

INSPECTION OF VESSELS.

Government Regulations Not Rigorously Enforced--Fines Generally Remitted.

The burning of the Gen. Slocum, resulting in the terrible loss of human life at New York, has brought to light in the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice, says the Washington Post, a practice which, in the judgment of officials in both departments, makes possible a repetition of such disasters in other parts of the country.

In commenting on the practice and its evil results yesterday, George Uhler, general superintendent of the steamboat inspection service, said: "I regret to state that the laws punishing with a heavy fine all violators of the steamboat inspection regulations fail to act as a deterrent. The reason for this failure is due to the fact that in too many cases the fines imposed by the proper authorities are either remitted in full or reduced to only a nominal amount."

To illustrate, I will tell you how the thing is done. A steamboat company is found guilty of violating the inspection laws. One of its boats has a bad boiler or inadequate life-preserving apparatus, or is running after its certificate of inspection has expired. The case is investigated and the offender is punished by a fine, say, of \$1,500. The inspection service has done its duty.

Now, what happens? The case goes to the navigation department. As soon as it reaches that department, an attempt is made to remit or reduce the fine. A delegation representing the steamboat company comes over here from New York or Philadelphia, as the case may be, and beseeches the authorities to reduce the fine. They request, entreat, and do everything they can to evade the payment of the fine. The authorities stand firm. Then the political pressure is brought to bear. Senators and representatives and persons high in political authority call upon, or write to, officers of the department, and the result is that in a great many cases the fine is cut down or wiped out.

There are any number of cases where fines of \$500 have been reduced to \$10; fines of \$1,000 to \$20, and fines of \$1,500 to \$25. You can see, of course, that under such a system the law becomes worse than a dead letter; it becomes a farce. "This thing has been going on a long time," continued Gen. Uhler. "It was practiced when the inspection service was a part of the Treasury Department. It has been practiced since the service became a part of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Those of us who have been in immediate touch with the inspection service have all the while insisted that the fines should stick; but we have frequently been impotent to enforce our wishes."

THE GEN. SLOCUM DISASTER.

Further Evidence as to Want of Proper Life Preservers.

New York, June 22.—In identifying the body of his seven-year-old daughter, Elsie, who lost her life in the Gen. Slocum disaster John Kircher, of Green Point, Long Island, today told the officials at the morgue that her drowning was due, he believed, to a life preserver that was worse than useless.

In support of his assertion Kircher said that his wife, who with their three children were on the Slocum, put a life preserver on Elsie and dropped her overboard, thinking she would be perfectly safe with the preserver on. She waited for the child to come up, but the little one never appeared. The wife and other two children jumped overboard, and, assisted by the mother, who could swim, all got ashore in safety.

William W. Trembley, a deck hand on the Slocum, testified at the inquest today that no water was turned on the flames, that the fire hose did not burst, that the assistant engineer was not in the engine room during the fire on the Slocum, and that he saw holes in several of twenty life preservers which he threw to passengers struggling in the water.

The Rev. George Schultz, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, of Erie, Pa., who was on the Slocum, said he took a life preserver before jumping from the steamer, but when he held it the weight of the preserver broke the strap and he threw it away. During all the trouble he saw only one member of the crew, and he was in the act of jumping overboard.

The Knickerbocker Steamboat Company conceded formally that since 1885 no new life preservers were purchased for the Gen. Slocum. Counsel for the company explained that they made the confession because they were unable to prove to the contrary.

Considerable evidence was heard as to the life preservers. Thomas Ryan A. Waite reported that he gave the steward a life preserver.

"The steward was drowned, wasn't he?" was asked.

"Yes, sir, but he had a big bag of money in his hand and I guess that weighed him down."

Marie E. Ehrensdorf, who was taken from the steamer rail by a boat, said that one of her daughters who was rescued had on a life preserver when she was taken from the water.

The inquest was then adjourned for the day.

Kiel, June 25.—It is stated here that the purpose of King Edward's visit to Emperor William at this time is to arrange some plan to end the war between Japan and Russia.

It is reported that a severe hail storm passed over a section of country south of Oats Tuesday afternoon, doing considerable damage to crops.—Hartsville Messenger.

Hunt's Round Pointed Pens for sale at Osteen's Book Store.

THE PROGRAMME CARRIED OUT.

Cortelyou Chosen Party Chairman and Has Resigned His Place in the Cabinet.

Chicago, June 23.—George B. Cortelyou was chosen chairman of the Republican national committee at a meeting held today just after the adjournment of the convention. In thanking the committee for the honor he told the members that while he would be glad to have the benefit of their advice and counsel, he intended to be chairman in fact and would accept no dictation from any one high or low. He told them that the friends of the late chairman, Mr. Hanna, were his friends and he asked for the same support that had been given to the late chairman.

