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STRIKERS SHOT IN NEW JERSEY

Demonstration of Mob at Plant of Employers Has Serious Results

MILITIA IS CALLED OUT

Citizens Fear Further Trouble Today From Renewal of Attack

Perth, Amboy, Nov. 25.—Following a pitched battle between seven hundred strikers and twelve deputy sheriffs today at the factory of the National Fireproofing Co. at Keasbey, near here, in which six of the strikers were shot down, Governor Fort, in response to a call for troops, despatched four companies of the State National Guard at Trenton to the scene, and tonight the streets are patrolled by 250 soldiers.

A feeling of intense excitement prevails, as the strikers declare the deputies were not justified in firing upon them. Two of the wounded men are painfully hurt.

Although Keasbey was quiet tonight, the citizens fear for the morrow, when the strikers threaten to renew the attack on the plant of the National Fireproofing Company.

Two weeks ago the men employed by the Puritan River Clay company went on strike for higher wages. Then each succeeding day the strikers constantly increased in numbers, marching to other towns to induce employees to leave their work. The strikers, nearly all of whom are foreigners, say that they were given to understand before the election that if Taft was elected their pay would be restored to $1.50 a day. The officials of the factories say that no such promise was made.

The situation became so serious that the sheriff swore in fifty deputy sheriffs to guard the factories of the National Fireproofing Co. at Keasbey, the seat of most of the trouble, and a number of smaller concerns down the river.

Early today the mob of strikers gathered around the factory in Keasbey. It was observed that the foreigners were armed with heavy iron pipes, pitchforks, clubs and stones, and some of them showed revolvers, the police say. Chief Inspector Burke, when bringing lunch to the deputies was threatened with personal injury.

So far as is known, the strikers did not return the fire which resulted in six of their numbers being stricken by the bullets of the deputies.

At 1:45 o'clock this afternoon, Prosecutor Birdeen, of Middlesex county, telegraphed a request to Governor Fort for troops. Col. Fred Gilkinson, assistant adjutant general, was sent to Keasbey to investigate the situation and to advise the governor whether troops were needed. It was on the advice of Col. Gilkinson that the troops were sent to the scene.

CHINESE EDITOR'S TOUR

He Sends Letter to President-Elect, Speaking Thankfully of Reception Accorded Him

New York, Nov. 25.—Li Sum Ling, the Chinese editor who has been making a tour of the United States, leaves tomorrow for his home at Hongkong.

Before his departure, Mr. Ling addressed a letter to Judge Taft, who had received the Chinese editor during his western trip, in which he says: "I am about to leave America for my home in China. I have just returned from an extensive trip through the western and southern states, where I received a most kindly welcome at the hands of both public and private citizens, and where I was given an opportunity to advocate and advance the idea of closer relations between the United States and China, the idea you were kind enough to permit me to discuss during my tour of the west.

"I have been cheered and encouraged during my tour, to find in all sections of the country deep sympathy with China, an universal desire to help preserve and advance progress and a keen appreciation of the mutual advantages that would accrue from closer advantages between these two friendly peoples.

"Now upon the eve of my departure from the United States, I desire to express to you and through you, to the great nation over whose destinies you are summoned to preside, my warmest and heartfelt thanks, and I sincerely hope that the very friendly relations which now exist between the two peoples will continue to increase more and more every day."

Chicago Counterfeiters.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—That the counterfeit $5 bills which have been freely circulated in Chicago and other cities in the last two months were manufactured by an organized gang operating in Chicago, and that this gang is broken up, was the statement made last night by United States secret service officers, following a number of arrests. The men arrested are declared to have made confessions saying that $30,000 worth of bills were made, that plates were engraved by one of the gang and the false money was struck off in wholesale lots at a place in West Adams in Chicago. With Lee Brown, Edward Wheed and Edward Westcott under arrest, are Dr. W. H. Young, George Anderson and Iola Berkinson, the latter three are held in connection with the circulation of the bills.

Erie to Issue Bonds.

Albany, N Y., Nov. 25.—Application was made to the public service commission, second district, today by the Erie Railroad company for permission to issue bonds to the amount of $30,000,000 for the purpose of refunding obligations and for improvements to be made within the next two years. The application was presented by George F. Brownell, vice-president of the company.

