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STEAMSHIPS COLLIDE AND 200 LIVES LOST IN DISASTER AT SEA

**Two Japanese Vessels Carry-
ing 300 Souls Aboard
Passengers & Crews
FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE
EARLY THIS MORNING**

The Details of the Horrible Accident Are Very Meagre, But Definite—Collision Took Place This Morning Two Miles Off Todohokke, Near Hakodate—Captain and Majority of Passengers and Crew of 43 of the Matsu Maru Perished. Rescued Steamer Saves the Lives of a Number.

(Special Cable to The Times.)
 Tokio, March 23.—The Matsu Maru, an 800 ton coasting steamer, belonging to the Yusen Kashi line, was sunk in a collision with the Hideyoshi Maru, 696 tons, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, two miles off Todohokke, near Hakodate.

The captain of the Matsu Maru, a majority of the 244 passengers and forty-three of the crew perished.

The Hideyoshi Maru and another steamer rescued the survivors.

Details from Tokio describing the sinking of the Japanese steamship Matsu Maru, which was rammed by the steamship Hideyoshi off Todohoko, state that more than 240 passengers and the crew of 43 perished. The captain of the Matsu Maru, as well as the crew, did everything in their power to prevent panic, but failed. They stuck to their posts and went down with the ship.
 The ships struck in a heavy fog. They were close together, proceeding with considerable speed before the pilots saw the danger. There was no chance to slow up and not sufficient distance between the ships to sheer off. The Matsu Maru was almost cut in two and the water filled her in a few minutes.

Another steamship appeared on the scene and lowered boats, but not in time to pick up more than a score of survivors. Several of the boats, filled with rescuers, were nearly caught in the suction caused by the sinking vessel and narrowly escaped being drawn under the water.

NEW GUNBOAT DELIVERED TO HAYTI GOV'T

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 New York, March 23.—Hayti has a new gunboat and it was delivered to the island government in spite of the revolutionists, by Captain Henry S. Chester, an American, who returned from his successful mission on the steamer Admiral Sampson today.

Captain Chester, who comes from Dennisville, N. J., and has made a specialty of delivering gunboats to Central America and West Indies governments in troublous times, took the gunboat, formerly W. E. Emery's steam yacht Columbine, from here and delivered her, safe and sound to the Haytian government at Port au Prince on March 13. The revolutionists were just about bubbling over when Captain Chester left Port au Prince. Several of them had already been shot to death at Gonaives. Eight political exiles came up with him on the Admiral Sampson. They had been banished from the republic by order of President Nord Alexis.

"I think there is a good deal of doubt about the future of Hayti," said Captain Chester. "I don't believe the blacks can maintain a government there. In fact I think the best thing that could happen would be for the United States to assume a protectorate over the island."

CRIMES AGAINST JUSTICE IN THE NAME OF LAW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Chicago, Ill., March 23.—Oberlin M. Carter, formerly captain in the United States engineer corps, will seek restoration to the army and to his rank as a result of the vindication he received in the decision of Judge Kohlsaat, handed down Saturday, which released \$45,000 worth of securities. He is confident of obtaining from the president this recognition of the justice of the court's decision.

While admitting that reinstatement in the army is what he desires, Carter would not discuss his plans for bringing the matter to the attention of the administration. From his advisers it was learned that he will petition President Roosevelt directly.

The restoration of the honor that was taken from him, the ex-captain places above all other consideration. It has been known among his friends for some time that he has refused repeated offers for high salaries from engineering concerns who recognized his ability. "I don't want to complain unduly," he said, "but I do feel that if the American people understood the crimes against justice that it is possible to commit in the name of military law, they would demand an investigation and complete reformation of the system."

SENATOR TILLMAN'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Augusta, Ga., March 23.—A long distance telephone message from Trenton to the Herald reports Senator Tillman's condition much improved this morning.

BENNING RACE MEET DRAWS AN IMMENSE CROWD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, March 23.—The opening of the Benning's race meet here today has transferred Pennsylvania avenue for the moment into a promenade of racing people and racegoers.

As usual, the meeting begins with the first half of the Benning's handicap. "Willie" Shaw and "Tommy" Burns, two old rivals, who rode in Europe last year, but who will be back in the saddle in the United States this season, will begin their very first race of 1908 to show what they can do with the thoroughbreds. Shaw is to have the mount on Greeno. Rost Angolaria has bought the horse and says that he is better fit to race now than he ever has been.

