave for Sweden in a few hours.

HOUSTON MAY BE
NAMED GOVERNOR
OF RESERVE BOARD

President Searching for Man to Succeed Richard Olney

MAN WITH LEGAL
TRAINING WANTED

Also Thought Wilson Anxious to Have New England Man for Place—Gaston and O'Neill Are Mentioned

Washington, May 5.—President Wilson, again is searching for a governor for the federal reserve board. After four months of painstaking inquiry, he had determined on Richard Olney, former Secretary of State, as head of the board which will regulate the nation's system of 12 regional banks, but Mr. Olney declined, unwilling at his advanced age to undertake new responsibilities.

Many administration officials believe Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture may be the man finally chosen in Mr. Olney's place. It is an open secret that the President has wanted to appoint Mr. Houston to the federal reserve board, but did not wish to make changes in his cabinet. Mr. Houston favorably impressed many when he toured the country as a member of the organization committee of the federal reserve board, and his name was suggested for the board then.

It is known that since Mr. Olney's declination the President has not fixed on anyone. He is said to be anxious to get a New England man, so that all sections may be represented. Col. William A. Gaston and Joseph O'Neill, both prominent Boston bankers, have been suggested as possibilities, but it is believed the President will choose a business man with legal training. The other four members of the board selected by the President are: Paul M. Warburg, New York; Dr. Adolph Caspar Miller, San Francisco; Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago; W. P. G. Harding, Birmingham.

ARBITRATION TREATY
BETWEEN ITALY AND
UNITED STATES SIGNED

Washington, May 5.—Secretary Bryan and Marquis Cusani Coradonelli, Italian ambassador, today signed a treaty providing that any question between the United States and Italy which cannot be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted for investigation to an international commission of five members. The period of investigation is fixed at one year, although it may be shortened. The treaty follows in a general way the terms of a similar pact negotiated by Secretary Bryan with the Netherlands. It is the fifteenth of the new Bryan peace treaties.

No provision is made for the maintenance of the status quo of military and naval armaments during the period of investigation, as in some of the previous conventions.

WILLIAM L. FINLEY
PLEADS GUILTY

Columbus, O., May 5.—William L. Finley, democratic state chairman, pleaded guilty late today to an indictment charging him with violation of the state civil service laws. Finley was indicted together with Emory Lattanner, state superintendent of banks, and others on a charge of collecting funds from state employees for political purposes.

Prosecutor Turner made a statement to the court recommending that all indictments against all others in connection with the so-called "political indictments" be dismissed.

SAIL FOR ROME
TO VISIT POPE

New York, May 5.—The North German Lloyd liner Prinzess Irene sailed for Naples today with Cardinal Gibbons and a number of bishops and priests in his party. The cardinal goes to Rome to visit the pope.

The accounts of the captain's quarters and the floor at Holoken were decorated in American, German and Panal flags.

In the cardinal's immediate party there were Monsignor Shahan, Washington; Bishop D. J. O'Connell, Richmond, Va.; and the Rev. Louis R. Stickney, secretary to the cardinal. There were in addition a number of bishops and priests from Michigan and Wisconsin who are also making a visit to the Vatican.

WILL PAY TRIBUTE
TO VERA CRUZ DEAD

President to Speak at Memorial Services to Marines and Bluejackets

Washington, May 5.—President Wilson will voice the nation's tribute to the marines and bluejackets killed in the occupation of Vera Cruz at memorial services at the Brooklyn navy yard Monday. Secretary Daniels and his staff and Secretary Garrison and Admiral Dewey will be among the chief figures at the ceremonies.

The President will leave Washington for New York state Sunday night. Secretary Daniels will sail from Hampton Roads on the yacht Mayflower and escort the funeral cruiser Montana to New York harbor. In the lower harbor the battleships Wyoming and the cruiser Tennessee will meet the Montana and Mayflower and convey them to dock. The bodies will be sent to home towns of the marines and bluejackets Monday. The Montana will continue to Boston with the three New England dead.