Election Worker Convicted.

Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 25.—After having been out twenty minutes the jury in the case of Tomlinson, charged with impersonation at Dexter poll, returned with a verdict of guilty, accompanied by a recommendation for mercy.

King Manuel Safe

London, Nov. 25.—There is no confirmation here of the reports circulated in America that King Manuel of Portugal has been attacked by a mob in the streets of Lisbon. Manuel was at Oporto yesterday reviewing the garrison there, and he met with a hearty reception from the assembled troops.

Charged With Murder

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and John D. Cooper were arraigned today in the criminal court charged with the murder of former United States Senator Edward Carmack. Their trial was set for Dec. 8. Each was arraigned separately. As each indictment was read, a plea of not guilty was entered. The prisoners were not allowed bail.

Lake Steamer Sunk

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 25.—The steel steamer North Star, of the Mutual Transit line of Buffalo, was sunk early today in Lake Huron, by a collision in a dense fog while off Port Sanilac. The North Star sank so quickly that her crew had barely time to escape to the Northern Queen, which also suffered considerable damage, but was able to proceed back to Port Huron. Both boats were built at Cleveland in 1889. They are 295 feet long.

Fast Freight Delivery

Calgary, Nov. 25.—From Liverpool to Calgary (5,089 miles) by freight in twenty-one days. This remarkable time has just been made on a shipment of two cars of goods from Carr & Co., of Liverpool, to L. T. Mewburn & Co., of this city via the Canadian Pacific steamship and railway service. Had these goods been shipped via New York a week or ten days would be lost in customs clearings. This record fully demonstrates the superiority of the C. P. freight service.

OIL MEN WERE TIMID AT AN EARLIER DAY

John D. Archbold Sold Some of His Trust Stock at Cheap Rate

New York, Nov. 25.—Detailed information on the magnitude and diversity of the business of the Standard Oil Co. was given by John D. Archbold, vice-president of the company, on the resumption of his testimony today in the hearing of the federal suit to dissolve the oil company. Mr. Archbold asserted that it was the Standard which by eliminating the jobbers and retailers stepped in and greatly reduced the price of oil to the consumers.

The hearing was adjourned today after a brief session until Monday, when Mr. Archbold will resume his examination.

That even those closely identified with the Standard in its early days did not recognize its future possibilities, was brought out today when Mr. Archbold said that in the eighties fears were widespread that the supply of crude oil would be depleted, and that accordingly he parted with some of his trust shares at seventy and eighty cents on the dollar.

Much of the day was spent in spreading upon the records figures showing the production and consumption of oil in the period between 1882 and the present time.

Moritz Rosenthal, of counsel for the Standard Oil Co., developed from Mr. Archbold's testimony regarding the early market for oil. At first, he said, the price of oil depended upon jobber and retailer. He described the increased number of market stations for oil from 130 in the early days to 3,532 in 1906, which he said were established by the Standard Oil company. In the early days, Mr. Archbold said, the jobbers and retailers exacted extortionate profits, which caused complaint, and the Standard tried to get close to the consumer. Oil was taken in tanks instead of barrels to marketing centres, where it was distributed to the consumers in wagons, which cheapened the cost to the consumer.

SOLD TO BONDHOLDERS

Assets of Morse Steamship Company Disposed of at Public Aution at Portland, Me.

Portland, Me., Nov. 25.—The assets of the Consolidated Steamship lines of Maine were sold at public auction today for $6,500,000 to a sub-committee of bondholders of the company consisting of Alvin Krech, Henry R. Mallory and Henry P. Booth.

The sub-committee will transfer the assets to the Atlantic Gulf and West Indies steamship lines, which will be incorporated in this city for the purpose of taking over the affairs of the Consolidated steamship lines, the holding company for the Morse Steamship line. The sale was held by special masters under a decree of the United States Circuit Court for a foreclosure sale under the mortgage to the American Trust Company of Boston, under date of January 1, 1907.

The assets were sold in one parcel, and consisted of practically the entire issues of stock of the Eastern Metropolitan, Mallory, Clyde, New York and Cuba Mail, and New York and Porto Rico steamship companies, aggregating in value $59,985,600. There was only one bid and one bidder. The offer was satisfactory to the special masters, and the assets were ordered to be turned over to the sub-committee subject to the confirmation of the court.

