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PIER SANK UNDER THEM WITH DEAFENING ROAR

Nearly a Hundred People are Caught in the Sudden Collapse

AND BORNE BENEATH WAVES OF THE HARBOR

So Great is the Crash of the Falling Structure That the North German Line Steamer Castle Lying at a Pier Two Hundred Feet Away Rolls and Tosses as if in Tempest in Mid-Ocean and Some of the Immigrants on Board in a Fray of Fear Throw Themselves into the Water and are Rescued with Difficulty—Work of Rescue Begun at Once.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, April 27.—Nearly one hundred people are reported injured or killed by the collapse at 11:30 o'clock this morning of a mammoth fire-proof steel pier near the immigration station at Locust Point, near Baltimore, Maryland.

So great was the crash of the falling structure that the North German line steamer Castle, lying at the immigration pier 200 feet away with 1,400 immigrants aboard, rolled and tossed helplessly in the waves. Spectators thought an earthquake had come. Some of the immigrants on board jumped into the water out of sheer terror and were rescued with difficulty. In the immigration station on shore a state of panic reigned for a while, but the officials succeeded in calming the fears of the foreigners without any serious mishap.

The pier that collapsed was in course of construction and was near completion. It was to have been used in connection with a big warehouse. More than 100 men were at work on the pier above the water. It fell with a deafening roar, nearly all of it disappearing with its human freight under the water.

The work of seeking bodies and the living is being prosecuted as rapidly as possible with the means at hand.

Recovering the Bodies. Four bodies have been recovered from the water and debris. Six men, badly hurt, have been carried to places of safety. It is feared that the big stone wall which fell has become the tomb of a great number of those who were at work on the pier. Police from Baltimore have charge of the rescue work. Ambulances from the city hospitals are on the scene carrying the wounded to the city for treatment as fast as they are rescued.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION DENOUNCE TRADE STAMPS.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Salisbury, N. C., April 27.—At the last meeting of the Merchants' Association there appeared before the association representatives of the Greensboro trading stamp company, and they were heard by the merchants relative to the merits of their system which this organization has very plainly condemned. The merchants listened to them and after they had been heard they retired. The result of the persuasion of the visitors was that the trading stamp was denounced and discontinued. All Salisbury people being warned against it. A committee was also appointed to look into the matter of increased insurance rates. It has been announced that these will go up after the first of May and the merchants desire their committee to stick out for the old rates. Norman E. Johnson, attorney for the Retail Merchants' Association of this state, was invited to speak before the Salisbury association here May 15th.

APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION FOR PRINCESS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Paris, April 27.—The appeal of William Augustus Spencer and Lorillard Spencer from the decision of the court which gave their sister, the Princess De Vicovaro, possession of the \$2,000,000 estate of their brother, the late Charles Grosvenor Spencer, will come up May 1. William and Lorillard Spencer are confident that the decision of the lower court will be reversed, claiming that it merely dealt with the question of the court's jurisdiction and not with the merits of the appeal. The parties to the litigation are children of the late Mrs. Lorillard Spencer of New York, who in 1866 settled in Paris.

SOUTH SHOWING KEEN INTEREST

The Convention of the Cotton Manufacturers

A PROGRAM ARRANGED

This Eleventh Convention and Exhibit of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association will be by for the most important and representative in its history.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 27.—Arrangements are progressing rapidly for the eleventh annual convention and exhibit of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association to be held in this city during the week of May 13, and there is now every assurance that the gathering will be the most important as well as the most representative of any in the history of the association.

Banquets, theatre parties, automobile and steamboat trips and a plank shad dinner are among the entertainment features which have thus far been decided upon. Funds for this purpose have been subscribed by business men in this city, New York, Boston, and other leading textile centres, largely through the efforts of the Yarn Merchants' Association. Many thousands of dollars will be expended in providing enjoyment for the visitors, and, altogether, the convention will without doubt eclipse all former gatherings of the textile interests.

Secretary C. B. Bryant of the association, came up from his headquarters in Charlotte, N. C., Wednesday, and told the Philadelphians that interest in the coming convention and exhibit is particularly keen throughout the south, which presages a big representation from that quarter.

Program Subject to Change. While a program has been arranged for the entire week, it is as yet subject to change in some of its minor details. The sessions of the convention proper will be held in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, May 15 and 16, while the exhibit which will be held in the First Regiment armory at Broad and Callahan streets, and which will include textile machinery, mill supplies, and fabrics of all kinds, will consume the entire six days.

