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## MORE THAN 300 LOST IN WRECK

### Terrible Suffering Attended Loss of Ship

## BIG ITALIAN STEAMER

### Special Anxiety Over Disposition to Be Made of the Impoverished Immigrants Who Were Saved.—A Brazilian Bishop Among Those Lost.—Excitement of Relatives of Passengers.—Sirio Was an Old Ship.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Genoa, Italy, Aug. 6.—The loss of the Italian steamer Sirio causes intense excitement among the relatives and friends of the Italian passengers and crew, most of whom lived here or in this vicinity. The officers of the captain of the port and of the Italian general navigation company, to which the Sirio belonged, were so besieged today by agonized crowds seeking information, that the police were compelled to establish barriers to hold back the crowd. Some of the people assumed a threatening aspect, declaring that facts were being withheld.

The Sirio had seen twenty-three years of service, but she was considered to be in a seaworthy condition. She was built of iron and wood; had a single screw, was of 4,000 tons gross register and had a speed of fifteen knots per hour. Her captain Giuseppe Pardi was a native of Genoa and a veteran seaman. The disposition to be made of the impoverished immigrants who were saved from the Sirio causes special anxiety. The situation recalls a similar wreck of a Genoese ship near the rock Gibraltar, when the survivors were unable to proceed to America or return to Italy and therefore established a fishing colony near Gibraltar, where they still remain.

Cartagena, Spain, Aug. 6.—Reports continue to arrive here of the terrible scenes attending the wreck on Saturday evening, off Hermigas Island, of the Italian steamer Sirio, from Genoa, August 2, via Barcelona and other ports for Buenos Ayres, resulting in the loss of over three hundred lives. The drowning of the bishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is now attributed to the action of an Argentine passenger, who forcibly took from the bishop a life belt with which the latter had provided himself.

One Italian woman kept her three children afloat on a plank until they were all picked up. A bridegroom who was on his honeymoon lost his wife and sister. One old man who was saved lost three children. Captain Giuseppe Pardi, commander of the Sirio, was sixty-two years old and had forty-five years experience in navigation.

## ARBITRATION PLAN

### AGREED UPON

(By the Associated Press.)  
Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 6.—The International American Conference at today's session unanimously agreed upon a project providing for the arbitration of disputes between the countries represented. It ratifies the adherence of the American republics to the principle of arbitration and recommends that the Pan-American delegates to the Peace Conference to be convened at The Hague be instructed to support a general arbitration convention. The vote on the project will be taken tomorrow.

## HOW FOOLISH FATHER DROWNED HIS BOY

(By the Associated Press.)  
Mount Clemens, Mich., Aug. 6.—John Wilman a farm laborer aged 30 years and his son Albert, aged 8, were drowned last night while rowing in the Clinton river. The father rocked the boat to frighten the little fellow and accidentally capsized it, throwing himself and his son into 12 feet of water. Mrs. Wilman sat on the bank of the river and saw the accident. Neither father or son rose to the surface after sinking the first time.

## THE STRIKE LACKS SPIRIT

### Failure Predicted Unless Situation Changes

## WORKMEN NOT AGREED

### Some of the Labor Organizations Lukewarm on the Subject and Others in Open Revolt Against Orders of Leaders—Railroad Service Not Stopped Yet and Violence May Be Resorted To.

(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Unless dispatches from the interior within a few hours entirely change the situation the general strike promises to prove a complete failure. Although the liberals are strongly opposed to the course of the government they shrink from precipitating a revolution and the horrors of a civil war in which the country would be plunged if the plans of the proletariat leaders were successful.

Not only is the sympathy of the intelligent public lacking, but in St. Petersburg the leaders of the various labor organizations find many of the followers lukewarm and even in open rebellion against their orders. When the central committee of the printers union adjourned last night many of the men returned to their cases with the result that four newspapers appeared this morning.

The central committee of the railroad men's union finds so many of the men either opposed to a strike or afraid to risk the loss of their positions, with imprisonment into the bargain, that it has not yet, so far as known, issued a formal order to strike. If the train service is not brought to a standstill, the collapse of the strike movement is inevitable.

The workmen's council, which apparently is a much weaker body than the similar council which managed the strike of last fall, in fear of failure has already practically determined to resort to violence in order to stop traffic on the railroads, if the men refuse to join in the movement.

The authorities are using all the means at their disposal to block the revolutionary moves in every direction and appear convinced that the strike leaders cannot gather sufficient headway to endanger the life of the state. Indeed they believe that nothing more than local strikes will soon degenerate into the old story of crime and terrorism will result.

The Sirio struck a rocky reef known as Bajos Hornigas and sank soon after, stern first. Hornigas Island lies about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos.

The Sirio was owned by the Navigazione Italiana, of Genoa.

Before he committed suicide the captain declared the steamer had 545 passengers on board and the crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 171 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

## ARMED WITH WINCHESTERS

### Guards Hold the Jail at Salisbury

## LYERLY MURDER TRIAL

### Great Crowd Gathers At Rowan Court To Witness Trial of The Negroes Who Are To Be Arraigned This Afternoon—Judge Long's Charge To The Grand Jury—He Is Severe On Lynching.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 6.—This city today thronged with a great crowd of visitors, brought by the calling for trial here this afternoon of the case against the negroes now in jail charged with the murder of the Lyerly family near Barber's junction, Rowan county, last month.

