

SHIP IS LOST

While on Way From New York to Galveston.

WITH SIXTY PEOPLE.

She is Now Overdue Several Days and is Supposed to Have Foundered at Sea Off the Coast of North Carolina Last Saturday—She Was an Old Vessel.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Mallory line steamship San Marcos, which left here on Wednesday for Galveston, Texas, with ten passengers and a crew of 50 was reported today to be missing and there are grave fears that she is the vessel which went down off Elizabeth City, N. C., on Saturday.

The San Marcos was due to pass Sand Key, near Keywest on Sunday night, but up to today she had not been cited off that point. The Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico have been scoured with wireless messages to the San Marcos, but up to today there has been no reply from the vessel.

The Mallory line officials here today declared that they had no anxiety as to the safety of the San Marcos, but they were forced to admit that they have heard nothing from the steamer since she left here last Wednesday. She is due in Galveston tomorrow, but should have been spoken by other vessels long before this.

A message from Key West today stated that anxiety over the San Marcos had reached that city and wireless messages had been sent out for a radius of 150 miles from Sand Key, calling for the San Marcos. She has not replied. None of the vessels passing Sand Key have reached the missing boat.

The San Marcos is nearly 30 years old, and is one of the more old-fashioned kind of iron vessels. She was at one time a Ward line steamer and was sold to the government for an army transport for service during the Spanish-American war and since that time has been in the Mallory service between here and Galveston, Texas.

The vessel that went down near the Diamond Shoals lightship, off Elizabeth City, N. C., so far as can be learned, was not unlike the San Marcos in appearance. She had a passenger deck like the San Marcos, was plainly a coaster and flew the United States ensign.

The vessel that went down on Diamond Shoals was afire at the stern. She was seen by the observer at Cape Hatteras, by the man aboard the Diamond Shoals lightship and also by those on the Savannah line steamship Savannah, which was not far off at the time. The strange feature of the vessel foundering is that not a trace of her has been on the sea since. She

was completely engulfed. Not a single spar, not a boat nor even a piece of drift wood has been found. Her stern was spouting smoke and flames when she was last seen and she seemed as if to plunge downward nose first.

There was a tremendous sea running when the unknown vessel went to the bottom. This prevented the Savannah approaching the vessel. But the Savannah was herself engaged in fighting her way through the terrific gale with the thermometer at the time at nearly zero.

Both vessels kept plunging on to the southward, but no signs ever came from the stranger. The unknown vessel seemed to be weathering the storm well enough until the flames broke out at her stern and she went down in a few minutes.

The San Marcos was in command of Captain Davidson. She is of 2,188 tons, 317 feet long, 39 feet beam and draws 21 feet of water. She had a single funnel and two masts.

SEVENTEEN MINERS KILLED.

Deadly Explosion in Coal Mine Near Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 2.—Seventeen men are dead as the result of an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek Mines of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company this morning. Five of the dead are white and twelve are negroes.

The explosion occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock, and is thought to have been caused by a windy shot. The mines are about ten miles west of Ensley, on the Birmingham, Southern Railroad, and are difficult of access. The seventeen bodies were taken from the mines this morning, and the rooms and passages are clear tonight. The mine itself is practically unharmed.

Alex Bonneyman, general manager of the company, was the first to leave Birmingham for the scene of the disaster, although Mine Inspectors Millhouse and Flynn hurried to the scene to render what aid they could and to make an inspection. Officials of the company did not know the exact number of men in the mine at the time of the accident, but they state tonight that 17 fatalities will be the total.

Two Brakemen Perish.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Feb. 1.—B. B. Smith and T. L. Galloway, brakemen on the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad, were crushed to death under a locomotive near here today. Galloway's head was severed from his body. The engine was derailed.

Costly Banquet.

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—It will cost \$25 to attend the Taft banquet here on Saturday night, February 13. This was decided upon today by the executive committee in charge of the details of Taft's reception on his approaching visit here.

