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West Virginia Flood Was One of the Worst in the History of the Country.

DOUBTLESS A GREAT MANY OF THE MISSING WILL TURN UP IN TIME.

Report From Roanoke Is That Not More Than 40 or 50 Are Known to Be Dead—Destruction of Property Was Very Great—Few Bodies Have Been Recovered From the Debris—Water in Streams Higher Than Known Before.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.—Details of the fearful flood at the Pocahontas hat top region are slowly drifting in and fully bear out the fears entertained as to the havoc wrought by the storm.

Fifty dead bodies have been found. Thousands of people are homeless and it is feared that many are without food. There is little hope of sending the sufferers succor until railroad connection is restored.

Men are at work clearing away the debris and recovering the bodies of the dead.

The list of dead is being augmented hourly. Relief trains are running between this city and the edge of the stricken district and everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering and destitution.

Over a hundred miles of track belonging to the various coal operators are lost. Rails are bent and twisted like wires. Even the heavy girders of the collapsed railroad bridges were rendered useless.

Force Irresistible.

The force of the flood is better understood when it is explained that by reason of a long fill and a low iron bridge some distance up the valley the flood was dammed and a monster body of water accumulated, probably as large a volume as was contained in the famous dam at Johnstown. When this obstruction gave way, it let down a great flood on the villages and mining camps below.

It is reported that Dr. Hatfield, a prominent physician, and aUssman of the famous feudists of this section and Kentucky, was compelled to shoot two negro plunderers who were robbing defenseless flood sufferers. The negroes were both desperate characters.

The slowness of the recovery of bodies is because the corpses of the missing are hidden in mammoth piles of debris. Some of these piles are 20 feet high and cover, in some instances, as much as a half acre of ground, and it is the work of days to search through them.

It has been suggested that the best plan would be to burn these masses of debris, but the friends of the dead are loud in their denunciation of the idea. So bitter is the feeling regarding this matter that if it is attempted bloodshed will probably result.

Frightful List of Dead.

The list of missing and reported drowned is 249, but it will probably never be known how many have perished.

At Algoma a number of miners standing on a high point of water, waist deep, rescued 23 women and children as they floated past. A number to whom they threw ropes were so excited that they made no effort to save themselves. Thirty-four houses floated down and were dashed to pieces against the sides of the iron bridge at North Fork junction before the structure collapsed. A saw mill belonging to Belcher Brothers, was entirely swept away and no trace of it has yet been found except the boiler which was jammed into the end of a box car.

Further details from the Clinch valley are to the effect that three members of the Vandyke family are dead from injuries received in the flood. At Pounding Mill four are reported dead. The town of Liberty Hill, in Tazewell county was swept away, only two houses standing. When the water had reached the second story of the Methodist parsonage, W. L. Moore fastened ropes about the bodies of the wife and daughters of Rev. William Wagner and dragged them through the flood to safety. Others were rescued in this manner.

Estimates of the property loss in the flooded district are growing larger, and to-day the leading officials of the Norfolk & Western for the damage to railroad property between Crewson and Victor, W. Va., at $1,000,000. This covers a territory 25 miles in length, and the same officials consider that the damage to the property of the coal operators of the field will far exceed this amount. The total loss will very conservatively estimated at $5,000,000. Council began to hear the rural speak of the disaster on Friday. It will be 30 days before the road will be in shape to receive freight. The road will lose the entire month of June. It will be two weeks before the road will be in shape to receive passengers.

2,000 men are now at work repairing the damage. A like number of hands are at work at the various collieries.

NOT SO DISHEARTENING.

Loss of Life Declared to Be Much Less.

Roanoke, Va., June 24.—This short statement, made to-night by one of the general officers of the Norfolk & Western railroad, summarizes the flood situation, in the light of the latest dispatches, was given to the Associated press:

Restoration of the telegraph lines develops that the damage by flood through the coal fields was exaggerated. The loss of life will not exceed 60 or 70, and the damage to property, including repairs to the railroads and coal operations will not exceed $500,000. It is expected the railroad will get a line through to-morrow or next day.

