

Several Lives Lost In Wreck Of The Steamer Santa Rosa

One Report is to the Effect That Twenty Passengers Perished—Four Member of Ship's Crew Known to Be Dead.

When Vessel Ran Ashore there Were 775 Passenger Aboard—Life Boat Capsized With Disastrous Results—Cause of The Wreck.

By Associated Press.

Santa Barbara, Cal., July 8.—In spite of assertions from company officials and ship officers to the contrary the passengers of the wrecked steamer Santa Rosa, who arrived here today after a thrilling battle with the breakers that smashed the stranded ship, declare that more than four persons lost their lives.

One hundred and ninety-two passengers are all that have been accounted for so far, say the survivors. There were 200 passengers on the steamer and many of the rescued declare today that at least some of the missing ones went down to death when the surf-battered life rafts went to pieces. Surf, Cal., July 8.—Second Officer E. Heuson and three seamen of the steamer Santa Rosa, of the Pacific Steamship Company which went ashore at Point Arguello yesterday, are known to have been drowned when a life boat capsized while the passengers of the wrecked vessel were being taken ashore by the crew.

Early today unconfirmed reports were that a number of passengers, variously estimated at from three to 20, were missing. Owing to the isolation of the scene of the wreck accurate information is not obtainable at this time.

List of Known Dead. E. Heuson, second officer. Fred Johnson, seaman. John Peiffer, seaman. E. W. Jensen, seaman.

The Santa Rosa went ashore just before dawn at the mouth of the Honda creek. It is supposed that a powerful searchlight used by a gang of railroad laborers who were working near the wreck is the cause of the vessel leaving its course, the quartermaster mistaking it for the light of the Point Arguello lighthouse.

When the steamer struck the injury did not appear to be serious and Captain Faria believing he would be able again to float the Santa Rosa, made no attempt to land the passengers. A sharp wind, rising soon after 4 o'clock threatened to rock the boat to pieces and hasty preparations were made to take the passengers and crew ashore. At 5:30 o'clock a heavy swell cracked the vessel amidships and at 6 o'clock it split in two.

There were 275 persons on board, most of whom had taken refuge in the forward section as the stern of the boat had received the brunt of the attack of the waves.

Third Engineer C. W. Brown carried a line to shore in a boat and when he had effected a landing after a desperate battle with the waves, aid had arrived on shore. A net was rigged up on the shore line and the passengers, women and children first, were taken from the foundering ship, three and four at a time.

The disaster in which Second Officer Heuson and three seamen lost their lives occurred just before the vessel yielded to the assault of the waves and broke in two. A large boat, carrying five men had just put out. Heavy seas sent it crashing the hull of the vessel. Oscar Patterson, a seaman, succeeded in swimming to shore, but his four companions perished.

A life raft containing 20 women capsized off the bow of the Santa Rosa. Darkness had fallen and the searchlights on shore lighted the scene imperfectly so that it could not be determined whether all the women were rescued.

Discredits Report. San Francisco, Cal., July 8.—F. S. Barry, San Francisco agent of the Pacific Steamship Company, refused early today to credit the reports of the drowning of 20 of the Santa Rosa's passengers.

"Our dispatch stated definitely," he said, "that only the second officer and three members of the crew were drowned. We had some difficulty in securing wire service and at a late hour last night I believe there were still some undelivered dispatches but I certainly think we would have been informed if such a number of passengers had been drowned."

Relief Train to Scene. Santa Barbara, Cal., July 8.—The relief train bearing the rescued passengers of the wrecked steamship Santa Rosa arrived in Santa Barbara today and discharged a pitiful freight of hysterical women and half-dazed shivering men. Suffering and privation were written plainly on the faces of all and it will be weeks and in some cases months before some of the victims recover. All had been drenched to the skin in coming ashore in the breeches buoy in the high surf and none had anything to eat since the noon meal yesterday on board the ship except a hasty lunch and a cup of coffee provided by the sympathetic farmers who thronged to the beach from their nearby homes when the vessel began to break up.

Many were too weak to leave the cars unassisted and a half a dozen had to be carried from the train on stretchers. Hardly one of the passengers was fully clothed. The greater part of them were wrapped in blankets.

The rescued passengers were for the most part too wrought up to talk coherently of their nerve-racking experience. A few of the cooler spirits, however, were able to give a brief word picture of the wreck, the long suspense on the crumbling ship as it crunched to pieces beneath them on the rocks and the terrifying passage through the boiling surf to safety on the beach.

No one will be able to tell accurately for some time how many lives were lost, was the opinion expressed this morning by three survivors who insist they saw one woman swept from a life boat and drowned.

They say that many more might have perished in the numerous upsets that marked the journeys of the life rafts to the shore.

