

200 on Steamer Going to Pieces

Little Hope for Rescue of Doomed
Passengers on Santa Rosa
Is Entertained.

MANY DROWNED AS LIFE-
BOATS ARE CRUSHED.

Many Bodies Cast Up on Rocks by
Surf—Efforts to Reach Fated
Steamer Fail.

More Drown.
SURF, Cal., July 7.—A third lifeboat capsized, as it left the Santa Rosa at 10 o'clock. All of its occupants are believed to have drowned. A wireless message from one of the steamers in the offing says that 25 or 30 persons are seen still clinging to the rigging.

Surf, Cal., July 7.—Twenty or more passengers and sailors of the steamer Santa Rosa, of the Pacific Coast Steamship line, were drowned this afternoon in the surf while trying to escape from that vessel, which stranded near Point Arguello before dawn today.

In two lifeboats they left the ship, plunged into the roaring surf, and soon were foundering in the boiling waters. The lives of some were found against the rocks, while others sank to the bottom. Several bodies were washed ashore.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight the Santa Rosa was almost submerged, and frantic efforts were being made to save the rest of the two hundred passengers still on board.

Ship Breaks Up.

At that hour the government wireless station at Point Arguello reported that the vessel had broken amidships, and that immense breakers were dashing over her. The ship will probably be a complete wreck, and it seemed likely at that time that the number of dead would be increased.

The doom of the steamer was sealed late today, when a wind stirred a high sea and forced the abandonment of the Santa Rosa to the schooner Centralia, which, with the schooner Helen P. Drew, had previously made abortive efforts to float her. Up to that time there was no apprehension of danger among officers of the stranded vessel. It was thought she could be floated. Captain Faria answered wireless queries with the statement that the ship apparently was lying easy and would be floated at the crest of the tide tonight.

Life Boats Wrecked.

As the wind rose, however, the Santa Rosa swung broadside to the breakers and began to break up. The crash of breaking timbers and overstrained steel could be heard by the wireless men at Point Arguello.

The first life boat was launched at dark, after every effort had been made to establish boat communication with the Centralia.

The shore lay only 200 feet from the broken ship, but the lifeboat could not make it. It bobbed like a cork on the crest of breakers and the next instant was smashed.

There were sixteen persons on this boat, eleven passengers and five sail-

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Tammany to Boss This State

Democratic Machine Makes Deal With
New York Bosses, Giving Control
of State.

BOSS MURPHY ALLIES
WITH WATSON-CHILTON MEN

Efforts in Indiana Has Caused Break—
No Trouble Like That Expected
in West Virginia.

Intelligence Bureau.
Washington, D. C., July 7.—Tammany, the corrupt political faction that has trailed New York Democracy in the dust for a score of years, is to boss West Virginia. A deal has been consummated with the West Virginia Democratic political machine giving Murphy and his cronies control of this state, all of which is a part of the Tammany plan to dominate the next Democratic national convention and dictate the Democratic presidential candidate for 1919. Not only is West Virginia to be Tammany dominated, following a deal with the Watson-Chilton machine men, but it is expected Tammany will dictate the presidential preferences of Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and several other states through just such deals as has been made for West Virginia. Efforts to control the Indiana vote has caused a split there. As a result, one faction will support Wilson, of New Jersey, for president, and the other, under the direction of Tom Taggart, will support Harmon.

It is an open fact that Senator Watson has promised West Virginia to Harmon, and the fact is all the more interesting since it develops that Tammany is back of Harmon, and the deal is to deliver West Virginia not only to Harmon, but to deliver the state to Tammany, who will dictate the completion of the delegation to the Democratic national convention. The Tammany element will be more active in the country outside of New York state this year than at any time since 1881.

Coal Rate Up to Court.

The legal combat between the Interstate Commerce Commission and many railroads in eastern states over the freight rates on railroad fuel coal today reached the Supreme court of the United States as the first case of the kind to be decided by the recently organized United States Commerce court.

