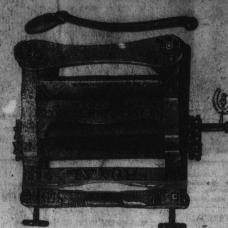
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#### OCEAN HORROR.

Over Hundred Lives Lost on Rio de Janeiro.

lames of the Passengers Who Wers

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—R. P. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, in discussing the loss of the Rio De Janelro, said he thought the blame was due to Captain Ward in bringing his vessel in during a fog. "Time and again," said Mr. Schwerin, "we have warned our captains never to leave or enter port during a fog. It is erroneous to think that when a pilot boands a vessel that the captain has no more responsibility. A pilot is simply a guide for a captain.

"The statements made to me by Pilot Jordan indicate that there was a fog hanging around the heads, and I think that undue thaste was shown by the captain in bringing his vessel in. I cannot understand why there should have been so much haste shown, considering the vessel lay outside all might. Captain Ward was a careful officer, and I learn that when he reached Honolulu with the Rio he watted outside the bay for elevenhours, rather than take any chances in the rough weather. Of course he is not here to speak. I wish that he were.

wanted outside the bay for eleven hours, rather than take any for nelven in the rough weather. Of course he is not here to speak. I wish that he were, for he was one of our best officers. He was brought up in our service, and we all feel deeply over his loss and those of his comrades.

"I cannot state exactly the value of the Rio De Janeiro, but it is, between \$800,000 and \$900,000. We have between \$400,000 and \$500,000 insurance on the vessel, part of which is carried by insurance companies and part of which we carry ourselves. The value of her cargo was probably between \$150,000 and \$200,000. I do not think she had any amount of specie on board."

In reference to further questions Mr. Schwerin stated that he did not think there was the slightest chance for ratsing the vessel.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Friends here
f the United States consul general,
Vildman, have little hope of his havng escaped death in the ill-fated
teamer Rio De Janeiro, off San Fran-

ing escaped death in the hi-taked steamer Rio De Janeiro, off San Francisco harbor.

His brother, Edwin Wildman, who is now in this city, and who was formerly vice-consul at Hong Kong, is still cherishing the belief that the consul general and his family may have taken to wife boat and that they may yet be heard from.

Harry Cripps Matheson, who is also sipposed to be among the lost in the Rio De Janeiro disaster, had been in China and Japan, representing an engineering firm. Mr. Matheson was for many years in the department of the Chinese government, holding the rank of mandarine. When he left the service of the government for Formosa, the imperial employes conferred upon him the insignia of the Double Dragon, the highest order to which forely matheson, helped to build and

elimers are admitted.

Mr. Matheson helpes to build and open the first railway in Formosa, developed the first coal mine there under European management, and established the first electric light plant on the

age, and unmarried, his home being in Hendon, near London, with his mo-ther. He was bound thither when he left Yokohama.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.— The sinking of the Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro after striking a rock in the Golden Gate during the dense fog yesterday morning, was the most appailing disaster this coast has known for many years. Most of the bodies of the 120 or more victims are at the bottom

#### MONUMENT.

P. McCREARY, J. JOHNSON, J.B. SCOTT, F. W. WITHERS.

"And if unchanged that ancient banner
Keep yet its place in pride,
Let none forget how vast the
debt
We owe to those who died."

-Sir Francis Doyle (1856.)

Little more than a year ago these young men were at home an New Brunswick. They responded to the empire's call, and today they sleep beneath the sod of South Africa. It is proposed to erect a monument to their memory in the city of St. John. A quarter of a dollar is the basis of subscription. Contributors may send as many quarters as they choose. The object in making twenty-five cents the basis is to enable all to share in the erection of a memorial to our honored dead. Contributions may be sent to the Star office. On application blank forms will be sent to be filled in with names and amounts. The Star invites all to contribute and make the monument worthy of the men who died for the flag, and worthy of the city of the Loyalists.

"JIMMY" McLEOD'S CONDITION.

Mrs. McLeod of Rockland Road is anxious to know how her son James, the ex-catcher of the Roses baseball team, is getting along in Calgary, N. W. T. About a fortnight ago the Star told of his being caught in a storm on the plains with two companions. McLeod's friends died from freezing and exposure, and the St. John young man himself had his hands and feet badly frost-bitten. No word has been received since this first message, and Mrs. McLeod is fearing her boy may be in a frail-physical state, if not dead. Should not a letter be received tonight, Mrs. McLeod will wire tomorrow for definite information.

Messrs. Price & Shaw yesterday signed the contract to build two wat-ering carts for \$535. The only other tender received was from J. A. Kelly

for \$40.

Messrs. Andrew Johnston & Son have signed a contract to remove the Reed's Point warehouse for \$150. THE STAR WAS RIGHT.

The Board of Education of New The Board of Education of New Brunswick announces in its last manual the restoration of Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday as holdays in the public schools. This decision was announced exclusively in the Star in December last. The Easter holdays had been taken away from the scholars two years ago, but public opinion was against the action.

SKATING CHALLENGES

Fen Parker challenges Len. Daly to a one mile race, from opposite sides of the rink, next Thursday evening, in the Victoria Rink. In answer to Breen's challenge, Parker states that if Daly does not skate him next Thursday evening he will retire for the season. In any case he will not meet any other skater this season.