The town of Keystone, while much damaged, was not wiped out, as reported. No estimate of property loss has been made either by coal operators or the railroad officials. The loss, however, is far up in the thousands. No definite news has been received from the coal fields, as all wires are still down and there is no means of communication. The estimate that 200 or more lives were lost is certainly too great. The railroad company's loss $500,000. Men and material are being hurried to the fields from all over the line of the Norfolk & Western.

The Valley of Destruction.

The trains are running from Bluefields and Ennis, which places are just outside the territory visited by the cloudburst last Saturday morning. The devastated section covers an area of about 20 miles west of Bluefield. It is a narrow valley, not much wider than a broad street in some places. The coal mines are scattered all along the road.

Keystone, the town reported to have been so greatly damaged, and which was at first believed to be wiped out of existence, is a village of between 2,000 and 3,000 people and is built along the narrow valley and on the sides of the bluffs. A creek runs through the town and over it houses are built on piles and rocks. This creek runs in a zigzag way through the narrow village, and has a gradual fall. The mountains on either side rise for hundreds of feet. Persons familiar with the situation of the town say it would be a death trap if the flood was as heavy as reported.

The inhabitants were warned by telephone of the coming flood and took to the hills. All reports agree that between 200 and 300 houses were swept away in the Elkhorn valley, but of course not all of the occupants were drowned.

There has been less than a score of bodies recovered and identified. The dead so far are: William Teiggend and wife, Martha Morgan, a white woman, Mrs. McCoy, an aged colored woman, and her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith, and grandaughter, Anna Smith, Sam Poindexter, John Ballard, Bell Brown, a family consisting of mother and four children, all colored. These bodies were all recovered.

Flood Beyond Precedent.

Huntington, W. Va., June 24.—The tremendous high water in the Tug river caused by a cloudburst along the headwaters of that stream, on Saturday, is a thing unprecedented in the history of that section, and the destruction of property along the Elkhorn and Dry Fork and down the Tug river to its mouth, is appalling.

The cloudburst occurred near the headquarters of the Elkhorn and Dry Fork, at the junction of the confluence near Welch form the main Tug river. Though both streams were swollen far beyond any proportions which they were ever before known to assume, the former one, which is traversed by the Norfolk & Western railway for a distance of about 20 miles, was by far the highest and it is reported that for a distance of more than 10 miles the road is practically washed away and several days will be required to repair the great damage which has been done.

Loaded Cars Swept Along.

Along the coal regions of the Elkhorn and the numerous big plants lower down box cars were swept along by the rushing flood and lodged against the rugged mountain sides, and in a few instances were carried down the Tug river even as far as below the falls. Many of the cars were loaded. All the numerous lumber plants are great losers to an extent conservatively estimated at a million and a half.

At Lager station, the river rose to 31 feet inside of three hours, delaying every house in the little town and washed away many of the outbuildings. Higher up the river the destruction is said to be even greater. Not over 100 yards of the road between Vivian and Ennis, a distance of 10 miles, appears to be left intact. Small towns above there occupying low land were submerged and many houses were washed away.

It is impossible to approximately estimate the loss of life. Early reports sent out indicated that it had been very great, but each subsequent report has lowered the number. It is safe to say that less than ten have perished and it need be no surprise to learn that no more than one-half, or possibly one-fourth, of that number have been lost.

The Twelve Pole river is rising, and no trains of any kind have been able to go further east than Dingess, and no wire is in working order beyond that place, so that all news by wire has had to come through the Bluefield and Roanoke offices.

Livestock Suffered.

Much livestock has been drowned. Among the drift and debris which fills the river, numbers of horses, cattle and hogs have been found.

It is reported that a number of box cars had floated out at the mouth of the Big Sandy which had come from the line of the Norfolk & Western. It is almost certain that these came from the Big Sandy branch of the Norfolk & Peake & Ohio, as Greffys creek, 20 miles above Louisa, is said to have been higher than it was ever known before.