PITIFUL HISTORY

OF A BEAUTIFUL FRENCH GIRL TOLD IN A

Chicago Court, Where Her Master is Convicted and Sentenced to Prison.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A pitiful story of a beautiful girl snatched from the streets of Paris and lured to the United States today resulted in the conviction of Henry Lair, charged by the government with promoting the "white slave" traffic in this country.

Lair was sentenced by Judge Landis to serve two years in the government prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and to pay \$2,500 fine. The next case to be tried is that of Lucile D'Arville, Lair's supposed wife, who was indicted with him on charge of importing French girls to this country in violation of the immigration laws.

Marie Peuroy, 19 years old, was the chief witness for the government. When 14 years old, she said, she met in the streets of Paris Jules Dufour, who later introduced her to Louis Paynt, now in the government prison at Atlanta, Ga. Paynt induced her to come to America and brought her to Chicago, where she fell into the hands of Lair, who came from San Francisco. The girl informed immigration officers of her plight and she was finally rescued. Jules Dufour, who met the girl in Paris, is a brother of Alphonse Dufour, forfeited \$25,000 cash bail, following indictment for white slavery in Chicago, and fled to France, where they were recently convicted in a French court.

GOOD JOB FOR TEDDY.

Some Connecticut Yankees Want to Show Him About.

Washington, Feb. 1.—An offer of \$10,000 a week, engagement for thirty weeks, with an organization to be known as "Roosevelt's Congress of Rough Riders," has been formally made to President Roosevelt by a former circus man, acting for a Bridgeport, Conn., syndicate. In his letter the circus man asked for an appointment. He considers \$10,000 going some. The syndicate is ready to furnish a private car or two. All the president is asked to do is to make one appearance in the show. His part will be to lead a charge of San Juan Hill, followed by a Buffalo Bill outfit.

Attacked by Ruffians.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 2.—Fletcher and Donald Comer, sons of Governor Comer, a few days ago knocked down Frank P. Glass, editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, when they met him on the street. No arrests have been made, though warrants for the Comers have been issued.

BEGINS FIGHT

Against the Confirmation of Crum as Port Collector.

TILLMAN THE LEADER

And He Hopes to Prevent the Confirmation of Crum by the Senate and Force President-Elect aft to Select Some One Else in His Stead.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Senate spent all of this afternoon in executive session, and if the accounts that have leaked out are correct, Senator Tillman will probably give the Republican members of that body much trouble over the confirmation of W. D. Crum, as collector for the port of Charleston, before the present session ends.

According to what is said, the session was devoted not alone to the question of negroes, but also to Chinese and Japanese.

Sensors Bacon and McLaurin assisted Senator Tillman by discussing at length the present day question of the treatment of Japanese in California, and this led into a still further discussion of the Chinese, all of which was brought out to help in the "fillibuster" that Senator Tillman has inaugurated against Crum.

With the help of the two Senators named he was able to at least keep the matter down today, and it is understood that from this time on he will be assisted by practically all the Democrats in the Senate. Although he was called down by the application of the Senate rules, he was able to beat off Senator Frye and others who are clamoring for Crum's confirmation. The pitchfork was brandished considerably, it is said, and after several hours spent in an unsuccessful attempt to put Crum through, the executive session came to an end with Senator Tillman so far the victor.

There is not the least doubt now that a first class "fillibuster" is on, and that if Senator Tillman does not overdo himself in the attempt to hold off Crum's nomination, he will eventually be successful.

Today's developments have given hope to those who have been following the case that the matter will go over, and that the efforts now being made to force Crum on the people of Charleston for another term, will come to an end with the Roosevelt administration.

Executive sessions are secret, and those Senators who take part in the deliberations generally decline to tell what takes place, but those who were on the outside today are firmly convinced that Senator Tillman means business, and that if he continues to like the negro, the Japanese and the Chinese question together in order to kill time he will eventually win out in the effort to defeat Crum.

TAFT TO BECOME A MASON.

Will Be Made One on Sight in the State of Ohio.

Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—The Grand Master of Ohio Masons has tendered to William Howard Taft the rare and high honor of being made a Mason at sight.