E. K. Ross, with his wife and son of San Francisco, were among the rescued who reached here. That Mrs. Ross reached home alive is due to the heroism of some unknown passenger who grasped her as she was sinking for the third time after she had been swept from an overturned life raft and swam with her child through the breakers in safety.

"I sank three times," said Mrs. Ross. "It was the life preserver which brought me to the surface each time but I was unable to battle with the immense breakers that swept over my head. Once I came to the top and saw my little boy just as he was going down. I grabbed him by the hair and just then a big, strong man caught me and helped me get ashore with my child."

Mr. Ross says that the passengers from the first called to be put ashore. They even called to a passenger train passing along the cliff he said. The train stopped, he said, but the captain would not allow the passengers to go ashore.

"It was quiet as a mill pond then," Mr. Ross went on, "and it would have been an easy task for the crew to put us ashore. But Captain Faris said he had orders by wireless from his company to keep the people aboard."

"The life saving crew of a station near the point appeared on the scene early in the day and offered assistance but after keeping them by two hours the captain told them they would not be needed. When actual debarkation from the ship did commence, however, they returned and did heroic work."

"There were probably eight lost in all and it will be some time before the exact number is known," said Q. G. Schooner, of San Luis Obispo. "Two boats capsized, one from the Santa Rosa in command of second mate Heuson and another from the schooner Helen P. Drew which stood by us all day waiting for a chance to help us get a line ashore."

Among those too seriously hurt to leave the train was Miss Jennie Weaver of San Francisco. With another woman and four children she was sent ashore in a net attached to the surf line. Waves washed over them continually on their passage to the beach and all were completely exhausted when they reached the shore and had to be cut from the net.

The Bloodhound Wins Recognition

By Associated Press.

Topeka, Kas., July 8.—The Kansas supreme court yesterday held the bloodhound as an agent of justice. If the hound has been proven accurate in following the trail of human footsteps, that evidence was evidence enough, said the court, to convict.

The decision came in the appeal of Glen Adams in the murder of Joseph Anderson, a farmer.

Tracks about Anderson's home gave the hounds a good trail and they followed it to the Adams home six miles distant. Shoe tracks at the Adams house and around Anderson's body corresponded with the shoes Adams wore.

The shoes and the hounds were all the evidence against Adams.

The Heat Wave Has Hit Paris

By Associated Press.

Paris, July 8.—France is suffering from a heat wave more intense than the country has experienced since 1900. Today the temperature in the shade was slightly above 90 with a humid, breezeless atmosphere. Some prostrations and one death resulted in this city.

MAGAZINE OWNER DIVORCED.

By Associated Press.

Reno, Nev., July 8.—After relating many details of her husband's neglect and abuse, Mrs. Kate E. Young has been granted a divorce from Courtland Hunter Young, owner and publisher of Young's Magazine, New York.

Mrs. Young said in court: "From the day of our marriage I provided absolutely all the money for our support. I have no idea what he did with the money he made. I gave him about \$70,000 which he used and must have received an income from. If I had continued to live with him all the money I had left would have been gone."

The couple were married in London in June, 1901. There are no children.



The one thing hold-up men agree upon—even if later they fight over the division of the spoils.

PROLOGUE OF SHOOTING CASE NEARS END

By Associated Press.

New York, July 8.—For lack of the last witness wanted a further hearing of the Stokes shooting case was postponed today until Tuesday morning. On that day Magistrate Freschi will decide whether the evidence warrants holding Lillian Graham and Ethel Graham for the grand jury on the charge of trying to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the wealthy hotel man.

The missing witness is Wilfred Hart, the elevator operator, who took Stokes up to the defendants' apartment on the evening of June 6th, when he was shot. Hart's testimony will be brief but attorneys for the defense explained that it is important because through him they expect to prove that instead of Hart's saying to Stokes, "Go right up; you are expected," Stokes said to the elevator boy: "You needn't announce me, I am expected," which indicated that Stokes wished to arrive without warning.

New York, July 8.—The prologue of the Stokes shooting case approached its end today with the third session in the Tombs court, which will decide whether Miss Lillian Graham and Miss Mabel Conrad shall be held for the grand jury on the charge of trying to murder the wealthy hotel man. Unless the defense succeeds in finding some of the missing letters W. E. D. Stokes is said to have written Miss Graham it is expected to close its case with the testimony of the elevator boy at the apartment house where the two girls admit they filled Mr. Stokes' legs full of bullets when he called to recover these same letters.

The sensation of the hearing yesterday was the discovery that Stokes' private detective had found a package of letters in the girls' room after the shooting and turned them over to his employer. Only eight letters finally reached the district attorney and the defense declares that Stokes held out others, which he did not wish to become public.

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TO INVESTIGATE SOME VOUCHERS

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 8.—When the house committee on expenditures in the state department convened in executive session today it was reported that an investigation would be made in connection with vouchers for sums paid out of the department's emergency fund. The committee, it is understood, desires to learn if these vouchers will show that "double salaries" have been paid—that is, if those drawing regular salaries in the department—have been paid for work said to have been done in connection with special commissions.