Interest in the strike among the miners along the Norfolk & Western has been subordinated to the results of the flood. It will be weeks before there will be a possibility of shipping coal, so that he mine operators will be no need of the strike.

Steamer Further Reduced.

Radford, Va., June 24.—The latest news received from the flood swept region of West Virginia places the number of lives lost at 50 instead of several hundred as at first reported. Sixty miles of track was washed away, besides 12 engines and as many trains. Superintendent Dunn, of the Norfolk & Western, at Roanoke, said work would be pushed night and day. The Norfolk & Western officials in Roanoke say the road will be open for business in 30 days. It will be 30 days before the road will be in shape to receive freight. The road will lose the entire month of June. It will be two weeks before the road will be in shape to receive passengers.

Kaiser Studies Assassin's Case.

Berlin, June 24.—Emperor William is now studying the evidence in the proceedings against Frederick Emil Karl Weimar, the man who threw a stone at the emperor on the Unter den Linden. He also is studying the letter addressed to the emperor by the assassin. The letter is said to be very long and very eccentric. It is believed that Weimar is insane. The prisoner is to be examined next week by one of the Berlin physicians in the employ of the government, who will report to the emperor. The prisoner is being treated in the meantime in the Moabit prison, in the same cell occupied by Hoedel, the assassin of Prince Henry of Reuss.

BESSIE FISHER GETS 20 YEARS

Murderess of "Big Eva" Smith Paints When Judge Declares Her Punishment.

FORTITUDE HERETOFORE SHOWN BREAKS DOWN.

Wanted to Tell the Court How the Play Came Up, But He Had No Desire to Listen to Her Story—Other Events Happening in the State.

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Butte, June 24.—Judge McClernan to-day decreed that Bessie Fisher, who killed "Big Eva" Smith on the morning of Sunday, May 12, should be shut up in the state penitentiary for the term of 20 years as a punishment for the crime.

At the time the crime was committed, the defendant displayed great fortitude, laughing and making light of her act, but by and by she began to realize the enormity of the deed and her demeanor changed.

She was tried last week and convicted of murder in the second degree. When the verdict was read she screamed and measured her length on the floor. When sentence was pronounced to-day she repeated the performance and had to be carried from the room by deputy sheriffs.

Prior to dropping to the floor the Fisher woman expressed a desire to tell the court what provoked the murder and how much she thought of Eva Smith, but the judge declined to hear the statement.

JAIL BREAKERS FREE.

No Trace of the Fugitives Has Been Found.

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Butte, June 23.—No news has been received here to-day of the three men who escaped from the county jail yesterday. Sheriff James B. Furey to-day offered rewards aggregating $400 for the capture of the men. Of that amount $200 is offered for the capture of Peter Dempsey, who has been convicted of murder, and whose case is now before the supreme court on appeal. A reward of $100 is offered for the capture of Gus Schickendgot, who is charged with robbery, and the same amount is offered for the capture of Pat Healey, who is charged with robbery.

Descriptions of the men have been sent all over the country. So far as any clue in this vicinity is concerned, it would seem as though after their escape the earth had swallowed them up. While the officers are not saying what their opinion is, the general belief is that the men have not gotten beyond the confines of the county, but are hiding in the vicinity waiting for a better opportunity to get away. The descriptions sent out are as follows:

Peter Dempsey—Dark complexion; dark eyes and eyebrows; medium dark moustache. Had dark suit and black shirt on when he escaped. Height, about 5 feet 7 inches. Weight, about 145 pounds. Age, about 40 years.

Gus Schrickengost—Dark complexion; dark eyes and eyebrows; dark suit and black shirt. Height, about 5 feet 10 inches. Weight, about 180 pounds. Large, expressive eyes and a very smooth talker. Thumb and two forefingers of left hand missing. Age, about 40 years.

Pat Healey—Very red complexion; red hair and red moustache, light. Height, about 5 feet 9 inches. Weight, about 190 pounds. Had dark suit and black shirt. Limps on left leg.

