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SEAMAN TELLS OF SINKING OF SCHOONER

Had Been Adrift on Plank For Three Days.

RESCUED BY GERMAN STEAMER

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Savannah Ga., Jan. 19.—After having been adrift on a gang plank from 9 o'clock Saturday morning until [illegible] o'clock Monday afternoon, Karl Sumner, a seaman of the schooner Robert H. Stevenson, was picked up at sea by the German steamer Europa, Captain Keller, which arrived Wednesday afternoon from Philadelphia.

Of the twelve others who were aboard the Stevenson, Sumner believes aboard the Stevenson, Sumner believes not one escaped a watery grave.

Sumner says the schooner sailed for Havana, coal laden, from Philadelphia on Jan. 8. Last Saturday morning at 3 o'clock, he said, during a northeaster, the schooner went on Diamond shoals. She struck hard and when the sea later swept her from the rock on which she struck to deeper water beyond, it was seen that she must sink.

Captain Higbee had a lifeboat lowered away and First Mate Lewis and two seamen had entered it when it was smashed against the vessel, the three men drowning before the eyes of their shipmates.

A smaller boat was successfully launched and the four female passengers, being the wife of Captain Higbee and two of his relatives and a negro servant, were lowered into it. The captain, yielding to the tears of his wife, also entered, as did the second mate. Four other members of the crew were given the privilege of remaining on the vessel of Captain Higbee, as it seemed an even chance. They elected to remain and saw the boat put off. The sea was running high, and to them the overladen boat seemed to have no chance to live.

After the boat left, the four seamen remaining aboard th evessel saw that she was rapidly going to pieces. They conferred, and three determined to leave as best they could, one deciding to remain by the ship. Each of the three chose some means for leaving the vessel, two patching up a sort of raft, and Sumner selected the gang plank, 3 feet wide by 15 feet long. This he threw overboard and got on. Then began his long, cold vigil, while hunger and thirst assailed him. Ship after ship he saw pass, but none within distance to discover him until the Europa approached more closely and saw the coat he waved. He was picked up and given aid, being more dead than alive.

Sumner thinks all the others aboard perished. He found an overcoat belonging to the second mate that had been wrapped about one of the women. This was soon after he drifted from the vessel, so he thinks the boat was swamped and its occupants were drowned.

Returns Show Liberals Lead.

London Jan. 19.—The [illegible] returns, which include Hon. Edward Blake, Irish Nationalist, south division of Langford and James Gordon Swift [illegible] Irish Nationalist [illegible] egal [illegible] the [illegible] Liberals, 150, Unionists 55, Irish Nationalists 56, Laborites 29. The Unionists' papers are [illegible] commendations of [illegible] vens of the [illegible] the employment [illegible] nal as an [illegible] ists' action [illegible] of Chinese [illegible]

Open Switch Causes Wreck.

Nashville, Jan. 19.—In a [illegible] wreck on the Southern [illegible] ville, Tenn., George W[illegible] man was killed and Engineer Floyd and Fireman Green were severely injured. An open switch was the cause of the accident.

DOCKERERY TO BE MARSHAL.

Republican Factional Fights in Old North State Now Adjusted.

Washington, Jan. 19.—North Carolina federal appointments were discussed Wednesday at the White House and the differences between Representative Blackburn and Republican organization of the state practically have been adjusted.

State Chairman T. S. Rollins talked to the president and it was decided that Claudius Dockery should be named as United States marshal of the eastern district of the state in place of H. C. Dockery, who wishes to retire from the office. It has been agreed that Representative Blackburn shall name the appointees in his district, which includes United States marsaal of the western district.

Representatives Blackburn will support Clinton Wagoner for that office to succeed Marshal Milliken.

CHARGE MADE AGAINST PEDEN.

That He Violated an Injunction of the Chancery Court

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—J. R. Peden, of [illegible] jail here on the charge of having violated an injunction of the chancery court restraining him from enticing or trying to entice away employes from local cotton mills.

The original bill of injunction was filed by the Brookside cotton mills, of this city.

Peden claims that he has not violated the injunction. That mill employes have come to him voluntarily in response to advertisements. He offers shorter hours, better wages, cleaner homes, etc., than are offered here, and even goes so far as to make the statement that negro mill hands live better in South Carolina than the whites do in Knoxville.

Wireless Record Broken.

Portland, Me., Jan. 19.—Official at the government wireless telegraph station at Cape Elizabeth has announced that they were in communication with one of the tugs accompanying the dry dock Dewey last Monday night. The dry dock was then 2,225 miles off Cape Hatteras and moving four and a half knots and hour. It was more than 3,000 miles from the local station. The officials says that this breaks all records for long distance wireless telegraphy in this country, the best previous showing having been the receipt of a message at Colon, Panama, from a distance of 2,600 miles.