In conclusion he sought the advice of both old and new members. Mr. Cortelyou made no formal statement of his plans. He resigned as secretary of commerce and labor as soon as he was elected chairman, the resignation to take effect as soon as his successor qualifies, which will be about July 1st. Secretary Cortelyou will not give any active time to political matters until he retires from the cabinet.

No vice chairman will be appointed and the new chairman will divide his time between the New York and Chicago headquarters, although some member of the committee will no doubt be designated to take charge of the headquarters in this city. Headquarters will not be opened in either city until the last part of July. Meanwhile Mr. Cortelyou expects to select the executive committee and make his preliminary arrangements for the campaign.

Elmer Dover of Ohio was named for secretary by Senator Scott; Cornelius N. Bliss of New York for treasurer, by Gov. Murphy, and Wm. F. Stone of Maryland for sergeant at arms, by Senator McComas. All of these officers were unanimously reelected.

A resolution was passed authorizing the chairman to appoint an executive committee of nine with such other officers as are necessary for the management of the campaign. The chairman, secretary and treasurer and sergeant at arms are to be officers of the executive committee. Under this resolution the chairman is given absolute power in the conduct of the campaign.

The Chicago Record-Herald says a daughter of Cecil Rhodes, the late South African multi-millionaire, has been discovered in South Carolina. Where? And is she single?

Tangler, June 24.—Ion Perdicaris is not yet free. Raisuli failed to keep his appointment to meet Sherief of Wezan who was to pay over the ransom and receive Perdicaris.

Kiel, Germany, June 24.—Commodore Plant's yacht Ingomar won a great race over a crowd of German competitors. The Meteor lost topmast and Iduna, the Empress' yacht gave up the race.

Silver City, Idaho, June 23.—A lone bandit with a shotgun held up the outgoing stage to Murphy, near the summit, a few miles from this place. Nine passengers were forced to alight and give up their valuables. The robber then demanded the mail sack, which he ransacked. The stage driver was then ordered to drive on. The robber wore a black mask and his shoes were covered with cloth to prevent leaving tracks. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit.

Raleigh, N. C., June 23.—V. R. Valentine, a prominent farmer of Northampton county, after blowing off the back of his wife's head, put an end to his life by shooting himself with a shotgun. The double tragedy was committed last night while the man was laboring under temporary insanity said to have been caused by alcoholism. The husband is dead and the wife will die.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets Better than a Doctor's Prescription.

Mr. J. W. Turner, of Trubart, Va., says that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done him more good than anything he could get from the doctor. If any physician in this country was able to compound a medicine that would produce such gratifying results in cases of stomach troubles, biliousness or constipation, his whole time would be used in preparing this one medicine. For sale by China's Drug Store.

Col. Tribble of Anderson furnished the surprise of the State campaign by filing his pledge as a candidate for Secretary of State at the eleventh hour. We should imagine that none was more surprised than Mr. Gantt. The statement was printed the other day that a legislative committee had made a report as to the condition of that office and while there was no evidence of wrong doing the systems of bookkeeping was said to have been very bad. That probably gave Col. Tribble the cue. At any rate, he will help to make the campaign lively, and the candidates for railroad commissioner will not be the only star performers. Col. Tribble is well known in this Piedmont country, and as he has a good record, both in war and as a public servant, he may make it lively for the man who is seeking reelection.—Greenville News.

Nervous Dyspepsia Cured by Rydale's Stomach Tablets.

Mr. R. E. Jones, buyer for Parker & Bridget, whose large department stores are located at 9th and Penn Ave., Washington, D. C., writes, under date of April 14, '04, as follows: Last February one year, while in New York on business for my house, I caught a severe cold, which laid me up for several weeks and left me weak and nervous. I had little or no appetite and my digestion was very poor. My physicians could not get at the cause of my trouble as my digestion seemed so much impaired. I decided to try Rydale's Stomach Tablets, being assured by a friend they were good dyspepsia medicine. After using them for a few days I began to realize that I was getting better. I gave up the doctor's prescription and have gained 20 pounds while using two boxes of these tablets. I never felt better in my life, and I credit Rydale's Stomach Tablets with having cured me. I can recommend them most heartily, to sufferers from nervous indigestion and general run-down conditions of the system. All dealers.

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MORE TROUBLE IN HAITI.

German and French Ministers Stoned by Soldiers of Palace Guard at Port-au-Prince.

Paris, June 23.—The foreign office has received a dispatch from M. Deprez, the French minister at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, saying that while he and the German minister were driving past the palace yesterday they were attacked and stoned by soldiers forming the palace guard.

M. Deprez was struck on the leg by a stone and was slightly injured. The ministers' wives, who were in another carriage following, also were pelted. The wife of the French minister is an American. As Foreign Minister Delecluse has only just received the dispatch he has not yet determined what steps shall be taken, but the officials consider it certain that France will make an energetic demand for redress. One French warship is near the scene and another is at the French naval headquarters in the West Indies. It is expected that Germany will make a similar demand for redress.