HIT BY FALLING ROCK.

Unusual Accident to a Miner at Gilt Edge.

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Gilt Edge, June 24.—John Burke, who works in one of the mines of this camp, met with an accident in a peculiar manner. Just as the men were coming from work at six o'clock a blast in an open cut at Whisky gulch threw a quantity of rock high in the air. Burke, in company with several other miners, was 100 yards or more down the mountain side. A large piece of rock fell, striking him in the back of the head. He was immediately removed to the company hospital and upon examination it was found that his skull was fractured. In the morning the company physician, assisted by Dr. Attix, trepanned the skull, taking out a large clot of blood which had caused unconsciousness. Burke has survived and now seems to have a chance to pull through, but it was a close call.

BILLINGS HAPPENINGS.

Myrtle Brown Convicted of Shooting Mattie Langford.

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Billings, June 24—In the district court to-day Myrtle Brown was convicted of assault in the second degree. The prisoner was charged with shooting Mattie Langford, in April of this year. Both women are of the bad lands district and they quarreled over a mutual lover.

The case of Seth Ehr, charged with the murder of C. E. Duval, will come up for trial to-day.

The board of county commissioners to-day decided to refund $8,000 of the county indebtedness, which falls due July 1, 1901, one half being payable each year thereafter at five per cent, to be used in the funding in the state at par; $15,000 of the old issue will be paid at once by the county treasurer.

At a meeting of the school board held this afternoon C. E. Duval, will come up for trial to-day. Prof. Brothers comes highly recommended as a thoroughly competent educator, and the board feels that they have secured the right man.

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WAS A BRAVE ACT

Engineer Frederick H. Davies, of Chicago, Lost His Own Life by It.

TRYING TO AVERT A POSSIBLE TRAIN WRECK.

Not the First Brave Thing He Had Done in the Years of His Service and in Behalf of the City Where He Made His Home.

Chicago, June 24.—After having raised the cry that saved his wife, and in an effort to prevent a possible train wreck, in which he feared that scores of persons would perish, Frederick H. Davies, for many years prominent as a civil engineer on lines running out of Chicago, sustained injuries from which he died last night.

Mr. Davies has for some time been acting as engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio, at Milford, Ind., near which city the grade of the road is being changed. The work was under Mr. Davies's direction, and he was in the habit of riding from place to place along the line on a handcar. Observing that there were quantities of wild strawberries along the right of way, near his work, Mr. Davies invited his wife to accompany him to Milford for an outing. They reached the place about noon, and in the afternoon set out after the strawberries, Mrs. Davies going as a passenger on a handcar propelled by her husband and one of his rodmen.

Returning in the evening, the trio approached Gravelton when they noticed a freight train with a caboose, in which were a number of trainmen and laborers, backing swiftly down upon them.

Returned to His Fate.

The three jumped to the ground in safety, but Davies, fearing the hand car would throw the train down the high embankment, endeavored, with the aid of the rodman, to get it off the track, when the train struck them. The rodman escaped, but Davis was fatally injured.

A brakeman on the caboose, who had seen the peril, warned the engineer so that the train was slowed down when the crash came.

Mr. Davis was born in Stroud, England, 54 years ago, and after studying in an English university and learning the engineering profession came to Chicago, where he entered the service of the Illinois Central railroad.

He was working for that road as a draughtsman at the time of the great Chicago fire. When the flames threatened the Lake Front station, Mr. Davies stretched a hose and an empty freight car, ran them into the depot and thus saved everything there. He remained at the work until driven out by the fire and succeeded in saving the most valuable books and records of the company.

PEACEMAKER WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

Poor Return For His Efforts to Save Others From Harm.

Chicago, June 24.—A man whose intentions apparently were those of a peacemaker became a mark for a slayer shortly before midnight, when William Moriarity, a bill poster, was shot to death. There had been a quarrel and a fight, in which three men participants were injured. Bricks and stones were flying through the air as four bill posters, one of whom was Moriarity, fought out a grievance that had its source in Moriarity's discharge from the services of the bill posting company.