Appointed Immigration Agent

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—J. E. Cyr, ex-M. P. for Provencher, Man., has been appointed an immigration agent for Canada in France

MANY CHEQUES FOR OFFICIALS

Marine Department Inquiry at St. John Exposes More Corruption

RAPID STREAM OF "LOANS"

Suggestion of Mere Friendliness is Summarily Rejected By Judge

St. John, N.B., Nov. 25.—At the Marine enquiry this morning Chas. McDonald was recalled and questioned regarding certain cheques given to Marine Agent Harding, but the witness could not remember much about them, and the books throw no light.

A letter from Captain G. T. Smith written to McDonald in 1906, and condemning defective work on the Dominion cruiser Curlew, was read.

Judge Cassels remarked that it was after this letter that McDonald had lent Smith $150.

McDonald could not trace nine cheques he had given Harding, and he was stood aside.

B. R. Macaulay, of Macaulay Bros., was next called, he sold dry goods to the department, chiefly for the steamers Curlew and Lansdowne. Harding had a personal account at Macaulay Bros. store. Macaulay had exchanged cheques with Harding, the same as McDonald had done, and had also given him Christmas gifts.

Messrs. Moore and Vroom, both of whom had dealings with the department, testified that they had lent money to Harding. The various amounts were specified. It was all done in a friendly way, they testified, but under the questioning of Mr. Watson and Judge Cassels they admitted that the fact that Harding was the agent of the department and in a position to hand out favors had considerable to do with their friendliness.

Agent Harding and Malcolm A. Morris, engineer of the cruiser Curlew, have been suspended pending the result of the inquiry.

At this afternoon's session of the Marine inquiry, the evidence of Macaulay was continued. Macaulay identified several checks which he had given to Harding, the St. John agent of the department. He was disposed to put the same down as mere friendly advances made to Harding, entirely irrespective of the fact that he was agent of the department, and the character of the replies moved Mr. Perron to ask: "Now, Mr. Macaulay, do justice to yourself. Would you have done the same if Mr. Harding had not been the agent?"

Judge Cassels: "No, you know you would not. If you said you would, I would not believe you. We must judge by ordinary dealings in everyday life and by the relationship and facts. The inference is too plain to bother further about it."

Mr. Vroom and Mr. Arnold were recalled, but neither was present. Counsel mentioned that there were twenty-nine cheques payable to "Cash" endorsed by Mr. Vroom or the firm. The largest was for $800, and altogether they amounted to about $7,000, and extended over a period of seven or eight years.

Japanese Comments.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—The recently published interview with Emperor William is the most absorbing topic of the day here. Officials as well as the newspapers believe that the Emperor has been correctly quoted, but the newspapers ridicule his statements. One paper publishes a picture of the German emperor having his tongue amputated, and editorially descredits the statement attributed to him that he and President Roosevelt were in accord.

WORK OR REVOLUTION SAY THE UNEMPLOYED

Thousands of London Idle Men March Through West End District

London, Nov. 25.—Thousands of the unemployed of London, carrying a large banner bearing the words "Work or revolution; the government must decide," marched through the fashionable districts of the city this afternoon.

This is the first of a series of similar demonstrations planned

Speaking of the procession today, one of the leaders said: "We are going to let the west end know that the east end does not intend to starve."

Heroic Fireman.

New York, Nov. 25.—Lowering himself over the cornice of a five-storey tenement house and dangling 75 feet above the sidewalk, Frank Semple, a fireman, early today by desperate efforts prevented David Lynch, his wife and five children from leaping from the window to escape the flames that were creeping up behind them. All through the night the fire had smouldered in the building, and when it finally burst into flames at dawn the stairways were blazing from cellar to roof, and many families were unable to reach the street. When the firemen arrived on the scene Lynch and his family were about to leap to the ground. Semple seized a rope and reached the roof top through the adjoining tenement, and fastening the rope to a chimney he lowered himself just in time to rescue the stricken family from leaping to their death. Later they were taken from the burning building by means of ladders. The other tenants were all rescued without injury.