CAUSE OF THE BITTERNESS.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June 23.—The attack on the French minister here, M. Deprez, who was struck by a stone yesterday, thrown by one of the guards on duty at the palace, was the outcome of the feeling among the population and the government against foreigners, the natives desiring to hold them responsible for the wretched financial situation of Haiti.

The proceedings against the French and German officials of the national bank charged with participation in the issue of \$200,000 in fraudulent securities early in 1903, have not been ended. Some of the officials are still in prison and others have sought safety in flight. Persons prominently connected with the national bank have been protesting against the long detention in prison of the officials who are under charges.

The statement that France will demand redress for the attack on her minister is confirmed here.

NOT AN IRRESPONSIBLE MOB.

Washington, June 23.—Confirmation of the reported attack on the French and German ministers in Haiti came to the state department today in the shape of the following cablegram from Minister Powell at Port-au-Prince, dated June 22nd: "French and German ministers with their ladies while passing the palace in their carriages yesterday were stoned by the palace guard. French minister slightly injured. Apology demanded but none given. Both have cabled their governments."

The most serious feature of the affair is that the attack was made not by an irresponsible mob, but by the palace guard, which directly connects the Haitian government with the occurrence.

More than a month ago the state department was forewarned of this approaching trouble by its agents in Haiti and has been watching the republic closely, keeping a naval force near at hand. The Detroit, which went from Dominican waters to participate in the Nova Scotian celebration will return to San Domingo, as it is proposed by the navy department to keep three vessels in close proximity to Haiti and San Domingo.

"Strangler" Knapp Case.

Columbus, O., June 24.—The case of Alfred A. Knapp, the alleged "strangler," who is under sentence of death, came up for hearing today in the State supreme court. Knapp is to be given a second trial and it is now being arranged to have the trial held early in the coming fall. It will take place at Hamilton.

The crime of which Knapp was convicted was the murder of his wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp. The murder was committed at Hamilton in December, 1902. In addition to this crime Knapp confessed to having strangled three other women and girls, two in Cincinnati and one in Indianapolis. He was suspected also of the murder of several other women and girls. His defense was insanity.

Murderer Must Die.

Columbia, June 23.—The Supreme Court today handed down a decision affirming the action of the lower court in passing death sentence upon Hoyt Hayes, charged with the murder of his wife. The crime was one of the most horrible in the history of the State and Hayes was convicted although he was represented by two of the best lawyers in Oconee. They made a strong fight in the Supreme Court but lost again. The case will be sent back to the circuit court for death sentence to be pronounced again.

Where was the South Carolina delegation to the national Republican convention? This State was represented on neither the committee on resolutions nor the new national committee as published in Chicago papers. Is it possible that because of the cut-and-dried arrangements the failure of a demand for votes cut off revenue and the Palmetto State Republicans were stranded en route.—State.

RYDALE'S TONIC. A REAL CURE FOR MALARIA. It has recently been discovered that the germs that produce Malaria, breed and multiply in the intestines and from there spread throughout the system by means of the blood. This fact explains why Malaria is hard to cure by the old method of treatment. Quinine, Iron, etc., stimulate the nerves and build up the blood, but do not destroy the germs that cause the disease. Rydale's Tonic has a specific effect upon the intestines and bowels, freeing them from all disease breeding microbes. It also kills the germs that infect the veins and arteries. It drives from the blood all poisonous matter and makes it rich and healthy. RYDALE'S TONIC is a blood-builder, a nerve-storer, and a Malaria destroyer. Try it, it will not disappoint you.

NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS MADE

President Roosevelt Announces the Appointments Rendered Necessary by Resignations of Knox and Cortelyou.

Washington, June 24.—President Roosevelt this morning announced that he had made the following cabinet appointments, to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Attorney General Knox and Secretary of Commerce Cortelyou:

Wm. H. Moody, of Massachusetts, (heretofore Secretary of Navy), Attorney General; Paul Martin, of Illinois, Secretary of the Navy; Victor Metcalf, of California, Secretary of Commerce.

Death of an Eccentric Millionaire.

London, June 25.—Newcastle has lost one of its most eccentric and picturesque characters in the person of George Handyside, a self-made millionaire, who died there last week after a most romantic career. He began life as a cobbler's boy at Berwick, and died in his eightieth year, the owner of vast tracts of residential and business property on Tyneside. He thought nothing of buying a whole street at once, demolishing the houses and erecting the buildings upon plans of his own. Every Monday he would perambulate his acres of tenemented property with bell and wheelbarrow collecting the rents. Those who answered the summons and brought out the money to him received discount in the shape of a few coppers. It was his proud boast that he had never employed a bailiff or made use of the county court in his life. He never asked for rent at a house in which the breadwinner was ill, and in case of death his first act was to call and tell the bereaved that she might continue to occupy the house, rent free, as long as she remained a widow.

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