The man who did the shooting was standing on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. When the fight was at its worst he was seen to draw a revolver from his pocket and advance to the street, where he hesitated. Then raising the pistol without apparent aim, he fired, the bullet struck Moriarity between the eyes. The man fell dead and the slayer ran away, escaping. Three arrests were made, the men taken in custody being Charles Hill, Charles Hennessy and Jack Grady. They were the three with whom Moriarity fought.

Cortez Confessed Identity.

Dallas, Tex., June 24.—Gregorio Cortez, the Mexican captured at the coal mines above Laredo charged with killing Sheriffs Glover and Morris, of Karnes county, and Henry Schnebel, a member of the posse, about 10 days ago, was brought to San Antonio today on a special train from Laredo and lodged in jail. The prisoner admits his identity and acknowledges his having killed the three officers named. It has not been determined when he will be taken to Karnes county.

Jingo Joe in Evidence.

London, June 24.—Joe Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, has signalised the anniversary of the attack of June and his resumption of his duties by telegraphing to the unionist candidate for Stratford-on-Avon to remind the electors that "a seat lost to the government would be a seat gained by the Boers." Thus repeating the dictum which earned him unlimited abuse at the time of the last election.

Closed a Promising Career.

New York, June 20.—People in London, says the Tribune's London correspondent, are not unmindful of the part that during the early days of the Boer war, Lord Kitchener discharged his honorary duties on behalf of the British prisoners in Pretoria with the utmost tact and discretion. It is felt in London that his tragic death closes one of the most promising careers in the American diplomatic service.

Forger Pleads Guilty.

Portland, Ore., June 24.—George Simmonds, alias Wilson, who is said to live at Seattle, and who was recently arrested here charged with forging the names of various persons to bank checks, was arraigned in court this morning, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Fire in Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Ore., June 24.—An entire block of frame buildings on East Water and East Madison streets, including a warehouse and small stores was destroyed by fire early after midnight. The total loss will reach $50,000. The principal losers are Ladd & Tilton, bankers, owners of the H. C. Allen Machine company, and R. D. French, hardware.

TAKEN FROM DAWSON TO THEIR LONG HOMES.

Bodies of Many Who Died To Be Brought Down.

Dawson, June 16, via Seattle, June 24.—Bodies of several people who died in Dawson last winter are to start for the outside within a few weeks. They are all to be taken to their old homes for interment. The remains of the following have been ordered prepared for shipment: Chris Sonnikson, Yukon pioneer and Dawson freighter, to go to San Jose, Cal.; infant of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kasbel, to go to Tacoma; infant of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Marsden, to go to California; Mrs. Frank Bromley, wealthy bonanza miner, to go to Pennsylvania; Gertie Duval, noted dance hall girl of rush days, to go to Kentucky; Elmer A. Pfoff, to go to Iowa; child of Thomas Lingo, Seattle. The child of Frank Bromley has left for Australia.

The body of an unknown man was found in the Yukon several days ago, 15 miles below Forty Mile, and buried over to the police. It evidently had been in the water a long time. Decomposition was so far advanced the body could not be identified, and there is no one who is known to have been drowned on the river who is thought to be the man.

COUNTING THE CHINESE IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Registration Has Been Finished and They Number 27,000.

Honolulu, June 16, via San Francisco, June 24.—The registration of Chinese in Hawaii has been finished. The number registered is about 27,000. This is about 1,000 in excess of the estimate shown by the last census to be in Hawaii, but the difference is accounted for by the fact that many persons whose blood was partly Chinese took the precaution of registering, to insure their right to live in the country, while such were not put down as Chinese in the census.

The treasury department has been asked for a ruling as to the standing of Chinese who are absent from the territory on certificates allowing them to return after visiting China.

The special court created by the legislature to hear claims growing out of the "plague" fire in Chinatown now has 2,934 claims before it, over half of them being Japanese. The amounts asked for aggregate about $1,750,000.