New Zealand Elections

Wellington, N.Z., Nov. 25.—The second ballots in the New Zealand elections give the government 11 seats, the opposition 9, and independents 2, with one undecided. The parties now stand: Government, 45; opposition, 25; independents, 5. The opposition gained 9 and the independents 4.

Protest in Brandon.

Winnipeg, Nov. 25.—A protest has been entered by the Conservatives of Brandon against the return of the Hon. Clifford Sifton on the usual grounds of bribery and corruption. T. M. Daly who was defeated by Mr. Sifton, resumes his position tomorrow as police magistrate of Winnipeg.

Cattle Slaughtered

London, Nov. 25.—The board of agriculture has ordered the slaughter, without delay, of the cattle on board the four steamers that have arrived in England since the board issued its orders prohibiting the importation of cattle from New York and Pennsylvania, on account of the foot and mouth disease in those states.

New Railway Commissioner.

Winnipeg, Nov. 25.—Andrew Strang, a wholesale liquor merchant and a prominent Liberal, will be appointed a member of the railway commission, succeeding Hon. Thomas Greenway. Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, is also an applicant, but Mr. Strang will get the appointment as westerners must have a representative.

Tornado's Death Roll

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25.—The known dead number 16, while unconfirmed reports declare that six other persons lost their lives as a result of the storm swept part of this state on Monday. Verified report place the number of injured at 23, three probably fatally. Reports last night, which were to the effect that the tornado was most severe at Piney, were not substantiated today. Later reports showed that no one was killed at that place. Several freak acts of the tornado were reported near Hot Springs and Berryville. Schoolhouses were lifted off their foundations and moved, but the occupants and teachers inside escaped unhurt.

PLAGUE APPEARANCE IN ANOTHER STATE

Cases of Cattle Disease in Maryland—Efforts to Trace Infection

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 25.—The foot and mouth disease has been discovered in a herd of cattle on a farm near Lineboro, Carroll county, in the state, according to a report made today by State Veterinarian Mackie. The cases have been isolated and a guard maintained to see that the infection does not spread beyond the farm. The live stock sanitary board decided that a state-wide quarantine was not necessary at this time. It is said the disease developed among some cattle received from Buffalo on November 2.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The department of agriculture, under telegraphic instructions from Secretary Wilson, today placed the entire state of Michigan in quarantine, insofar as concerns the interstate and foreign shipment of cattle, sheep and other ruminants, and swine, therefrom, because of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease. The restrictions imposed are identical with those applied to New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The Canadian government quarantine regulations against New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been extended to Michigan.

Buffalo, Nov. 25.—The East Buffalo stockyards will be reopened on Monday for the reception of live stock for local consumption. This was decided at a meeting of the live stock association with the state and federal quarantine officials today. Cattle and sheep for slaughter only will be received. No "shippers" or "feeders" will be allowed to come into the yards. It was also stipulated that the live stock must come in disinfected cars and must be unloaded to disinfected pens.

This means a resumption of the bulk of the stockyards business, for transactions in stock for slaughter usually form about two-thirds of the cattle business there. The remaining third is made up of dealings in feeders and milch cows. In hogs the shipments are all for slaughter. In sheep about nine-tenths of the offerings are for local consumption. With Michigan under quarantine, the supply will be greatly curtailed, for about fifty per cent. of the receipts at Buffalo come from Michigan points. The remainder comes from Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and other western points.

The situation in Michigan will receive close attention from the federal authorities. It has been their theory from the first that the outbreak of foot and mouth disease originated at some point other than East Buffalo, and that to exterminate it, the disease must be traced back. An effort will be made to ascertain if any blooded stock imported from Europe or the Philippines by Michigan stockmen has been attacked by the disease.

ITALIANS RESENTFUL

Mobs in Various Towns Engage in Riots in Retaliation for Vienna Outrages

Rome, Nov. 24.—Italians are showing intense resentment against Austria and Austrians because of the anti-Italian riots which have taken place at Vienna. These have been directed against Italian students in that city, and a number of the students have been wounded.

Violent demonstrations have taken place in several of the leading towns and cities in Italy in the way of retaliation, and at the demonstrations here today, fiery speeches were made and the Austrian flag was burned.

