

FOUR LOST LIVES IN RIVER

GAS BOAT OVERTURNED: THREE GIRLS AND AGED MAN LOST THEIR LIVES

Tragedy Occured a Short Distance From the Mouth of Bath Creek at Nine O'clock This Morning.

NUMBER OF MEN ON THE BOAT SAVED THEMSELVES WHEN SHE OVERTURNED

Four passengers were drowned and several others had a narrow escape from drowning when the gas boat Marion, Captain Lawrence Tate, bound from Bath to Washington, sank this morning at nine o'clock a short distance from the mouth of Bath Creek.

THE DEAD:

MAUD MASON, age 14, daughter of W. W. Mason, RUTH BROOKS, age 11, daughter of C. J. Brooks, KATIE BROOKS, age 18, daughter of C. J. Brooks, J. S. WOOLARD, age 60.

These who were saved were Edgar Campbell, Will Arnold, Sam Brooks, Surry Bowen, Hilton Bowen and Captain Tate. The boat left Bath early this morning with a large load of potatoes. The exact cause of the accident has not been learned, but it is stated that the load made the boat top-heavy and that this caused her to overturn.

Details of the Tragedy.

Further details of the tragedy were received here at noon. The Marion had just rounded the point, off J. B. Archbell's farm, when she turned over. The accident occurred about 500 yards from the shore and in 20 feet of water. The screams of the passengers brought Mr. Archbell and others to the waterfront. Four small boats were immediately secured and rescuers hurriedly rowed out to lend assistance. The survivors of the tragedy were hanging to the sides of the craft, which had not sunk, but was floating almost bottom side up.

Girls Were in Pilot House.

Captain Tate, Sam Brooks, J. S. Woolard, Surry Bowen and the three girls were in the pilot house when the accident occurred. As the Marion went over, Captain Tate, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Bowen managed to crawl out through the windows. The girls and Mr. Woolard were penned in, however, and were unable to get out.

Bodies Have Been Found.

It was reported at noon today that the bodies of the three girls had been found in the pilot house. Mr. Woolard's body has not yet been located and searchers are dragging the bottom of the river in the attempt to locate it. It is doubtful whether they will succeed, however, as the current there is quite swift.

Marion Being Towed Ashore.

A fleet of small boats was towing the Marion to shore at noon today. Swell Caused Disaster. Clarence Mayo, captain of the Pungo, arrived in the city this morning and stated that his boat was coming out of Hayside when they noticed the overturned Marion. The survivors were standing on the bottom of the craft, she having completely turned over. Mr. Mayo headed the Pungo over to the craft and when he arrived there, attempted to right her by the use of a line, fastened from boat to boat. His efforts were unsuccessful, however.

Word to That Effect Received by State Department. A Decided Change is Looked for Within the Next Few Weeks.

(By United Press) Washington, June 15.—The administration has evidence tending to show the gradual disintegration of the Carranza defacto government. Consular reports, received by the State department and private advices given the army by officers and civilians of Mexico, give evidence to this effect.

Officials believe that the next few weeks will bring about developments that will spell either the complete crumbling of the government or a decided change for the better.

CASES BEFORE RECORDER

The following cases were brought up before the recorder yesterday: Tom Laughinghouse, speeding, costs. Lester Dowdy, riding bicycle on sidewalk, costs. Rufus Tillery, riding bicycle on sidewalk, costs.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN SKIRMISH

TWO LOST LIVES; SEVEN WERE WOUNDED IN FIGHT WITH BANDITS EARLY TODAY.

MANY MEXICANS KILLED

Exact Number of Bandits Slain Not Known. Six Bodies Have Been Found in the Brush. Funston Makes Report to State Department

(By United Press)

Laredo, Tex., June 15.—Two American soldiers were killed and seven wounded in fighting Mexican bandits who crossed the Rio Grande near San Ignacio today, according to reports received here this morning. Mexican casualties are unknown. The bodies of six of the bandits have been found in the brush.

Report Made to Funston.

San Antonio, June 15.—General Mann, commander of the U. S. forces at Laredo, reported to General Funston today that troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry were attacked by a hundred Mexican bandits at San Ignacio today. The report stated that two Americans were killed and eleven wounded when the Americans rushed the bandits.

Officially Confirmed.

Washington, June 15.—The war department today received official confirmation of the San Ignacio fight. Funston reported two soldiers killed and seven wounded.

REPORT AMERICANS SLAIN AT CHIHUAHUA

El Paso, Tex., June 15.—A rumor was current in El Paso today that several Americans had been killed in a native uprising at Chihuahua City.

The rumor was attributed to a dispatch received over the telegraph lines of the Mexico Northwestern Railway.