The suit of the Wahiawa Sugar company against J. N. Atherton, for the possession of some Wahiawa land, promises to furnish a test of the constitutionality or none of the most important and most discussed sections of the organic act of Hawaii. The section in question is that which declares that no corporation in Hawaii shall hold and acquire more than 1,000 acres of land. The sugar company has set forth in its pleadings against Atherton that he already holds more than 1,000 acres of land in the Wahiawa Agricultural company.

KNIGHTS OF CATHOLIC ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

Gather in Cincinnati For Their Annual Convention.

Cincinnati, June 24.—Fifteen thousand uniformed knights of the Catholic Order of St. John have arrived here to attend their twenty-third annual convention which began a four days' session to-day. The opening exercise of the convention was held in St. Peter's Cathedral, at which a splendid high mass was read. The attending knights then marched to the Lyceum, where the business sessions are to be held.

Among the questions to be considered are the amalgamation of all Catholic societies into a general organization and the placing of limitations on a number of terms allowed for national officers. The ladies auxiliary also opened their meeting here.

HAY WILL REBUILD REJECTED CANAL TREATY.

Will Present One Almost Certain to Command Approval of Senate.

Washington, June 24.—After the most exhaustive investigation and sounding of senators, Secretary Hay has satisfied himself that he has been able to find a firm foundation on which to erect another canal treaty to replace the Hay-Pauncefote treaty that failed, and one that will be almost certain to command the approval of the senate.

It is his ambition to remove absolutely as a cause of possible conflict in the future, the understanding of the effective to apply the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the conditions of to-day. This object is almost within reach, he feels, and he is seriously possible for Secretary Hay to secure a full opportunity to present a proposition for this, in season for its submission to congress at the next regular session.

Rio Grande to Be Independent.

Salt Lake, June 24.—The Rio Grande Western railroad, which recently became a part of the Denver & Rio Grand system, will, according to President W. T. Jeffry, who is in Salt Lake for a time, hereafter be operated as an independent system. The following changes in officials will be made: General Manager Metcalf, of the D. & R. G., will be appointed general manager of the Rio Grand Western; General Traffic Manager Kugher, of the D. & R. G., will act as general traffic manager of the Rio Grande Western, S. H. Babcock, general passenger agent of the latter road, to have the title of assistant general passenger agent, with jurisdiction of both systems. No other changes in Rio Grande Western heads of departments are contemplated, it is stated.

Wolf Mitchell Home Again.

San Francisco, June 24.—Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the author of "Hugh Wynne, Quaker," arrived here on the steamer Nippon Maru from Yokohama to-day. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Dr. Hugh Cabot, his partner, of New Hampshire. Among the other passengers were Rear Admiral Stephen B. Elkins, jr., of West Virginia; Earl Alexander, of Tunis, Africa; J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York; Mr. Cooper, of New York; W. E. Webster, of Los Angeles, and S. Cobb Cole, of Chicago.

Wedding in Army Circles.

New York, June 24.—Miss Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of Major Gen. Hunter, U. S. A., and Lieut. Frank Parker Lyon, U. S. A., were married in Trinity church, this city, by the Rev. Dr. Lee and Lieut. Rice, uncle of the bride, assisted by the rector of Trinity church. The party sailed for New York for the purpose of having the wedding

NEW PRINCIPLE IS ESTABLISHED

Outcome of Certain Annoying Circumstances During the War With Spain.

RELATES TO ACTION OF NEUTRAL WARSHIPS.

Hereafter They May Enter or Leave Blockaded Ports Only With the Consent of the Commander of the Blockading Forces.

New York, June 24.—It is pointed out in a Washington spatch to the Herald, that "Foreign Relations of the United States," just issued by the state department, shows that a new principle relative to the entrance and departure of neutral vessels of war at a blockaded port, was established during the war with Spain.