The Interstate Commerce Commission also held that the railroads had no right to discriminate in rates on railroad coal and those on any other kind. The Commerce court disagreed with

Warm Love Letters Gone

Efforts to Find Epistles Stokes Wrote
Miss Graham Proves a
Failure.

LETTERS ARE A SCREAM,
INSISTS YOUNG WOMAN.

Preliminary Trial of Girls for Shoot-
ing of New York Millionaire
Ends Today.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Where are the rest of the Stokes' letters? How did they come to be suppressed? Who suppressed them and why? These are the questions that Robert W. Moore, of counsel for Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, tried to get answered this afternoon in their preliminary hearing on the charge that they attempted to murder W. E. Stokes, the millionaire hotel man, when he called at their apartment to get possession of these same letters.

The questions were not answered wholly to Mr. Moore's satisfaction, but he was able to advance so far that he will rest his case to-morrow afternoon after one more witness has been called—the elevator boy who took Stokes to the girls' apartment on the night he was shot. Magistrate Freschi, will then decide whether the case shall go to the grand jury.

Girls Not On Stand.

Under cross-examination Stokes told today how he first met Ethel Conrad; how she enlisted his sympathies anew for Lillian Graham, who, sick and penniless, Stokes said, Miss Conrad told him, had attempted suicide; how he came to call on the two girls after Lillian Graham's recovery, and what his sentiments for them were. His narrative only faltered when he was questioned about the missing letters. But those who had expected the two girls to take the stand were disappointed. The defense succeeded in eliciting most of the facts on which the people must base their case without disclosing its own hand. Only once did Stokes show signs of confusion.

"Are these nine letters (produced in evidence yesterday) all you ever wrote Miss Graham?" asked Attorney Moore.

"How many did you write her? As many as eighteen?"

"Perhaps."

"What became of those missing letters, which you admit having written and which were in Miss Graham's possession on the night of the shooting?"

"I haven't the remotest idea," said Stokes, blandly.

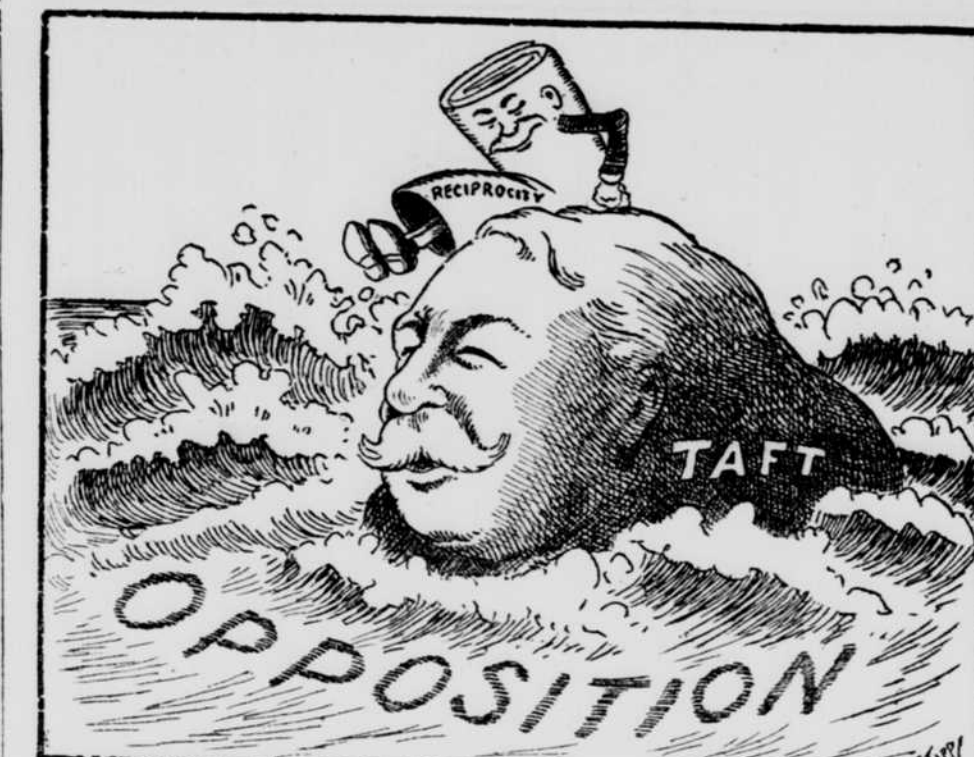
Detectives Took Letters.