Sailed for Tangiers.

Gibraltar Jan. 19.—The American cruiser squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Brooklyn, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Sigsbee, and the protected cruisers Galveston, Tacoma and Chattanooga, sailed from here for Tangier today. The appearance of the warships, with the Brooklyn leading, in single formation, was exceedingly smart. The squadron will remain three days at Tangier and then will go to Algiers and other Mediterranean ports. The Galveston and Chattanooga expect to be ordered to the China station later.

Murdered and Robbed.

Macon Ga., Jan. 19.—Henry Ingram, a negro farmer, living on the northern border of Bibb, has been murdered by parties who robbed him of a considerable sum of money. The negro was on his way home and was overtaken by some one who struck him from ambush and fractured his skull. He was found later by his son, to whom he was able to relate the story of the robbery, but later died. Officers have taken the case in hand and an effort will be made to run down the guilty persons.

Tribute Given "Constitution."

W[illegible] Jan. 19.—The house [illegible]

SEVEN MURDERED; BODIES INCINERATED

Relative of Murdered People Then Committed Suicide

POLICE INVESTIGATING AFFAIR

The House Was Burned and When a Search Was Made, Five Bodies, All Horribly Burned, Were Taken from the Smoking Ruins.

Pembroke, N. H., Jan. 19.—The authorities of Pembroke today resumed the investigation of the tragedy in which seven victims and an eighth took his own life yesterday.

After daylight many of the towns people visited the ruins of the farm house at North Pembroke which, for three years, had been occupied by Charles F. Ayer, his immediate family and his mother in law, Mrs. Iscaac Lakeman.

Following the murder of Mrs. Lakeman, Mrs. Ayer and the five children of the latter, the farm buildings were burned and the bodies incinerated.

Before the fire was discovered by the neighbors, Ayer left home for the residence of his sister, Mrs. George Bailey in the town of Chichester, six miles distant, where he shot himself after being informed of the destruction of the property.

Ayer died last night without a statement which would assist the authorities to ascertain the exect manner in which his seven relatives met their death.

For three months Mr. Ayer had been brooding over fancied financial wrong in connection with the settlement of the estate of his wife's father, Isaac Lakeman, who died three years ago. The widow was named executrix. No final statement of the estate has been made, however.

In November last Mrs. Lakeman put up the farm at auction, and it was bought by one of her sons, Fayette Lakeman. He made an arrangement for Ayer and his wife to remain on the place, having their rent free in return for boarding Mrs. Lakeman, paying the taxes and making repairs.

Ayer insisted, however, that his wife should receive the share of the purchase money that would be hers as an heir before she signed the deeds to the place. To this her brother refused to consent. Ayer was angry but his wife finally signed the deeds.

The search of the ruins resulted in the finding of all five of the remaining bodies during the forenoon.

All were burned horribly, and it was practically impossible to tell one from another, save that a difference in size indicated that of the mother.

Received Announcement of Expulsion.

Paris, Jan. 18.—5:30 p. m.—M. Maubourguet, the charge d'affaires of the Venezuelan government here, this afternoon, received the official announcement of his expulsion from French territory. The notification was conveyed to him by M. Gouvt, the chief secretary of Premier Rouvier, and a special commissary of police, M. Hennion. The charge d'affaires showed considerable emotion but acepted the government's decision. He will leave Paris from the northern railroad station at 10 o'clock tonight for Liege, Belgium, accompanied by the special commissary of police who is responsible for his conduct to the frontier.

Many States Will Be Represented.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 19.—The Com[illegible] having [illegible] for the [illegible] American [illegible] conference in this city on Jan. 25 and 26 announces [illegible] representatives [illegible] from all the trans-[illegible] states and from [illegible] to New Orleans [illegible]

[illegible] Destroyed in Wreck.

Andersonville, Ga., Jan. 19.—The [illegible] Andersonville on Wednesday, Brakeman William [illegible] anderson's hand was mashed. Ten cars were totally destroyed.

CADETS GO ON STRIKE.

Boys Charge Commandant With Cruel and Severe Treatment.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Dalton, Ills., says:

Thirty cadets of the Rock River Military Academy went on a strike here yesterday. The boys charge Major Floyd, the commandant, with severe and cruel treatment. The trouble began two or three days ago when Major Floyd struck a young cadet, it is claimed.

All the cadets resented the discipline on the part of their commandant and refused to be satisfied unless a meeting of the trustees was called and some action taken.

At a meeting of the trustees the latter upheld Major Floyd, and they packed their trunks and left the academy. Dr. James F. Eaton, head master, is said to be with the cadets in the stand they have taken.

HOME IN CHARGE OF THOMPSON

New Superintendent Is Chosen for the Soldiers' Home.