The fellow who extends sympathy is not always losing sleep over your troubles.

INTERESTING LECTURE DELIVERED BY DR. GREEN

Although there may have been a number of his audience who did not agree with every point he brought out, it was unanimously agreed that the lecture delivered by Dr. Thomas E. Green last night on "The Burden of a Nation," was a masterpiece of eloquence and extremely well delivered.

GREENVILLE AGREES TO COME IN LEAGUE

Will Play Two Games With Washington Team Next Week. Kelford Also Coming.

Greenville has finally consented to become a member of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League, according to advice received here this morning. A number of hired players have been secured and the grounds have been put in shape.

The Greenville team is expected here next week to play the Wonders a two-game series on Thursday and Friday. Kelford is also looked for as early date.

Advertisements in the Daily News.

IN THE WAR'S SLAUGHTER HOUSE



Massive block of concrete, part of Fort Douaumont's defensive wall, destroyed by explosion of mine. Fort Douaumont is the pawn of the Verdun front. It has changed hands several times and is now held by the Germans. The slaughter of troops at this point is frightful.

Liner on Rocks: Fear Many Lost

(By United Press)

San Francisco, June 15.—Wireless messages received here today say that no trace has been found of the life boats from the coast liner, Bear, which went ashore at Cape Mendocino. The battleship Oregon, the steamer, Grace Dollar, and the tug Relief are hunting for the life boats.

The Bear crashed on the rocks 150 miles south of Eureka. 120 passengers and the crew of 82 men left the ship safely, taking to the life boats. The Bear was en route from Portland to San Francisco.

Unconfirmed reports from Eureka said that five bodies were washed ashore at Cape Mendocino. It is also said that two boat loads of survivors were landed.

Later News Received.

A wireless, picked up at Yerba Buena Island naval training station said that all but two of the Bear's life boats had landed their passengers at the Eureka lightship. It is reported that one of the boats, trying to land in the surf near Mendocino, where five bodies were found, was capsized in the attempt.

MORE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE RUSSIANS

Offensive to Cut Off Austrians Has Been Successful, According to Reports Received Today at Petrograd.

(By United Press)

Petrograd, June 15.—The Russian offensive, concentrating north of Czerowitz to cut off the Austrian defenders from Lemburg, has been successful, according to unofficial reports received here this morning.

The Russians have advanced along the Pruth to the gates of Czerowitz and have taken a number of strategic points along the Czerowitz-Lemburg railway.

GAS BILLS DUE.

All gas bills are due and payable at our office on or before the 15th of each month, (positively no discounts will be allowed after the 10th of each month.)

All gas accounts remaining unpaid will be cut off on the 16th without further notice and a charge of 50 cents will be made for re-connecting.

All lamps on which rental has not been paid by the 16th of each month will also be removed.

WASHINGTON LIGHTING CO. R. E. Crutchfield, Jr., Supt. 6-14-26-fp

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PLATFORM OUTLINE GIVEN AT ST. LOUIS

RENOUNCES HYPHENATES, FAVORS SUFFRAGE, WANTS GOOD SIZED ARMY AND NAVY.

TO BE RATIFIED TONIGHT

Today's Proceedings Devoted Principally to Oratory. Not Believed That Marshall Will Have Any Opposition for Candidacy.

(By United Press)

St. Louis, June 15.—Hyphenated organizations will be denounced vigorously in the Democratic platform. The President's ideas on international relations, Mexico and suffrage will dominate the platform. A tentative draft was brought to St. Louis today by Secretary of War Baker, giving Mr. Wilson's views. It touches only the high spots, leaving the minor issues to be worked out by the resolutions committee.

An outline of the platform may be given as follows: the denunciation of hyphenates, the urging of true Americanism, the endorsement of suffrage, the demand of a navy sufficient for protection, an army of sufficient strength to form the nucleus of a fighting force, the income tax, a scientific tariff commission and a low tariff. Referring to Mexico, the President states that weaker nations ought to have the right to shape their own destinies.

To Speed Up Convention.

St. Louis, June 15.—Speed-up methods will be applied to the convention plans. Leaders plan to adjourn Friday night instead of Saturday. Today will be devoted to oratory. Ollie James, permanent chairman will be the main speaker. The ratification of the platform is expected tonight. It is not believed that Marshall will have any opposition for the vice-presidency.

Still After Progressives.

Members of the resolutions committee are still trying to get the planks asserted so as to make an appeal to the Progressives, in the hope of getting the support of this party. The workmen's compensation and the suffrage planks will be favored by the Progressives.

Nominations Tonight.

Nominations will be made tonight. Ollie James was made permanent chairman today. John W. Westcott will nominate Wilson at 8 o'clock.

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