On Wednesday evening the entertainment committee has planned to reserve all the seats in one of the leading local theatres, for the members of the association and their guests, while on the following night the grand banquet in the Bellevue-Stratford ball room will be the feature. On Friday afternoon several specially chartered steamboats will convey the strangers down the Delaware river to Washington Park, where a shad dinner will be served. On the same afternoon other boats will be commissioned to take those who prefer a sight-seeing excursion to the dinner, to points of interest along the river front, including the great Cramp's ship yard, where many of Uncle Sam's most powerful dogs-of-war have been built, the League Island navy yard, etc. There will be special music on board all of these boats.

Invitations for the Thursday night banquet have been sent out by the dinner committee and in order that ample provision may be made with the hotel management to accommodate all who wish to respond, the committee has requested that reply be made by all members.

Arrangements With Roads. Arrangements have been made with the various railroad companies for a rate of one and one-third fare, plus 25 cents for the round trip. A full one-way ticket should be purchased for the going trip and at the same time convention certificates should be obtained. These will be approved by a representative of the railroad companies and by the secretary of the association on May 15 and 16. Tickets will be placed on sale at all points on May 11, and will be good to return leaving Philadelphia on or before May 20. Tickets issued to or from southern points will convey stop-over privileges for the Jamestown exposition.

A WILD RUMOR OF GIMBEL ALIVE

Attempted Suicide Part of a Scheme

NURSES IN THE PLOT

These Rumors Which are Spread With Remarkable Persistence Say That by Convivance of Attendants He Rose from His Bed and Departed, and is on Way to Paris.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 27.—Rumors that Benedict Gimbel, arrested in New York City on Monday of last week and reported to have died in a hotel in Hoboken several days later as the result of a desperate attempt to commit suicide, is on his way to Paris have been spread with remarkable persistence in Philadelphia since the funeral of the millionaire merchant last Tuesday.

The story now going the rounds is that Gimbel did not commit suicide at all. That he went to the Hoboken Hotel and gashed his throat is not disputed, but it is claimed that this was a part of a well arranged program. Instead of hovering between life and death for several days, it is claimed he was not seriously injured. He simply got out and departed while nurses, physicians, and friends, helped to carry out the little play. Under an assumed name he shipped for Europe, and expects to remain there the rest of his days.

PENDER NAMED FOR MAYOR OF TARBORO.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Tarboro, N. C., April 27.—The democratic primaries nominated James Pender for mayor, Frank Pulley for chief of police, and as aldermen from the third, fifth and sixth wards, Messrs. Hugh Cobb, D. F. Bridgers, and W. E. Hicks, respectively.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK THE TRAIN FOILED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Charlotte, N. C., April 27.—An attempt was made to wreck No. 43, the south-bound fast mail train on the Southern road, ten miles north of Charlotte, last night. The engine ploughed into a pile of cross-ties that had been placed on the rails by unknown parties, narrowly escaping a fatal catastrophe.

The train crew sprang out in time to see several men fleeing away. Several shots were fired, but none of the wreckers were caught.

GAMBLING RING ORDERED TO QUIT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 27.—Chicago's protected gambling ring was served notice to discontinue operations. Mayor Busse notified Alderman "Bathhouse" Coughlin and "Hinky Dink" Keena, who for fifteen years have ruled supreme in the first ward, that gambling operations under their "protection" must cease.

Chief of Police Shippy was ordered to enforce the decree. It also was reported, though not officially, that the boxing show tonight at the Chicago Athletic Club will be the last of the game until late in the fall.

The anti-gambling decree is aimed at the poker and hand-book rings. Tom McGinnis, who is alleged to control the poker rooms, will be put out of business. The men who backed the hand-books and allotted territory for operations throughout the city are Mont Tennes, known as the "king of hand-book operators," Charles "Social" Smith and Harry Perry, owners of the wireless pool room boat, City of Traverse. Smith and Perry were recently driven from operating in Indiana by Governor Hanley, who threatened to call out the state troops, county officials having declined.



THE SUICIDE OF DAVID WILLCOX

Pistol Shot Ends Life of the Multi-Millionaire

DEATH ON THE OCEAN

Health Wrecked by Brooding Over Financial Affairs and the Death of His Brother Drove Him to the Deed, it is Assumed—Reported Heavy Losses by Willcox.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 27.—Worry over financial affairs and grief at the death of his brother, it was declared today, caused the suicide of David Willcox, multi-millionaire, former president of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad and intimate business associate of E. H. Harriman and others of the so-called Harriman group, who shot himself while returning from Italy on the North German Lloyd steamship Barbarossa.

The Barbarossa, bearing the body of Willcox in a sealed casket, docked today. That Willcox had killed himself did not become known until the ship reached quarantine. Worry over the finances of the Delaware & Hudson Company and over the sudden death of his brother, Albert R. Willcox, last summer, coupled with close application to business, it was stated, had wrecked Mr. Willcox's health. Wall street tales led to the belief that Mr. Willcox, with E. H. Harriman and others of the so-called Harriman group, had lost heavily in the market. He became a victim of insomnia. Finally he was urged to go abroad and on April 2 he called his resignation as president of the Delaware & Hudson.