Representative Hamlin, of Missouri, chairman of the committee, has determined that he will if possible find out if the names of those appearing on the vouchers also appear on the department's pay rolls.

Castro Lands In Venezuela

By Associated Press.

Willemstad, Curacao, July 8.—The Venezuelan government has positive news that Cipriano Castro, the exiled president of Venezuela, effected a landing on the western coast of Venezuela and today has a following of 1,000 men. Willemstad, July 8.—Rumors reached here this afternoon that Gurnersind Mednez, president of the state of Zulia, Venezuela, had been killed by a bomb.

ENDEAVORERS TURN OUT AT SUNRISE MEET

By Associated Press.

Atlantic City, July 8.—Following yesterday's strenuous activities which were brought to a close with two big meetings last night at which President Taft was the principal speaker, hundreds of Christian Endeavorers turned out early today for the sunrise services.

The afternoon will be given over to a junior rally at which methods for the training of boys and girls will be discussed. Tonight there will be a mammoth chorale service on the million dollar pier.

Earth Shocks Felt

Budapest, Hungary, July 8.—Two earthquake shocks were felt early this morning in the town of Keokokmet, 30 miles distant from this city. A panic followed, the inhabitants rushing into the streets and assembling in the squares. Hundreds of chimneys were overturned and the town hall and other buildings more or less damaged.

DICKINSON TAKES PROFESSORSHIP

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., July 8.—Judge J. M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, has been offered and accepted a professorship in the Vanderbilt University law department. He will be assigned to federal jurisdiction and procedure. The executive committee of the Vanderbilt board of trustees will probably confirm the appointment this afternoon. His duties will consist of lecturing and will allow him ample time for outside law practice.

LIFE SERVICE MEN SAVED A BOATS CREW

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 8.—The Marblehead, O., life saving station reported to the life service here today that the station crew had rescued at midnight eight men from the tug "Lutz" while that vessel was sinking in Lake Erie near Gull Island reef.

GA. LAWMAKERS ARE BUSY MEN

Atlanta, July 8.—A mass of bills and resolutions took up most of the time of the house and senate yesterday, many of which were of general interest.

Senator Harris, of Polk, introduced an anti-lobbying bill and another proposing a commission to consider the releasing of the Western & Atlantic road.

Representative Foster, of Floyd, introduced a bill to provide that insurance commissioners and county sheriffs shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire that occurs in their respective localities.

Mr. Kimbrough, of Harris, and Mr. Johnson, of Bartow, introduced a resolution calling on the legislature to appeal to congress for a reform in the cotton trade by having the uniform "tare" reduction on cotton bales made smaller.

Senator Harris introduced a bill to abolish the special fertilizer tax, also a bill to regulate the salaries of all inspectors.

Senator Beauchamp introduced a bill providing for the election of county school superintendents to succeed county school commissioners.

Senator Worley introduced a bill to put a special tax of \$10 on each automobile, to be a state tax, in addition to that imposed with the registration fee.

FIRST KENTUCKY EXECUTION BY ELECTROCUTION

By Associated Press.

Eddyville, Ky., July 8.—When the first execution under the new law providing for electrocution in place of hanging took place in the state penitentiary here today it came near ending in the death of two persons instead of one. Prison Physician R. H. Moss stepped forward to feel the pulse of the negro who formed the first subject, before the current had been turned off and barely missed having several thousand volts pass through his body. A warning yell from the penitentiary electrician did not deter the doctor, who misunderstanding the caution still advanced, when a second warning had to be given before he understood.

The negro, James Buckner, paid the penalty for the murder of a policeman at Lebanon, Ky., several weeks ago.

The report on the first electrocution declares it to have been a success and will allow him ample time for outside law practice.

West Construction Co. Awarded The Contract For The City Paving

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY IN TRIAL OF CAMORRISTS

By Associated Press.

Viterbo, Italy, July 8.—The court and jury who are hearing the trial of the Camorristas charged with the murder of Gennaro Cuocolo and his wife were occupied today with an examination of papers and personal belongings seized by the authorities at the home of Ciro Vitozzi, the priest known as the "guardian angel of the Camorra," and one of the defendants in the present case.

When Enrico Alfano and his associates were first arrested they were released upon the representations of Vitozzi, who said he had learned of their innocence and the guilt of others in the confessional. This intervention permitted Alfano to escape to the United States where he fell into the hands of the New York police. The exhibit included a sword cane, revolvers, 140 bills of exchange, 1,000 letters from criminals asking his protection and a letter from Maria Bartolotti. This woman is believed by some to be a close friend of the priest while according to others Vitozzi acted as her agent in loaning money.