An attack against the Austrian embassy was planned by the mob. The police and soldiers were ordered out, and many arrests were made.

TREATY BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN

Report Comes From Tokio to Japanese Paper Published in Honolulu

NO COOLIE IMMIGRATION

Secretary of State Root Denies That Any New Treaty is in Contemplation

Honolulu, Nov. 18, via San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The Hawaii Shimpo, the leading Japanese daily newspaper published in Hawaii, has received from its Tokio correspondent what purports to be the text of a treaty concluded between Japan and the United States, regarding coolie immigration. It is said that the signing of the treaty is not to be announced until next February.

The treaty provides as follows:

The high contracting parties agree in their desire for the independence of the Chinese empire, and believe in the preservation of the territorial integrity of that empire, and believe that equal opportunity for commerce should be enjoyed there by all foreign nations and that equality of treatment should be accorded all such foreign nations. They agree with each other to protect the principle of Chinese independence and by peaceful means to guard existing interests in the Chinese empire.

That neither government shall allow the immigration of the laborers among their population to the country of the other until further understanding in the matter is reached, believing and agreeing that the employment in one country of the laborers of the other tends to impair the existing friendly relations between the two governments.

Denied at Washington

Washington, Nov. 24.—United States Secretary of State Root tonight denied that a treaty had been signed by the United States and Japan regarding the protection of the principle of Chinese independence and the regulation of immigration between the two countries, as stated by the Hawaiian Shimpo, and he added that no such treaty was in contemplation.

The report of the signing of a treaty regarding Chinese independence probably has its basis in the publication respecting diplomatic negotiations with Japan on the proposed re-statement of the positions of both the United States and Japan regarding China. As for the immigration question, the present understanding with Japan is working satisfactorily in keeping down Japanese immigration.

Opium Conference Postponed

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The Pekin conference on opium traffic has been postponed until February. Mackenzie King accordingly will not be sailing until the latter part of next month.

Emperor Stays in Bed

Berlin, Nov. 25.—A bulletin issued at 12.30 o'clock this afternoon from the new palace at Potsdam stated that the Emperor will remain in bed today because of a cold with which he is suffering. He was indisposed yesterday.

Italian Rioters.

Rome, Nov. 25.—The anti-Austrian demonstrations that began yesterday because of the anti-Italian riots that took place recently in Vienna were continued this morning in several of the principal towns of Italy. In each case troops were called out to disperse the demonstrants and order was promptly restored.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED ON GREAT NORTHERN

Seven People Injured and Coaches Destroyed as Result of Collision

Winnipeg, Nov. 25.—A special from Benson, Minn., says: Seven people were injured, but none seriously, in a wreck at 4 o'clock this morning between a Great Northern coast flyer and a freight at Clontarf, six miles west of this city. Following the collision a fire started, destroying three day coaches, one mail, one express and two baggage cars, the latter containing about 500 pieces of baggage, and the caboose and four freight cars, all loaded with lumber. The freight train had run past the switch, and was backing up on the main track, when the express, two hours late, crashed into the caboose. A heavy fog prevented the engineer from seeing the danger signal. Engineer Ira Denny, of St. Paul, and his fireman were both badly injured and scalded, while Express Messenger Wallace received slight injuries.

INTERCOLONIAL WRECK

Several Cars of Maritime Express Derailed Near Campbellton—No Lives Lost

St. John, N. B. Nov. 25.—The Maritime express, which left Moncton last night was badly wrecked at 5.30 this morning at Cedar Hall, north of Campbellton. No lives were lost. The train was going at the regular speed when the accident occurred. The baggage car left the rails and was thrown on its side. The colonist car, first class passenger car, diner and two sleeping cars filled with sleeping passengers all left the rails, but were not overturned.

Vancouver Mayoralty

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—C. S. Douglas, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Hepburn and Ald. Odlum are all formally announced to run for the mayoralty.

Prison Official Suspended.

Kingston, Ont. Nov. 25.—One of the trade inspectors in the penitentiary has been suspended, pending enquiry into the accusation that he has been smuggling opium to the convicts.

Railway Engineers' Grievance

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The board of investigation and conciliation which considered the grievances of the Canadian Northern railway engineers as to lack of accommodation at terminals have adjudged that the railway companies are bound to provide such accommodation.

