

PERISH IN SIGHT OF LAND.

Over 100 People Drowned Off Golden Gate

San Francisco, Feb. 22—A pilot's attempt to bring in during a thick fog the big Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro early this morning led to the wreck of the vessel on Fort Point Ledge, outside the Golden Gate, and the loss of 128 persons out of a total of 206 on board.

The explanation of the terrible loss of life is that the vessel sank in 15 minutes after she struck, carrying down most of the small boats which still hung on the davits. The officers showed great coolness and the passengers behaved well until the bow began to sink suddenly.

When it was seen that the vessel was on the point of sinking there was a wild panic. Men and women ran screaming to the boats, only to find them not lowered. Over one hundred Chinese were huddled together below, simply dazed with terror. Many jumped overboard and were carried down by the suction of the steamer. All about was thick darkness which probably prevented many from escaping.

The most prominent passenger of the steamer was Rousaville Wildman, United States consul at Hongkong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. All were drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she struck. He was rescued. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel. Reports as to his fate differ. Some say that he remained on the bridge until the last, directing the lowering of the boats, while others claim that when he saw that further efforts were useless he went into his cabin, locked the door and presumably committed suicide, as he had threatened to do if he ever had a wreck.

The fate of Consul General Wildman and his family was settled by Mrs. West, who saw them all, except one child, in a small boat alongside the steamer. Just as the vessel sank a mast fell cutting in two the boat in which the Wildmans were and sinking it. As the Wildmans were not seen afterward they doubtless sank with the vessel.

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Blood of Man And Monkey.

The Clinical Weekly, of Berlin, publishes a description of a recent discovery by Professors Wasserman and Shuetze of the physiological institute and Chief Director Koeh of a method of distinguishing human blood, whether old or fresh, from that of all animals save the monkey. The experiments showed that the blood of monkeys, in respect to albumen, was next in natural affinity to the blood of man. The test was based on the employment of hemolysine and prappitine. The discovery will be of immense service in the detection and investigation of crime.

It will be of intense interest also to scientists of the Darwinian school as it will tend strongly to sustain their theory of the descent of man from lower orders, presumably from some family of the man-like apes.

Story of A Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a god-send to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by C. H. Drake, druggist.

Black Eye For Jointists.

Gov. Stanley signed the Hurrell temperance bill, recently passed by the Kansas legislature, which makes places where liquor is sold common nuisances, and allows the county officials to confiscate the illegal stock. Another temperance bill by Hurrell is in the hands of the judiciary committee. It provides that the county attorneys have the power to compel witnesses to testify in cases involving violation of the prohibitory law. The Hurrell measure is the first of the many temperance bills introduced since the Nation crusade began to become a law.

No Exhibit.

The senate has defeated the bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose of making an exhibit of the mineral resources of Montana at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo. It seems as though the treasure state could afford to make the small appropriation called for in the bill but the wise senators thought otherwise and defeated the measure.

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A Coming Entertainment.

The Ladies Industrial Society have a date for March 15, at which time they will give a "Mirth and Mystery" entertainment. An interesting program will be rendered by the best home talent after which the ladies will serve refreshments. Following are the committees who will have charge:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE—Mesdames C. McDonald, Dr. Stearns, C., Cooper, Erickson and Miss Ralston.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE—Mesdames Burd, Taylor, Coffey and Smith.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE—Mesdames Cole, Wilcox, Moore, Burton, Dunlap.

DOOR COMMITTEE—Mesdames Brown and Beaupre.

An admission fee of 25cts will be charged for adults and 10 cts for the children.

Eight Hours For Carpenters.

The Carpenters and Joiner's Union of Great Falls has served notice upon the contractors and builders, that they have passed resolutions to the effect that after May 1st eight hours will be considered by them a day's work and that the schedule of wages will be \$4 per day.

That similar action will be taken by other trades unions and by other classes of laborers seems certain. The eight-hour movement is not ended yet by a long way.

Consul Wildman's Career.

Consul General Wildman has not been in the United States since the Spanish war broke out. He was appointed from California and was related to Senator Stewart of Nevada, having married a niece of the latter. His services in the East covered all the events leading up to and including the Spanish war. He was in communication with Aguinaldo at the time and was accused by the Filipino leader of having made unfulfilled promises to him, but steadily denied the statements to this effect. Mr. Wildman was on his way home on leave of absence. He was a native of Elmira, N. Y., but 12 years ago went to Idaho, where he was an editor of a paper at Boise. About this time Mr. Wildman was appointed consul at Singapore and after his return located at San Francisco where he engaged in magazine work.

Prevention of A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at C. H. Drake's drug store.

Mrs. Nat Collins, the "Cattle Queen" to Give an Entertainment in Choteau.

Sometime during the forthcoming term of court Mrs. Nat Collins will give her illustrated entertainment entitled "Wanderings in the West," "From the great Missouri to the dome of the Rockies," "Across the plains, through the mountains and over the Glaciers."

Mrs. Collins has received exceptionally favorable press notices throughout the east and upon the Pacific coast where she has presented her entertainments. During her trip to Alaska last summer she gathered material for an interesting and instructive talk upon her personal experiences in the Cape Nome gold fields. The illustrations were made and colored expressly for Mrs. Collins and are projected upon over 400 square feet of canvas by a powerful stereopticon, using calcium light. Further notice will be given of the time and place of the entertainment.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LuGrange, G., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but he writes that Bucklin's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Boils, Wounds, Burns, Pain and Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cures guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by C. H. Drake, druggist.

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