Judge Taft has accepted and will return to Cincinnati on February 18, when the Grand Master will convene a distinguished company of Masons and exercise the high prerogative which belongs only to the Grand Master of Masons.

This honor is so rarely conferred that there is but a single instance of it on record in the hundred years of the history of Masonry in Ohio.

HORSES KNOCKED DOWN

And a Bridal Party Shocked by a Live Wire.

New York, Feb. 1.—A live wire almost caused a wedding party to end in a tragedy last evening. A broken trolley wire writing in the street at Third avenue and 161st street became entangled under the coach in which were seated Richard Engle and his bride. The horses were knocked down by the current, the driver thrown from his seat to the pavement and injured, and the coach burst into flames.

Both the bride and bridegroom were slightly shocked and the bride fainted. Engle seized her in his arms, and springing from the blazing vehicle, ran to a place of safety.

STEAMER TURNS TURTLE.

Captain and Forty-Six of the Crew Are Drowned.

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—The British steamer Clan Ranald is a total wreck near Edithburg and her captain and forty-six of the crew, most of whom were Asiatics, were drowned. The vessel was seen drifting off shore last night, but sank before boats could reach her. Eighteen of the members of the crew, including twelve Coolies, were picked up. The Clan Ranald was struck by a heavy sea yesterday and rendered unmanageable. Then, being driven ashore, she turned turtle.

Many Lives Lost.

Canton, China, Feb. 1.—At least 200 lives were lost in a fire which occurred in a fleet of flower boats. The charred bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing.

HITS THEM HARD

TRUSTS CANNOT COLLECT DEBTS THROUGH COURTS.

United States Supreme Court Upholds Jobber's Contentions Against Continental Wall Paper Company.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The case of the Continental Wall Paper Company vs. Lewis Voight & Sons of Cincinnati was today decided by the supreme court of the United States in Voight's favor. The suit was brought by the company on a debt of \$57,000, the payment of which was resisted on the ground that the paper company is a trust. In effect the decision holds that an admitted trust, organized contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law, can not use the court to collect debts.

It was represented that Voight had bought over \$200,000 worth of paper, on which he had paid 50 per cent more than he would have had to pay if there had been competition. It was also set out that the Continental Company had been organized to conduct the business of the various wall paper factories of the United States and that Voight as a jobber in its products, had been compelled to sign a strict agreement on the threat that if he did not do so no paper would be sold to him and that it would be made impossible for him to continue in business.

In a demurrer the company admitted that it was a trust and still contended that it could properly collect debts due it. On this showing the company's petition was dismissed by the trial court and its decision was affirmed by the United States circuit court of appeals for the Sixth circuit. Today's opinion was by Justice Harlan, and sustained the decision of the lower courts. Justice Brewer, White, Peckham and Holmes dissented.

Justice Harlan's opinion was of considerable length and dealt in detail with the various phases of the case. It was based on the third defense of Voight, that the company is part of a trust. He started out with the proposition that the Continental Company is within the prohibition of the Sherman act, which, he said, is clear from the facts set forth in its defense. He then went on to show that this corporation is the representative of combination which would have the effect not only of restraining, but of monopolizing the sale and manufacture of paper.

GRAVES BOAT FOUND.

He is Supposed to Have Been Drowned.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 2.—The finding of the half wrecked and water-filled naphtha launch, Daisy, of Beaufort, on the sand of Bay Point Beach leads the friends of her owner, William C. Graves, a prosperous planter of Barry's Landing, South Carolina, to believe that he met his death in the Atlantic ocean somewhere between the mouth of the Savannah river and his home, or reached land safely in his half swamped boat only to freeze to death afterwards.

Graves left Savannah Friday afternoon for his home and put out towards the sea, regardless of the storm signals that were flying here. He was last seen going down the Savannah river. The steamer Clifton, from Savannah to Beaufort, found the smashed launch on the Bay Point Beach, but no trace of her owner. His family had sent friends to Savannah and the line of coast from here to where his boat was found will be searched, though the searchers state that they believe Graves met death in the sea.

BRYAN VISITS THE SOUTH.