ACQUIT KIMBALL, SAYS THE JUDGE

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., April 27.—Judge G. W. Ward shortly before noon charged a criminal court jury to acquit J. T. E. Kimball, charged with the killing of James Stinson, who attempted to assault Kimball's wife. The judge said he has no sentiment for unwritten law and ordered the acquittal on the grounds that the defendant had a right to follow Stinson, to arrest him and to use all necessary force to defend himself from Stinson's attack.

TAKES A SQUINT AND GETS HAPPY

Marion Butler Feels Good Over Roosevelt

MONEY WONT HURT TED

The Interests Opposed to Control by Roosevelt of the Delegations from the Southern States Will Not be Able to Carry Their Point, Says He of Sampson.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, April 27.—Ex-Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina has just returned from his state, and is in a confident and happy frame of mind over the political situation in his state and the south as far as he has been able to learn it. He admits that there are many evidences of the use of money by the organized opposition to the president to control the delegations in all the southern states, including North Carolina, to the next national convention for a reactionary candidate, but he declares that there is no danger of this conspiracy succeeding.

He says that while they have unlimited money, and while they have employed or hired some of the shrewdest politicians in the south to act as their agents in carrying out their schemes to defeat the principles and policies of the republican party as exemplified by President Roosevelt, if they could succeed it would mean the defeat of the republican party and the election of Bryan. When he was asked if he agreed with the recent statement of John Temple Graves to the effect that "one word from Roosevelt would make Bryan president," and that "one word from Bryan would make Roosevelt president," he stiffened up and, after a pause, said: "No, I do not believe that 'one word from Roosevelt' would or could make Bryan president. The president is not omnipotent. Even his power and popularity, great as it is, has limits."

KEENE'S DAUGHTER SUES FOR DIVORCE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 27.—Through an application for a commission to take the testimony of witnesses outside this state the fact became public today that Mrs. Talbot E. Taylor, daughter of James R. Keene, had begun a suit for divorce against her husband, who was for some years prominent in Wall Street as her father's broker. Mrs. Taylor's law partner, Samuel Untermyer, had the motion placed on the calendar of the supreme court, special term, part 1, before Judge O'Gorman, but made no argument.

FIGHT TO CONTROL VAUDEVILLE FIELD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 27.—Kohl and Castle have announced another move in their fight to control the western vaudeville field and present the entrance of Klaw & Erlanger. They will build a theatre costing at least \$75,000 in south Chicago. This, when completed, will give the independent managers six vaudeville theatres in Chicago which will meet the competition of the trust. These are: The Majestic, the Olympic and Chicago Opera House down town, the Haymarket, the Academy, on the west side, and the new house in south Chicago. Whether Klaw & Erlanger will actually enter the local vaudeville field is still a matter of much doubt. Those close to the vaudeville situation say that the trust has undertaken a task it cannot carry out in trying to invade the western field in its last season of vaudeville. It is known that Nat Goodwin has been offered \$2,500 a week to go into vaudeville and it is said that he and others, well known actors now in the legitimate, will be seen next year in vaudeville. Theatrical men here are inclined to discredit the last rumor of a consolidation of the Shuberts and the trust.

MAYOR DISMISSES CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DAY ON BEAUTY-FLUSHED RIVER

Great Warships the Center of Interest

PICNICS ON THE WAVE

The Harbor Aswam With All Sorts of Hurrying Craft, Radiant With Decorated Battleships and Resonant With the Blare of Bands. The Maryland Building Opened.

(By JAMES HAY.)

Jamestown Exposition, Va., April 27.—The second day of the Jamestown Exposition was spent on the water. Instead of on land, by thousands of visitors to the big show.

On land there was nothing to see save unfinished buildings, incomplete exhibits and stretches of unpaved streets on which the dust lay an inch deep. On the water there were the battleships of the nations, their masts and rigging transformed into a wilderness of flags and bunting.

On the decks of these dogs-of-war the seamen and marines marched and executed orders, the sunlight shining gaily on their arms and accoutrements. The sea craft of the neighboring cities carried the visitors to the very mouths of the cannon of the warships, and cruised up and down the triple line of the monster fighters from early morning throughout the day.

Gay Life on the Water. Steamers, sailing vessels, launches and row-boats were in even greater demand today than they were yesterday. On the opening day the crowds were landed at the grounds and left there for the day's exercises. Today they did not wish to go to the grounds, and midday lunches and picnics in the harbor were the rule.