Because of the conduct of German men-of-war in entering and leaving ports in the Philippines, without first consulting the American naval commanders, Secretary of State Hay sent a circular note to all the powers announcing that "it is advisable that all ground of error or misunderstanding be avoided by the attention to the rules prescribed by prudence as well as courtesy. To this end, a neutral man-of-war desiring to enter or depart from a blockaded port should communicate with the senior commander of the blockading forces."

Responding to Secretary Day's note, Baron von Holleben made suggestions which were embodied by the state department into rules, which will be carefully observed in future wars. These rules provide that a prerequisite of the entrance of a neutral vessel of war into a blockaded port, should be the consent of the government establishing the blockade and the approach of the blockaded port in such a manner that the senior officer of the blockading squadron would recognize with certainty the neutral vessel, and that arrangements to identify the vessel leaving the port as a neutral shall be made by the commanding officer of the blockading squadron and the commanding officer of the vessel in the port.

SHIP FROM ORIENT BROUGHT THE PLAGUE.

Half a Dozen Deaths During the Voyage From the Dread Disease.

Washington, June 24.—Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital today was informed by Dr. McKay, the quarantine officer at San Diego, Cal., of the arrival at that port of a plague infected ship. The vessel is the British steamer Carlisle City, which sailed from Hong Kong May 24, and coming via Yokohama and Honolulu, reached San Diego late last month. Dr. McKay reports that there were six deaths en route, five of which were certainly caused by the plague, and the sixth is supposed to have been. All the deaths but one were among members of the crew, the exception being a Chinese steerage passenger. Dr. McKay reports that all the others on board are in good health.

Nevertheless, the vessel is being thoroughly disinfected and kept well away from the wharf so as to prevent the escape of rats as well as persons.

The crew of the Carlisle City consisted of eight Europeans and 44 Chinamen. The vessel carried one European cabin passenger and 12 Chinese steerage passengers.

WANTED TO SEE MORE BLOODSHED IN CHINA.

Army Officer Disappointed at His Tame Military Experience.

San Francisco, June 24.—Chief of Staff Colonel Rierman, of the German army in China, who recently was the steamer China, on route to Germany, Colonel Biemann occupies an important position with the allies. In addition to being Count Waldersee's chief of staff, and the personal representative of the German emperor at von Waldersee's headquarters, he was charged with the duty of employing all of the allied forces that were placed under command of the German field marshal. He says he was disappointed because his military experience in China was very tame.

The adjustment of all grievances between the foreign powers and China is now in a fair way to be accomplished," said Colonel Reimann, "but peaceful relations are not yet established. Germany finds it advisable to keep a considerable guard in the country."

HAWAIIAN JUDGE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Judge Humphreys, the Man With a Penchant For Sending Up.

San Francisco, June 24.—Judge Humphreys, of the United States court of Hawaii, whose recent decisions in sentencing two prominent lawyers of that city to 30 days' imprisonment for contempt of court and their immediate pardon by Acting Governor Cooper, have caused a stir in Hawaiian political and legislative circles, has arrived with his wife in this city. Judge Humphreys asserts that he is here for rest and recreation solely, and that his visit has no connection at all with the alleged charges against him made by a Honolulu paper which he removed. He says he has no knowledge of such attack.

Shot Capsized by Squall.

Port Costa, Cal., June 24.—Late Sunday night E. Sperry, a boatbuilder, employed by the Southern Pacific company, and Joe Bender, the Milnes Kate and Agnes Kerns, and Mike Mandis Sullivan, started for a sail in a small sailboat. A squall suddenly capsized the boat, throwing the occupants into the water. They managed to cling to the upturned boat. Bender and Sullivan swam ashore to reach the boat and were drowned. The two girls clung to the boat for two hours when they were able to get aboard in condition from the cold and exposure, and were picked up by a dredger who went to their aid.

Jessie Morrison Case Argued.

Kansas City, June 24.—A crowd in the court room of Judge Ralph, yesterday afternoon, when the jury in the case of Jessie Morrison was discharged, was disappointed. The case will probably go to the jury early in the morning. Mrs. Morrison's counsel r