There is probably no immediate danger of an attempt to lynch the prisoners, but every precaution is being taken to prevent anything smacking of mob violence. There are now in jail ten well-armed men with winchesters and shot guns loaded with buck shot, the yard is kept clear and the man who goes into it tonight carries his life in his hands. There will be no foolishness. The men will be arraigned this afternoon and a jury drawn.

## WILL RE-ELECT F. M. SIMMONS

### Chairman of the State Democratic Committee

## THE RACE FOR SPEAKERSHIP

### Murphy, Manning, Justice and Dowd to the Front

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Some of the newspapers have been trying to convey the impression that railroad and insurance legislation will be the main things to take up and candidates have followed the line of newspaper dictation without having the least familiarity with those subjects. Aside from all that, however, it is believed that the legislature will start in and do what it thinks best without the advice of the bosses.

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There is no factional alignment visible on the ticket platform. Regarding one thing all who have arrived are fully agreed and that is for a strong endorsement of Bryan for president. Among the most conspicuous in this movement are those who in the past have opposed Bryan. It is expected that the tariff plank in the platform will demand immediate revision and the placing of some articles on the free list.

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## CHICAGO BANK CLOSED DOORS

### Made Necessary By a Run on the Institution

## ALLEGED DEFALCATION

### Cashier Of The Milwaukee Avenue Bank Is Missing And A Warrant Has Been Issued For Him—The Deposits In The Institution Are Principally The Savings Of Polish And Other Working People.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Aug. 6.—The Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, one of the largest banks outside of the downtown district, today closed its doors following a run on the institution.

The Milwaukee Avenue State Bank was organized in 1890 by Paul O. Stensland, who is president of the institution. The capital stock of the bank is \$250,000 and the surplus is given at \$250,000. The deposits are said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, a large part of which, it is said, is the earnings of working people.

Henry W. Herring, cashier of the bank, is missing and a warrant charging him with embezzlement has been sworn out. At the same time State Bank Examiner C. C. Jones issued a statement to the effect that the whereabouts of three officers of the bank is unknown to him and that the bank is without an official head.

During the absence of President Stensland in St. Paul, his son, Theodore Stensland, has been in charge. Last Saturday he discovered that the bank was in serious condition and gave notice to Cashier Herring and other officials that a further examination would be made this morning. Today a notice was posted by Bank Examiner Jones stating that the bank had been closed for the purpose of examination and the institution is now in the hands of the auditor of the state.

The patrons of the bank are mainly Polish working people who abound in that neighborhood. The statement of the bank issued under date of June 19, 1906, gave liabilities at \$4,697,457; of this amount \$3,475,190 was composed of savings deposits and \$859,891 was deposited subject to checks and composed mostly of accounts of business men.

Offsetting the liabilities the bank statement shows that loan and discounts amounted to \$3,223,172. As far as now known all of this paper is good. The bank carried on hand at that time cash amounting to \$265,162 and had credits with other banks of \$669,524.

Reports were general that the alleged defalcation would reach \$20,000 or more. Police Inspector Shipley received information from a subordinate sent to the bank that one of the officials of the institution has been gambling on horse races. It is said that the list of depositors at the bank includes nearly fifty thousand persons.

At noon Theodore Stensland made a statement explaining the condition of affairs in the bank in which he said: "The bank has now cash on hand \$1,651,000. It carried deposits of \$1,200,000. There are 22,000 depositors. I do not believe that Mr. Herring's accounts are wrong."

"I swore out the warrant for the arrest of Herring at the request of Bank Examiner Jones. I regard the matter as only a matter of form to accommodate Mr. Jones."

The Daily News says: It develops today that the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank has been looted to the extent of \$700,000. This amount of bogus notes was found, it is stated, by a member of the clearing house committee and that the trouble was first revealed by the president of the bank himself, Paul Stensland.

## MURDER IN SURRY COUNTY

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Winston-Salem, N. C., August 6.—Frost Simmons, aged 38, was shot and killed near Mt. Airy yesterday by Irving Tettriff.

The men had some trouble Saturday night. Sunday morning Tettriff secured a shot gun and went to the home of Timmons, who begged Tettriff not to shoot him, but his pleadings were in vain. Tettriff has not been arrested. The murdered man leaves a wife and seven children.

## Secretary Root's Movements.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Sao Paulo, Brazil, August 6.—Secretary Root will spend the day visiting the government offices and schools. The governor will give a reception in his honor tonight.

## THE BIG "PURITAN" BROKE HER SHAFT

(By the Associated Press.)  
New London, Conn., Aug. 6.—The steamer Puritan of Fall River Line broke a shaft off New London harbor early today. The steamer came to anchor in the fog off Sarah's Ledge. The eight hundred passengers bound from New York to Fall River were transferred to the railroad station here by tugs.

A train will be made up here before noon to carry the passengers to their destination. The fog on the sound was unusually thick this morning.

The breakage of the shaft was due to the shock caused by the steamer striking a heavy obstruction in the sound about midnight last night.