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—Captain John a Thompson was elected superintendent of the Confederate Soldiers' home by the board of trustees, Superintendent Bowie's term having expired the first of the year. Captain Thompson received six of the ten votes on the first ballot.

Dr. Amos Fox, treasurer and purchasing agent of the home, it is said led the fight against Captain Bowie on the ground that the superintendent has allowed a large number of the ex-soldiers to come to the city one night last November to take part in a political meeting at the county courthouse. It will be remembered that there was a political contest when a chairman of the county executive committee was elected.

TIES ROLLED DOWN ON THEM.

Peculiar Accident to Three Young Men Who Were Stealing Ride.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 19.—William Long is dead, Fred Martin seriously injured, and Guy Hines painfully hurt, as the result of a peculiar accident which ocurred while the three young men were trying to steal a ride from Bridgeport, Ala., to Chattanooga, a distance of 20 miles.

The men were lying in a box car, which was loaded at the ends with crossties. The sudden stopping of the train loosened the piles of ties and they came down upon the men in the center of the car.

Long was killed almost instantly. Martin had one leg brokn and was badly bruised about the body and head. Hines escaped with no severe injuries. Long lived in Athens, Tenn.

Depositors Will Get Money.

Wadley, Ga., Jan. 19.—R. W. Jamersen is still checking up the bank books. A representative of the Germania bank of Savannah here claims the Bank of Wadley borrowed $10,000 on the cashier's receipt for 250 bales of cotton. There is no cotton here. There is a shortage of $1,500 on Saturday's business. No entry on the books show where the money went. Shortage so far is $13,900. President Rentz gave out a statement that every depositor will be paid in full. Great interest is manifested over the outcome of the bank. The Masons, Knights and Odd Fellows chartered a special train which took the body of Cashier Humphries to Swainsboro.

Jewish Anarchists Executed.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Jan. 19.—Six [illegible] members of the local anarchist committee, who were tried by court martial and condemned to death, were executed today in the [illegible] Warsaw citadel. They [illegible] charged [illegible] manufacturing bombs and [illegible] money.

Inspecting National Guard.

[illegible] Ala., Jan. 19.—Company E [illegible] of the Alabama National Guard of the Third regiment was inspected in the armory here Monday night by General [illegible] W. E[illegible] and by Major J. H. Goldman of the United States army.

WOULD NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION SOURCE

Poultney Bigelow Refused To Answer Committee.

CRITICISED CANAL MANAGEMENT

Said Committee Could Put Him on Bread and Water or Condemn Him to Colon, But Could Not Compel Him To Divulge Confidences.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Poultney Bigelow, the magazine writer, who was denounced by Secretary Taft for his criticism of the management of the canal affairs, declined to disclose to the senate canal committee the source of his information.

On being instructed to answer he declared "the committee can put me on bread and water or even condemn me to Colon, but it cannot compel me to divulge that which was given me in confidence."

The committee went into executive session to determine what course should be taken.

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THREE INJURED IN ACCIDENTS.

Warren Cameron Hurt in Runaway at Poulan, Ga.

Poulan Ga., Jan. 19.—In a series of accidents here one white man and two negroes were injured, the former slightly, the latter seriously.

Mr. Warren Cameron, of Sylvester, was thrown from his buggy in a runaway and severely bruised about the face and hands.

Mose Harvey, a negro laborer at J. B. Charles Co.'s sawmill, had his leg badly crushed while attempting to couple cars on a log train.

King Harvey, brother of the negro injured, while working at the same mill unloading logs, was pinned to the ground by a log which fell across his back.

Tillman Wants Investigation.

Washington Jan. 19.—At 12:35 Mr. Tillman offered his resolution for the investigation of the Mrs. Morris incident. After a brief statement in which he said that Mr. Hale had challenged him to introduce the resolution, Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, and the motion prevailed—54 to 8. The following is the resolution Senator Tillman introduced in the senate: "Resolved, That the president of the senate be authorized to appoint a committee of five senators to investigate the recent unfortunate incident at the White House, resulting in the expulsion from the executive offices of Mrs. Minor Morris, and report to the senate."

Mine Workers Get Busy.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19.—The United Mine Workers convention got down to committee reports today and began the routed work. The morning was given to a consideration of resolutions and constitutional questions. W. L. Fairely, of Alabama, chairman of the resolutions committee, stood the stand immediately on the opening and began to read resolutions submitted to the committee with the commitee's suggestions. The Indiana bituminous miners (district 11) criticised the Indiana State Mine Inspector, declaring that he has failed to do his duty and asking that a mine inspector be elected by the United Mine Workers.

President Praises Rough Rider.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Guthrie, Okla., says that Rough Rider G. V. Frantz, recently appointed governor of Oklahoma received this message from President Roosevelt last night: "Have just read your address. It covers the ground. You will deliver the goods. Here's hoping. Roosevelt."