Will Attend the Exposition Banquet at Tampa, Florida.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 1.—Besides William J. Bryan, the last Democratic candidate for president, and the foremost orator of America, there will be at the Tampa banquet next Thursday, "Private" John Allen, whose flashes of wit were so long the delight of congress; Hilary Herbert, of Alabama, who was one of the most able members of Cleveland's cabinet; Henry Watterson, the only survivor of the galaxy of distinguished American editors of the last generation and one who preserves the traditions of the times when editors and orators swayed the emotions of the people; Governor Gilchrist, head of the State government; J. Land Brown, president of the Fair association, the mayor of the city and the State senator from Hillsborough. With such an assemblage the intellectual feast will be one such as Florida has not often been favored with.

Train Lost.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Advices from Milwaukee say that train No. 23 of the Southern Minnesota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, which, since Friday has been missing in the blizzard, has not been heard from. There are 100 persons on the train.

Committed Suicide.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 2.—Ben L. Jones, one of the wealthiest and best known citizens of Macon, committed suicide this morning at his home. He was in his room and shot himself in the head with a revolver. He died immediately. He was worth half million dollars.

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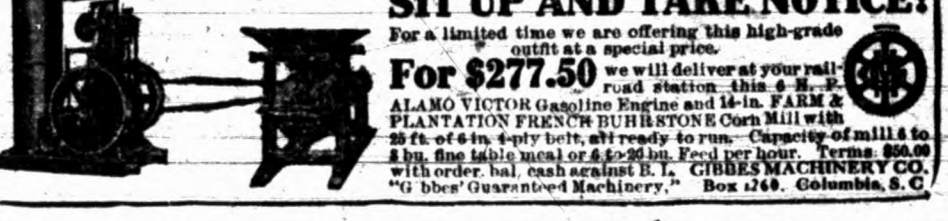
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A BEAUTIFUL HEIRESS.

Scorning Life of Ease, Marries a Salvation Army Worker.

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 3.—Rejecting a life of ease and luxury and refusing to enter the field of social prominence her family had planned for her, Miss Marion Ferguson Woolman, rich, good looking and brilliantly educated, and a daughter of one of the city's proudest families, last night became the bride of Capt. Alexander Samuel Hewitt, an officer of the American Salvation Army. Next week on their return from a brief wedding trip, the pair will take up slumming work in Plainfield, where the bridegroom has been assigned to the command of the local corps. Miss Woolman is heiress to a fortune estimated at from \$150,000 to \$250,000, and she will give a greater portion of the money, it is said, to Salvation Army work.

VASTINE CHAVIS CAUGHT.

He is accused of Stealing a Mule in Augusta.

Aiken, Feb. 3.—On last Friday morning Vastine Chavis was captured on Mr. Britt Hutto's place in the sand hills of Lexington county, by the chief detective for the State of Georgia, C. E. Hall, with the assistance of Sheriff Corley, of Lexington, and his deputy.

Chavis is wanted for horse stealing. It is alleged he stole a horse from Mr. C. D. Carr, the well known merchant of Augusta. Chavis rode the mule to near Langley and traded him to Nat Hamlet for a bay horse and \$20 to boot.

Chavis had his gun when arrested and raised it to shoot, but was grabbed by Sheriff Corley and soon overpowered and handcuffed, and carried back to Augusta. He is charged with other depredations in Aiken county.

Killed Six Italians.

New York, Feb. 4.—Six men were killed and several injured today when a construction train on the New York Central railroad ran down a party of track repairers near University Heights in Bronx borough. A gang of laborers, all Italians, were working near a curve when the train swept around the bend, plunged into the group and hurled the men in every direction.

Killed by Cave-In.

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 2.—One man was killed, two almost smothered to death and two others slightly injured today by a cave-in of an excavation for a vault in the local cemetery.

Banker Suicides.

Madison, Ga., Feb. 2.—S. B. Cohen, ex-president of Jefferson Street Bank, killed himself in the bank this morning with a pistol. Mr. Cohen was about 50 years old and in many respects was a fine business man and accountant. He had many friends, being very generally and generous. He left a family.

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