At the afternoon sitting counsel for the two girls called to the stand James Cummins, a house detective at the Ansonia, owned by Stokes. Cummins said he had searched the girls' apartments two or three days after the shooting, with the central office detectives, and found the letters on a closet floor behind a trunk.

"And these officers of the depart-

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FIRM AS A ROCK



Two Birdmen Plunge in Atlantic

English Peace Pact Certain

Taft in Speech Expresses Pleasure
Over Progress For Arbitration
Treaty.

PREDICTS OTHER NATIONS
WILL FALL IN LINE

Address Made Before Big C. E. Con-
vention on Million
Dollar Pier.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., In a speech to the International Christian Endeavor convention here tonight, President Taft declared that the negotiations for the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States have reached such a stage that there is no doubt as to the signing of the pact.

"I am glad to say," said the president, "that today we have reached such a point in the negotiations for a treaty of universal arbitration with one of the great European powers, that we can confidently predict the signing of a satisfactory treaty. The arbitration treaty heretofore with Great Britain and other countries has been excepted from the causes which may be arbitrated those which involved the vital interests of either party or its honor. The treaty which we are now closing with Great Britain eliminates these exceptions and provides that all questions of international concern of a justifiable character shall be submitted to the arbitration of an impartial tribunal."

Forms More Treaties.

The president expressed the hope that eventually half a dozen European countries may make similar treaties. Such action, he said, will not abolish war, but would furnish a forcible instrument in preventing it.

The president left Washington amid the closing freaks of a severe thunderstorm.

Senator Briggs of New Jersey, Secretary Hillis and Major Butt accompanied him.

The president spoke from a platform on the Million Dollar pier. Several thousand persons heard him and cheered him as he entered and as he left the pier.

The first part of the president's speech was devoted to a brief review of the work of the Christian Endeavor societies.

From praise of the society, the president turned to peace and arbitration which he said could be expedited by the influence of such organizations.

Cars Crash

Two Seriously Hurt When Passenger
and Work Car Meet on Curve
at Mingo.

STUEBENVILLE, O., July 7.—Two persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, and a number of others sustained minor hurts this morning, when the work car and passenger car No. 11 of the Wheeling Traction company collided head-on on a curve on Lower Commercial street, Mingo.

Motorman David Owens, of car No. 11, who resides at 312 South Fifth street, this city, and Charles Loebe, a resident of Potter street, Mingo, were the most seriously hurt, and were brought to the city hospital in an ambulance. The other passengers, who were slightly cut by flying glass and bruised by the jar, were given attention at Mingo by the doctors.

Loebe had both legs broken and he has painful bruises all over his body.

Open Two Camps.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 7.—With 280 men of the West Virginia National Guard, Camp Kanawha was opened early this morning under command of Major Davis. The day was taken up with company drills and school. Camp Dawson was also opened today near Kingwood.

Sinless Kisses

Mrs. Bridges Admits Kissing Prophet
See in Holy Salvation—Called
Him Dear.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Mrs. Lucille Bridges frequently kissed Evelyn Arthur See, founder of the Absolute Life cult, called him "dear," and wrote letters to him while he was in jail telling of her love for him, according to her testimony given at the trial of the cult leader for abduction of Mrs. Bridges' daughter, Mildred Bridges, 17 years old.

"The many kisses I exchanged with Mr. See were holy and sinless salutations," Mrs. Bridges testified. "They had none of the meaning of the kiss the world outside of Absolute Life knows. Mr. See is a pure and chaste man. It was not sinful for us to kiss. We had the true light. We were above sin and safe from temptation. Nothing we could do would be wrong."