EGGS ARE PLENTIFUL. ,000,000 Received in New York in One

The receipts of eggs in this city yesterday, says Wednesday's Mail and Express, as reported on the Mercantile Exchange, were nearly 11,000 cases. These cases contain 360 eggs, so that the aggregate amount was nearly 4,-

(Philadelphia, Press.)

Hi Tragerdy—By Hercules! you do appear to be on your uppers. How did thappen?

Lowe Comerdy—I am the viavile plot.

Hi Tragend

#### STRATHCONAS.

They Left Liverpool on the Numidian Today

And Will Land at Halifax-About a Hundred Remain in England for a Time.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Most of the members of Strathcona Horse, which arrived here from South Africa Iast week, left early this morning and later embarked at Liverpool upon the steamer Numidian for their homeword journey. The troopers were played to the station by a band of pipers of the Scota guard. The large crowds which witnessed their departure and the rousing cheering showed the popularity of the Canadians. The colors presented by the king were carried by a subaltern. Lord Strethcona and Mount Royal, the Duke of Abercorn and many others were present at the station to bid the troopers farewell.

About 100 of the Canadians will remain in London for the transaction of private business.

ortivate business.
OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—A cable from Lord Strathcona announces that Strathcona's Horse will sail on the Numidian from Liverpool for Halifax

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The rumor that Gen. Dewet has been captured was put in circulation again on the stock exchange this morning, but no confirmation of the report could be obtained.

DE AAR, Feb. 19 (Tuesday).—Commandant Froneman's force, about 1,000 strong, has separated from General De Wet and gone north. Commander Wet is moving westward to with a fresh supply circum, who is coming with a fresh supply of Drift, but subsequently released at Houtenkraal, from which point he made his way to De Aar, asserts that he and his fellow prisoners were shamefully treated by the Boers. He says he saw Gen. De Wet personally siamboking a Birtishia officer for expostulating in reference to the treatment.

A NEW STAR.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Feb. 23.—A conblegram has been received from Dr. T.
Anderson, at Edinburgh, Scotland,
claiming the discovery of a new star.
The position is R. A. 3 hours 24 minutes 24 seconds and Dec. plus 43 degrees 34 minutes.

At Harvard college observatory, on
Feb. 19, a photograph showed that it
was then fainter than the magnitude
10, 5. This result was confirmed by
photographs taken in Feb. 2, 6, 8 and
10th, 1901. Accordingly within three
days this star has become one of the

10th, 1901. Accordingly within three days this star has become one of the brightest objects in the sky.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Standard has received the following from its correspondent at Shanghai:
"An imperial decree orders the Chinese officials in Pekin to repair the palaces there promptly, that they may be in readiness to receive the court, which leaves Sian Fu toward the end of March."

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. '23. — Moderate winds, fair and moderately cold. Sunday, winds becoming easterly, fair at first, then unsettled.

WASHLINGTON, Feb. 23.—Eastern states and northern New York.—Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday, increasing cloudiness, probably enow; fresh southerly winds, probably becoming northeasterly.

BIG CIGAR COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-The Journal of Commerce says:

The new American Cigar company is said to have 32 factories that it will operate. These include the Cheroot and All-Tobacco cigarette branches, turned over by the American Tobacco Co. The company also has acquired factories in New York and Passac, N. J.

A BLIZZARD.

ODESSA, Feb. 23.—Following a week of intermittent snow storms a terrific blizzard has been raging in this region since yesterday morning. The railways are blocked and numerous trains are snowed in. Many villagers are blockaded in their houses and there is six feet of snow in the streets.

THE SURGEON'S ERROR.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 23.-Miss Via Lewis, a pretty young society woman of Findlay, died last night as the result of an operation for tonsilitis. The surgeon's instruments slipped, severange an artery, and before the surgeon knew the result of his error she was in a dying condition. She died in twenty minutes.

ALBANI SAILED YESTERDAY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—Chas. A. Harris has received a cablegram from Mr. Gye, informing him that Madame Al-bani sailed yesterday. DO NOT DRINK WHILE EATING.

(Ladles' Home Journal.)

Liquids at meals, if taken too often or too carelessly, are hable to dilute the gastric julces. Take no liquid of any kind when food is in the mouth. Take as little as possible till the close of the meal. The digestive agents themselves being fluids, it is reasonable to suppose that an excess of liquids taken with the food will thave a tendency to dilute and thereby weaken the digestive julces.

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WU'S IDEAS OF AMERICAN WO-MEN.

The Chinese minister at Washington, Wu Ting Fang, has this to say of the American woman of today:

"No foreigner in America fails to be impressed with the importance of the role women play in this country. Their activity in the social and business world gives certain subtle quadities to American life not found where the influence of women is less generally, and definitely exerted.

"It seemed to me once that there was danger of woman usurping man's place in the world. I have come to think it does not much matter if she does. I believe in the survival of the fittest. Success, surely, is the only teat of fitness. Let the women go on, then; let them go as far as they can.

"Those who are unfit for the race will fall by the wayside and only the truly fit can win."