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Among Vitozzi's effects were also found 200 letters from various clerks and officials of the law courts complaining that money promised them had not been received. According to the priest, the habit of giving bribes to the court officers in order to obtain light sentences for convicted criminals with whom he was associated.

It is declared that the revelations along this line will be scandalous.

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Terrific Storm Hits Chester, S. C.

Special to The News.

Chester, S. C., July 8.—The most terrific electric storm Chester has experienced at the hands of nature in many years swept over it last Monday night about 10 o'clock. The lightning sought the transformer edifice of the Chester Power Company for its temporary mecca; traveling into it in massive sheets over the scores of lines of the Southern Power Company's, coming in from the Great Falls, generated with 10,000 volts, and radiating out to many other cities. All these wires, coming in and going out of the structure, conveyed great bolts of lightning into it. Mr. W. E. Sledge, manager of the transformer house, remarked that it was a never-to-be-forgotten spectacle. He could not leave for fear of one of the wires containing 10,000 volts, would be snapped asunder, while he was escaping under them, and kill him. Not only did the lightning form a pillar of fire at the foregoing place, but it struck many residences, and crippled the telephone lines of this municipality.

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Twelve Killed By Explosion

By Associated Press.

Sulita, Roumania, July 8.—As an attempt was being made to refloat the stranded river steamer Queenborough today the boiler exploded, killing twelve persons and wounding four others.

NAVAL COLLIER HECTOR HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 8.—The naval collier Hector ran aground off Cape Henry, Va., early today but floated before assistance reached her, according to an official report to the naval department.

Admiral Marshall, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, sent two tugs to her relief. Their services were not necessary and the collier is now on her way to Cape Cod bay.

Chamberlain's Birthday.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Eng., July 8.—Joseph Chamberlain celebrated his 75th birthday today at his home, Highbury. The veteran statesman was the recipient of world-wide congratulations. His health is fairly good, the improvement noted upon his return from the Riviera being maintained.

JOHN D'S BIRTHDAY.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 8.—John D. Rockefeller's 72nd birthday arrived today but he did not celebrate it in any special way. He sat on the porch of his house on the Forest Hill estate a while, played some golf and ate his birthday dinner with his family. He is in excellent health.

Award was Confirmed at a Special Meeting Held at Noon Today—Material will be Decided on Later—Other Awards Made Today.

News' Bulletin Told the Public Yesterday Afternoon After the Executive Board Meeting Was Held to Decide The Matter.

The News' bulletin board told the public yesterday afternoon that the city executive board, in executive session yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock decided to give the contract for the city paving to the West Construction Co.

The board confirmed its decision at a noon-day meeting today, when the contract was formally awarded. The only reservation in the contract was in regard to material. The material to be used will be decided on later.

Sewers. The board today awarded the contract for sewers to W. S. Stancil, of Charlotte, he being the lowest bidder.

Curbing. The contract for curbing was today awarded to Johnson, Porter and Bick and J. W. Haas, Charlotte firms. Some of the curbing will be stone, some cement.

West Construction Company. Mr. West explained at the meeting Thursday night that his bid included three counts: asphalt, bitulithic and brick. He explained his bids on asphalt—Trinidad or Bermudez and on oil distillate. The bid on the asphalt being \$1.78, that on oil distillates being \$1.59.

Mr. West strongly urged the use of asphalt—Trinidad or Bermudez. His bitulithic bid was for \$1.45 a square yard, provided the city secured the patent rights from the Warren Bros. Co., of Boston.

As stated on the News bulletin, it is understood that the executive board favors asphalt. This was the impression made on the laymen present at the meeting Thursday night, the questions leading in that direction. Mr. Tenney, it is remembered said that the West Company couldn't lay bitulithic paving under the name of bitulithic, that his company "would not stand for that."

One thing is certain the executive board is going to be very cautious and decide only on the material which has been found to be cities using the most paving.

The material will more than likely be asphalt.

Kentucky Republican. By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., July 8.—Delegates to the republican state convention which will be held in Louisville next Tuesday are being selected today throughout Kentucky and given instructions as to the candidates to be supported in convention. Interest centers chiefly in the race for the nomination for governor, there being three candidates, Judge E. C. O'Rear, of the state court of appeals, Lieutenant-Governor W. H. Cox, and E. T. Frank.

Wont Add Meat To Free List

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 8.—The senate today defeated 14 to 32, the Cummins amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill to add meats to the free list.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF GEORGIA

Atlanta, July 8.—The executive committee of the Georgia Conservation Association will present to both branches of the legislature today the bill drawn by Judge John C. Hart, to create a conservation commission as a part of the state government.

The bill proposes to give the commission control of the forests, streams, fish game and soil of the state. The commission shall consist of the governor, commissioner of agriculture, state entomologist, state geologist and a commissioner to be appointed by them.