The maritime sight was grander today than yesterday. Every hour the launches from the warships carried uniformed officers to and fro. The military bands played the national airs, the strains floating across the waters to the piney shores where 300 years ago the only known race was the Indians. Women, gowned in bright spring costumes, tripped up the ladders from the water line to the deck of the battleships. Everywhere there was brilliant color, music and the atmosphere of festivity.

However slow the exposition work has proceeded, there is no doubt that after the show Virginia will have another town. The Jamestown Exposition will not end with the fair that lasts from spring to autumn. When the gates are closed the Old Dominion will awake to the fact that by the grace of government appropriations and citizens' subscriptions another town has arisen on her soil.

The work, though slow, is well done. The grounds are laid out like a city. There are streets, boulevards and alleys. There are sewer, gas, water and electric lighting systems. There are building lines and a telephone central office. There are two immense hotels, one inside the grounds and one without the inclosure. There is a multitude of smaller hotels outside the grounds.

Two electric car lines connect the grounds with the neighboring cities. An excellent pier for the landing of passengers and freight from the steamers of deep draught is being rapidly constructed.

There were several minor functions on the exposition grounds today. At noon the Maryland state's commission formally opened the Maryland building. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Connecticut building was opened and a reception given by the governor of Connecticut to the visiting state governors and officers. At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon Governor Whittell held a reception in the Maryland building.

CENTENNIAL BEAT DEPOT GREASERS

In a ten inning game of ball, Centennial beat the Depot Greasers yesterday by a score of 11 to 9. The game was interesting from beginning to end.

His Conduct Not in Keeping With the Office That He Holds

SAYS MAYOR JOHNSON IN LETTER TO MANGUM

The Mayor and Fire Committee First Demanded the Resignation of Chief Mangum but He Declined to Resign—Immediately After This the Mayor Served Notice on Him That His Duties as Chief of the Fire Department Would Cease This Evening at Six O'Clock—There is No Doubt That Chief Mangum Will Appeal to the Board of Aldermen.

John Mangum, chief of the Raleigh fire department, will cease to be chief this evening at 6 o'clock, having been dismissed by Mayor James L. Johnson, who found, after investigation, so he states in the letter demanding Chief Mangum's resignation, that his conduct was not in keeping with the office that he holds. Mr. Lumader, who for some time has acted as assistant chief of the fire department, will temporarily fill the position of chief, having been notified to this effect last night. His duties begin at 6 o'clock this evening. Mr. Mangum, of course, has the right of appeal to the board of aldermen.

Charges were preferred against Chief Mangum some time since, so the mayor stated this morning. Mayor Johnson, out of courtesy, asked that the fire committee meet with him and at the first meeting Chief Mangum was not present. At the second meeting, Mayor Johnson said today, he was present and was presented with a copy of the charges that had been preferred against him and made a statement in regard to same. It is said that Chief Mangum was requested to make his answer to the charges in writing. At the third meeting Chief Mangum was present and three witnesses examined. After this Mayor Johnson says a meeting was held at which Chief Mangum was not present, but certain witnesses were examined.

In cases of this kind the mayor is given power to act under section 1 of the charter of the city of Raleigh, that portion of the section directly in point reading as follows:

"He shall have full power and authority to summarily remove from office any officer or employee of the city of Raleigh, except aldermen, whenever any such officer or employee shall be guilty of any malfeasance, misfeasance or non-feasance, or whenever such officer or employee shall be guilty of any act or neglect which shall render him disqualified and unfit, in the opinion of the mayor, from rendering proper services to the city of Raleigh, or be an officer or employee thereof, provided, however, that any officer or employee suspended by the mayor as aforesaid, shall have the right to appeal to the board of aldermen, and he may be reinstated or restored to office or employment after a full and fair trial, a majority of five members of the board of aldermen, voting to restore him to office."

Copy of the Charges.

"Charges against John W. Mangum, chief fire department: 1. That during the months of September and October, 1905, and perhaps longer, you regularly put upon your monthly payroll 12 sleepers when only 11 were doing duty. 2. That on two and perhaps other occasions you had old fire hose belonging to the city of Raleigh cut up and sold same, proceeds of which you have never turned into the city, and that you also sold or otherwise disposed of couplets of same. 3. That when the batteries and electric appliances of the fire alarm system of the city of Raleigh were overhauled and renewed you disposed of old material, proceeds of which have never been turned over to the city. 4. That the wagon which was rented for a long time and has since been bought by the city, is kept by you at your stable and used by you for your own private purposes."

Chas. Remond From Office, April 26th, 1907, 10:15 P. M. "Mr. John W. Mangum, Chief of Fire Department, Raleigh, N. C. "Sir:—I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 26th, in which you decline to resign your office of chief of the fire department of the city of Raleigh. "Being the case, this is to (Continued on Second Page.)