Divorce Decree Granted

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—A decree nisi was granted today by Mr. Justice Morrison in favor of Charles Herbert Ellacott, land surveyor, Victoria, in his petition for divorce. His wife, who he alleges has deserted him and is now living in Buffalo, N. Y., was a widow when he married her eight years ago. They formerly resided in Grand Forks and Regina.

Dr. Leson Killed

Brandon, Nov. 25.—Dr. Leson, of Beresford, who formerly practiced in Brandon, was almost instantly killed last night. He was hauling lumber and while getting up on the load he slipped and fell under the wheels, which passed over his head. Dr. Leson was a pioneer of this district and was widely known and popular in Manitoba.

Woman Commits Suicide

Stratford, Ont. Nov. 25.—Mrs. James Pequegnat, wife of the jeweler of that name, was found drowned in the river here this morning. She had been ill from nervous troubles for some time and is supposed to have drowned herself early this morning while suffering from temporary aberration. She was 54 years old and leaves a husband and five children.

CHINESE RIOTERS SHOT IN HONGKONG

"Men Ready to Die" Come From Canton to Enforce Japanese Boycott

Further news of the plotting at Hongkong as a result of the anti-Japanese boycott was brought by the Tango Maru. It seems that following the outbreak reported by the Teucer there were further and more serious outbreaks following, with some loss of life. On the night of November 1 3,000 rioters attacked the shops which had been selling Japanese wares, and, the police force being inadequate to suppress this movement, the troops were called out. Two Chinese were shot dead and several policemen were wounded. The ringleaders came from Canton, being part of the society known as "Society of Men Ready to Die," formed to inflict punishment on the Chinese who had receded from the boycott. Several cases were reported wherein Chinese merchants dealing in Japanese marine products had been mutilated, some having their ears cut off. The Chinese vernacular papers at Canton eulogized the rioters.

The Tango Maru brought news of a revolution in Thibet where the Lamas had taken the field against China. Troops were sent from Szechuan to restore order.

EXPENSIVE BRIDGE

New Westminster Council Finds Cost of Lulu Island Structure Heavier Than Expected

New Westminster, Nov. 25.—The opening of the tenders for the proposed new New Westminster-Lulu island bridge revealed the fact that the cost of this work will involve an outlay of $20,000 to $30,000 more than was anticipated. Owing to this the city council has decided to take a referendum vote of the citizens before finally deciding to start the work.

The tenders opened were as follows: For the substructure: The International Contract Co., Seattle, $29,642; Armstrong, Morrison & Co., Vancouver, and the Burrell Bridge and Construction Co., Seattle. The first was $5,000 less than the either of the others. For the metal, 562,500 pounds of steel, for the superstructure, there were five tenderers, the U. S. Steel Products Export Co., Canada Foundry Co., Canadian Bridge Co., Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co., and the Midland Bridge Co., Kansas City. The first was the lowest tender, but only about $120 less than that of the Canada Foundry Co., $26,831.25.

Ald. Fader moved the acceptance of the tenders of the International Contract Co. for the substructure, and the Canada Foundry Co. for the superstructure, as it was the lowest Canadian tender, there being only a small difference from the American company. This motion was finally adopted subject to the ratification of the proposed expenditure by the referendum, to be taken next month at the same time as the civic elections.

The De Castellane Affair

Paris, Nov. 25.—The first day's proceedings in the suit of Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, who is now the wife of Prince Helie de Sagan, for the custody of his three children, were characterized by a strong denunciation of the Prince and Princess by M. Bonnet, who represents Count de Castellane. The courtroom was crowded to suffocation with spectators, among whom were more Americans and English than French. Prince Helie and the Count glared at each other for four hours, while M. Bonnet pleaded that the custody of the children must be conded to their grandmother, the Marquiese de Castellane, because the marriage of Mme. Gould to the Prince had polluted the atmosphere of their home.

HUNDRED LIVES ARE SACRIFICED

Fire on Passenger Steamer in Mediterranean Claims Many Victims

RAPID SPREAD OF FLAMES

Captain and Most of Crew Perish While at the Post of Duty

Valetta, Malta, Nov. 25.—A terrible disaster, in which more than a hundred persons lost their lives, occurred at the entrance to this port this morning within sight of the whole population of the city, who were powerless to give aid.