PLATO DURHAM BEGINS WORK AT CONCORD

(Special to The Evening Times.)
 Concord, N. C., March 23.—Rev. Plato Durham, the newly appointed pastor of Central Methodist Church, arrived in the city Saturday, becoming the guest of C. B. Wagoner and filled his pulpit morning and evening on Sunday.
 Rev. Mr. Durham comes to the field highly recommended as a pulpit orator, as well as one of the strongest writers in the state. He was recently appointed to this important charge by the bishop, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former pastor, who was called to a large church north.

NORTH CAROLINA LOSES

Justice Pritchard is Sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Railroad Cases.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, D. C., March 23.—North Carolina lost today in the supreme court of the United States in her fight over state railroad rates. In an opinion announced by Justice Peckham the court affirmed the famous position of Judge Pritchard, of the United States circuit court, in which he released Jas. H. Wood, a Southern Railway station agent, charged with violating the state law fixing a maximum passenger rate of 2 1/4 cents a mile on the theory that his arrest interfered with a temporary injunction that Judge Pritchard had issued suspending the enforcement of the law until it could be determined whether the law was confiscatory.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—In a decision handed down by the supreme court today, state authorities are denied much power in their effort for control over interstate railroad legislation. The decision holds that Attorney General E. T. Young, of Minnesota, is in contempt of the United States circuit court and is based on his attempt to enforce a state railroad rate case. Young had been ordered by the court in question not to enforce the law, which he did. He appealed to the supreme court to release him from the punishment imposed. Justice Harland dissented.

PRINCE SAGAN HIES TO WASH'N

Suitor For Hand of Madame Gould to the Front Again

FIGHTS SHY OF PAPERS

He Outgeneraled An Army of Reporters Who Laid Siege to His Apartments in New York and Slipped Away to Washington—Some Extra Morsels of Gossip for the Scandal Mongers and Sensation Creators to Feed Upon—The "Hero of a Hundred Harmless Duels."

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 New York, March 23.—Prince Helle De Sagan, suitor for the hand and heart of Madame Anna Gould, the divorced wife of De Sagan's cousin, Count Bonie De Castellane, who arrived in New York surreptitiously to continue his courtship, departed secretly today for Washington. The object of his trip is a mystery and those who are friendly with De Sagan in this city refuse to discuss even his presence here.

It was said today by a man who was on the Adriatic last Thursday when Anna Gould's party landed here that Prince De Sagan was a member of the Gould retinue. The informant said that the ship list contained an assumed name for the prince and that he was also listed as a chauffeur. Why a chauffeur should be brought here from Paris who is entirely unfamiliar with New York streets, and why a driver should sail with the party when no automobile was carried were peculiar features.

Prince De Sagan cleverly out-generated the army of reporters who laid siege to his apartments in the Prince George Hotel today and slipped away to Washington which has been recently the temporary home of the duke of the Abruzzi.

It was not until last night when De Sagan visited the Gould home and dined with Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse and Mme. Gould later at the Wyoming that the confirmation of his presence here was obtained.
 However, the report last night had it that the prince had slipped away from Paris and sailed from London, England, to Halifax on a swift steamer, arriving in Montreal by rail early yesterday and leaving there for New York on the Montreal Express. The arrival of the prince in New York caused such a wave of gossip as had not been occasioned since the divorce granted Mme. Gould from her spendthrift husband. (Continued on Second Page.)

3D-TERM GHOST STALKS AGAIN

Tennessee Man Starts Roosevelt Scare Going

MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND

But There is Only One Inducement That Could Influence Him—Secretary of Nashville Board of Trade Says the President Said That If He Felt Sure He Could Carry Even One of the Late Confederate States He Would Reconsider Decision and Run This Year—Chance for Tennessee to Get in the Cabinet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Secretary E. S. Shannon, of the Nashville board of trade, upon his return from Washington, quotes President Roosevelt as saying that if he felt sure of carrying one of the southern states solid he would reconsider his announced decision and make the race for president this year.
 "I should like for the state of Tennessee," the president is quoted, "and if I should be re-elected after having carried Tennessee I would name a Tennessean as a member of my cabinet."

SALE OF FAMOUS HOMESTEAD OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 San Francisco, March 23.—Because of the quarrel with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, widow of the novelist, has advertised for sale her half of the famous Stevenson homestead in this city at the corner of Hyde and Lombard streets. Mrs. Lloyd Osborne, who has been unable to agree with her mother-in-law, owns the other half of the house, and refused to part with it.
 Mrs. Stevenson does not care to live so close to Mrs. Osborne in the future and therefore she has instructed her broker to dispose of her half of the house. As to the home of the great novelist, the Stevenson house has been a show-place in the city for many years.