Mrs. Bridges said that she sent her daughter to live with See. She admitted that she herself frequently visited the "temple" of Absolute Life, where See made his home, at night, while her husband was away from Chicago. Mr. Bridges was in court during his wife's testimony.

Attorneys Fight In U. S. Court

ROUGH AND TUMBLE COMBAT IN
JUDGE DAYTON'S COURT.

District Attorney Waugh and Judge
Blizzard Combatants—Both
Are Fined.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 7.—A rough and tumble fight right before the bench in United States Judge Dayton's court occurred here today during the temporary absence of Judge Reese, Blizzard and United States District Attorney Roy Waugh.

Other attorneys inside the hall separated the belligerents and Judge Dayton, on his return to court, imposed a fine of \$50 for contempt of court.

The trouble did not come unexpectedly, as late Thursday afternoon the attorneys had some words, Judge Blizzard had tried to slip some papers to the jury which had not been offered in court in a condemnation proceeding by the government to acquire certain property. Waugh resented the charge and Judge Dayton reprimanded Judge Blizzard. Today in the arguments of the case Judge Blizzard made further charges and they were resented by Waugh. The trouble became quite general and the two attorneys finally came to blows.

Rev. Thomas S. Wade.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 7.—Rev. Thomas S. Wade, a widely known M. E. minister, died here this afternoon at 4:40, aged 68. He had been ill since Sunday, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was a native of Massachusetts.

Uncle Zeb and the Weather

This is the way the weather on a weekday, except that he can come on between shifts and get the breeze.

THE WEATHER.

July 7.—Forecast.

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Showers Saturday night or Sunday; slightly warmer.

West Virginia—Local showers on Saturday and Sunday; moderate temperature.

Big Fire in Ohio.

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Death and Damage In Storm's Wake

Two Drowned Bridgeport In Big Creek Man Drowned

Children Are Victims While Mother
Has Narrow Escape From
Watery Grave.

CROSSING CREEK IN
BUGGY AFTER STORM.

Drowning at Parsons When Man
Fell From Horse—Heat Vic-
tims at East Liverpool.

STUEBENVILLE, O., July 7.—The big storm of tonight caused considerable damage in this section. The rain came down in torrents, accompanied by a big electrical display. Streams in a few moments were turned from tiny rivulets flowing through parched banks to raging torrents at flood stage. Two children, Homer and Harry Kirkpatrick, aged 5 and 7 years, were drowned in the Willis creek, just north of this city, while their mother had a narrow escape from drowning. The family attempted to ford the swollen stream in a buggy when the vehicle was overturned by the rushing water and the trio thrown out. The children sank almost immediately. The rescue of the mother was accomplished by her husband who was driving just ahead in a wagon. The rescue was made with difficulty.

Storms and Heat

Deaths From Both Sources in Phila-
delphia and Vicinity Friday.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—Twenty-one more victims by the heat here today bringing the total number of deaths during the present hot spell to 89. A fourteen mile an hour breeze brought some relief this afternoon, the temperature dropping from 96 degrees at 2 o'clock to 77 at 8 o'clock tonight.

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tional Office Is Shocked
by Lightning.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED
AS HIGH AS \$15,000

Railroad and Street Car Traffic
Held Up—Crops Are Greatly
Damaged.

STORM DAMAGE.
Man drowned near Bridgeport. Queen City runs six yachts. Telephone central shocked. Horse killed on bridge. Barn burned near Dunstons. Business houses flooded. Crops greatly damaged. Traffic suspended here. Damage estimated \$15,000.

Sweeping over the Wheeling district from the northwest, a heavy rain and electrical storm last evening left death and destruction in its path and caused a loss to property estimated at \$15,000 in the Wheeling district. With a pall of darkness settling over the city, and the streets resembling mill races, business was practically suspended here in this vicinity. Boats were blown out of their courses, and the lightning caused many fires, while the downpour of rain claimed three deaths in this section.