The steamer Sardinia, of the Ellerman line, sailing from Liverpool and bound for Alexandria, with a crew of 44 Englishmen, 11 first class and six second class English passengers and nearly 200 Arab pilgrims aboard, caught fire, and within a few minutes was a roaring furnace surrounded by clouds of black smoke, through which flames burst upward to a height of 200 feet from explosives in the hold.

So quickly did the fire spread that the frantic efforts of the crew to operate the fire apparatus proved useless, for it seemed but a moment before the upper works and masts crashed down upon the deck, while the ship's boats were crushed by the falling debris or set on fire and quickly burned.

Safety lay only in the sea, for no one could save himself except by jumping overboard and taking chances of being picked up. Assistance was hurried to the burning vessel from all the warships in the harbor, and from the shore, but the work of rescue was greatly impeded by the heavy sea that was running. Even the naval launches, which came as fast as they could be driven, were unable to go alongside.

Among the Arabs there was a panic that could not be quelled. Many of them were too terrified to jump, and they were burned to death. Others casting themselves into the waves were drowned.

The crew behaved with admirable courage, serving out life preservers to the last and working the pumps.

When the pumps became useless, Capt. Chas. Littler, commander of the Sardinia, took the helm, and directed his ship towards the shore as long as it could be navigated. He perished at his post.

First Officer Frank Watson, all three engineers, Seagraves, Hislop and Neil, 18 of the ship's company and two first class passengers, one of them a boy named Grant, are missing.

Fifty or more bodies have been recovered, and seventy persons were rescued. It is impossible at present to say just how many were drowned or burned to death, because the list of Arab pilgrims is incomplete, but the number will doubtless far exceed a hundred.

After the vessel refused to obey her helm she drifted around three times, and finally beached broadside on the rocks at the mouth of the harbor. She was still burning this afternoon, and will be a total loss. The British Vice Admiral, Sir Asheton Curzon-Howe, and Admiral Fisher directed the rescuing boats, which did gallant work in saving those who were yet alive and bringing the bodies of the dead ashore. Captain Littler's body, which was terrible mutilated, was landed this afternoon in the presence of great crowds, who stood uncovered. The other bodies were also mutilated and burned.

Fifty-six of the injured are being cared for in the hospitals.

The cause of the fire is not known, but denial has been made that there were explosives aboard. Unquestionably, however, explosions occurred, and it was first believed that the rapid spread of the flames was due largely to the flowing naptha. The Sardinia left Liverpool on Nov. 14th. She stopped at Valetta, landing a few passengers and taking on the pilgrims. Captain Littler, who was for many years in the service of the line, lived at Birkenhead. He leaves a wife and child.

The Ellerman liner Sardinia, burned in the Mediterranean with such heavy loss of life yesterday, was built in 1888 at Newcastle and was formerly the steamer Paola V, later being known as the Gulf of Corcovado, before being renamed Sardinia on being taken over by the Ellerman line. She was a steamer of 2,474 tons gross, 1,516 tons net, and was 310 feet long, 40.3 feet beam and 22.6 feet depth. She was built by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MR. CARNEGIE DECLINES

Thinks He Has Given Enough Information on Tariff Matters at Washington

Washington, Nov. 25.—Sereno Payne, chairman of the house ways and means committee, today received a reply to the invitation which was extended to Andrew Carnegie to appear before the committee at the hearing on the metal schedules. Mr. Carnegie thanks Mr. Payne for his invitation, but asks to be excused from appearing before the committee, saying that he has served his full term in Washington upon tariff matters.

Andrew Carnegie, his wealth, his views on the steel tariff and his claim that it costs less to produce steel in the United States than abroad offered a fertile field for the interrogations of the ways and means committee today. The tariff inquiry on the metal schedules produced several surprises, not the least of which was the voluntary declaration by several manufacturers of iron and steel products that their industry could stand a reduction of duty. The steel rail men disagreed entirely with Mr. Carnegie's views as expressed in his widely discussed magazine article favoring a reduction in the duties.