No Session of Senate Today.
 (By Leased Wire to The Times.)
 Washington, March 23.—The senate adjourned today immediately after convening out of respect to Senator Bryan.
 The house considered District of Columbia bills.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION WRECKS ANTI-SALOON NEWSPAPER OFFICE

SUNDAY UNION LABOR MEETING SCORES TAFT

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 Toledo, Ohio, March 23.—At a union labor mass meeting attended by 2,000 persons, Congressman Isaac R. Sherwood declared the presidential candidacy of Secretary Taft to be inimical to the interests of the workmen. The congressman also condemned President Roosevelt for the presence of federal troops at Goldfield last winter.

General Sherwood said in part: "To William H. Taft are we indebted for government by injunction and the recent ruling of the supreme court on the questions of the boycott and the blacklist. Taft's decisions while a judge in the case against the bricklayers' union in Cincinnati and the strike of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers on the Ann Arbor Railroad later have been made the basis for nearly all these recent decisions of the supreme court detrimental to organized labor."
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CASTING OUT REFUSE AMONG IMMIGRANTS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—Thousands of undesirable foreigners are to be deported from the Pittsburg district within the next few months.
 John T. Harper, agent-at-large for the immigration bureau of the department of commerce and labor, is in Pittsburg now, gathering statistics incident to commencing deportations.

The crusade is the carrying out of the recent order of federal authorities to use deportation as a means of checking the growth of anarchistic sentiment and in ridding the country of the burden of taking care of indigent foreigners.
 Investigation of prison records is said to have shown a preponderance of prisoners of foreign birth.

Death of an Infant.
 Friends will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riddle in the death of their six-months-old child. The funeral will be tomorrow, the interment to be in Oakwood cemetery.

The Rock Island Daily News Was This Morning Victim of Revenge of Gamblers DYNAMITE BOMB UNDER BIG CYLINDER PRESS

Newspaper Which Had Done Much Toward Driving Gamblers Out of Illinois City and Had Fought the Election Battles of the Anti-Saloon League—Narrow Escape of Janitor and His Family, Asleep in the Building—Policeman Across Street Notified by Being Knocked Down by the Concussion.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 Rock Island, Ill., March 23.—Early today a terrific explosion, shaking the business center of Rock Island, occurred in the press room of the Daily News, which has been leading the fight of the anti-saloon forces, backed by a powerful law and order league, and has driven the gamblers from the city. The new \$10,000 press was wrecked, a dynamite bomb having been placed under the cylinder. Fragments of iron two inches thick and from one to five feet in length were found in all parts of the News building, which is three stories high and in the center of the retail district. The press room fronts an alley and the rear portion of the building was badly wrecked, walls being pushed out and floors let down. Janitor H. F. Heuck, his wife and two children, sleeping in a flat on the second floor, were thrown violently from their beds, and Heuck remained insensible for ten minutes. That no lives were lost is considered a miracle. The Daily News building sustained damage estimated at \$6,500. The entire plate glass front of another building eighty feet away was blown out and a policeman across the street was knocked down by the concussion.

METCALF DINNER WILL BE A BIG \$20 PLATE ONE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—A banquet at the Fairmont Hall, to be given the officers of the battleship fleet on the evening of May 8, at which Secretary of the Navy Metcalf will be the guest of honor, promises to be the greatest function of the kind ever held on the coast. There will be more than 600 at the tables and the dinner will cost \$20 a cover.
 Arrangements have been perfected for the governor's banquet. It will not only be a most notable affair in the welcome of the fleet but one of the most brilliant occasions of the kind given here.
 The Peruvian cruiser Admiral Grau is on the way to San Francisco and will be here during the naval celebration when the battleship fleet arrives.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY I.-C. COMMISSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
 Washington, D. C., March 23.—Merchandise billed from an interior point in the United States to a point in Europe is regarded as all-water transportation in a decision of the interstate commerce commission just handed down. The decision is in the case of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company of New Jersey against the Hamburg-American Packet Company and the North-German-Lloyd Steamship Company and the Wilson (Hull) lines and the Scandinavian American lines constituting the so-called "Baltic pool." It is held that the "pooling of the traffic by water carrier is plainly a matter over which this commission has no jurisdiction."
 Commissioner Lane wrote the opinion which is concurred in by all the other commissioners.

: : MISS-SPELLED WORD CONTEST : :

During the week ending March 28 a special mis-spelled word will be placed in the advertisement of some local merchant or local advertiser, and the person who finds and first reports that word to the merchant or advertiser in whose advertisement the word appears will be given a year's subscription. On the day in which the word appears, the merchant will be notified what word it will be and a year's subscription placed in his hands to give to the first person reporting that word to him.
 Remember, the word will be in a local advertisement and you must report the word to the firm in whose advertisement you find the word and if you have the correct word and you are the first one to find and report it they will give you the year's subscription.