Man Drowned.

While attempting to rescue two pigs from a pen that was located in a gully two miles east of Bridgeport, Edward Young, colored, a farmer, was caught in the grasp of a roaring volume of water that swept down the gully from the hillsides, and drowned. His dead body was washed into the Scott Lumber company's lumberyard near Bridgeport, where it was found floating by Lynn Donley and George Hogan. When Young entered the pig pen the water was running slowly, but without warning it rushed down the gully, sweeping everything before it. Catching the unfortunate man in its grasp, the water carried him in its whirling grasp, and although he struggled heroically he was sucked under and drowned. One of the pigs was drowned, but the other was found in the back river near the Crystal Glass plant unhurt. Deceased for years has been employed at the Aetna Standard works. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Lightning Plays Havoc.

Lightning caused more damage than did the violent rain storm. Seven persons were shocked by lightning in the Wheeling district, and one horse killed. While operating a switchboard at the National telephone office in this city Miss Ollie Jevans, of Lind street, was shocked and badly injured when a bolt of lightning struck the switchboard and knocked her from her chair. After medical aid was given she was removed to her home. While in a very nervous condition, she is recovering rapidly.

Sitting in their home at Bridgeport, reading the evening paper, Mrs. Scott Gordon and daughter, Miss Nellie, were badly shocked when a bolt of lightning struck their home. Mrs. Gordon was paralyzed on one side and her face burned. Her daughter was rendered in an unconscious condition, but both quickly revived.

When a bolt of lightning struck the residence of Carl Becker, at Martins Ferry, Mrs. Becker, an aged lady and other members of the family were shocked. The lightning that struck the aged woman was so strong that it knocked a gold filling from her teeth. The whole family was for a time in a serious condition.

Lightning also struck a house owned by Mrs. M. C. Mitchell on West Washington street. Martins Ferry, and occupied by J. W. Faust, Jr. The chimney was knocked from the house and a bass drum rolled about the room. No person was injured.

Horse Killed.

While driving his horse across the Bridgeport bridge from the island,

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Drowns in Cheat

Rider Falls From Horse Into Stream
and Is Drowned at Porterwood.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARTON, W. Va., July 7.—Roy Yarbrough, of Wheeling, who was employed as a teamster at Porterwood, near here, was drowned under very peculiar circumstances. He had ridden his horse into the Cheat river to give them water, and while they were drinking, slipped off into deep water, having evidently been attacked with heart failure. The body was recovered in ten minutes, but life was extinct.

Storm Damages

Western Pennsylvania Has the Big-
gest Storm in Fifteen Years.

CANNONBURG, Pa., July 7.—This place and the towns of Houston, Cecil and McMurray were damaged this afternoon by a heavy rain, wind and hail storm. Grain fields sustained great loss. Telephone and telegraph wires were put out of commission; hundreds of windows were shattered and the basements of many houses were flooded. It was the worst storm in 15 years.

Storm Fatal

Two Deaths From Lightning—Seven
Deaths From Heat in
Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, July 7.—Relief from the excessive heat of a week came to Pittsburgh today after the tempera-

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Terse Telegraphic Tips

STUEBENVILLE — Overcome by heat two days ago at the LaBelle mill, Tony Camella died today at Gill hospital. His temperature reached 109°.

BUTLER, Pa. — From injuries inflicted with a base ball bat, Joseph Palano, official dog catcher of this city, died at a hospital today. Howard Linscomb, a well known amateur ball player, has been charged with murder.

SAN FRANCISCO — Smuggled opium valued at \$22,500 was discovered in the coal bunkers of the Pacific mail steamship, Siberia today.

TOPEKA — Congressman A. C. Mitchell, of the Second Kansas district, died today at his home in Lawrence.

PITTSBURGH — The Rea Packing company of this city, was practically destroyed by fire today causing a loss of \$200,000.