

STEAMER BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE AS STORM RAGES.

Fate of Thirteen Members of Crew Is Unknown. PUT OUT IN LIFE BOAT.

May Storm or Freeze to Death Before Rescue Comes. CAPTAIN FROM OGDENSBURG.

Two Men Lost Their Lives While Flooding from Sinking Vessel—Other Disaster on Sea and Lake.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 8.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of twelve others is unknown as a result of the burning of the steamer Clarion, near Point Pelee, in Lake Erie, early to-day.

Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hanna and brought here and then transferred by train to the Buffalo headquarters of the Anchor Line Company, the owner of the Clarion.

According to their hurried tale, all attempted to leave the Clarion as soon as it was ascertained that she could not be saved.

Captain E. J. Bell of Ogdensburg and twelve other members of the crew took to the life boat. They left without food, and it is feared that they may either starve or freeze to death before rescue.

Later these men were rescued by the high seas are running on the lake owing to the recent storm.

One of the crew fell overboard when attempting to enter the life boat, but was later picked up by the water and put in the life boat.

The mate was frozen to death after he had been overcome by smoke and exposure. An effort was made by the crew to save the mate, but he was lost.

Another crew member was rescued by the steamer L. C. Hanna.

The Clarion was a 1,700-ton steel hull, built in 1897 from Detroit to Erie, Pa., to lay up for the winter, when the fire broke out late last night.

MEN INVOLVED IN INSURANCE SCANDAL AND OFFICIAL WHO BARED IT.



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FIREMEN HAVE AN ALL-NIGHT STRUGGLE.

One Life Lost in Blaze in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Department Forces from Battle Creek and Grand Rapids Aided in Fighting the Flames—Three Hundred Scantly Cried Hotel Guests Driven Into Ice Streets and Property Valued at Approximately \$1,000,000 Was Destroyed Before Flames Were Extinguished—Firemen Hindered.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 8.—One life was probably lost, many firemen were overcome by smoke, \$60 hotel guests were driven wretchedly cold into the ice streets and property valued at approximately \$1,000,000 was destroyed by a fire which started here at 10 o'clock last night and was only extinguished after an all-night struggle by the combined fire-fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

Starting in the basement of the Star Bazaar House, a five-and-ten-cent store at 111 West Main St., the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, spread eastward along the north side of Main street, totally destroyed the Burdick House, a fine four-story hotel and store building, covering more than a city block, and burning out a dozen stores and offices on Main street.

A call for help. While the flames were raging at the hotel a man suddenly appeared at an upper window and cried for help. Before a ladder could be put in position to rescue him he disappeared, and it is believed he perished in the fire.

To the low pressure in the street mains the greatest extent of the fire can principally be attributed.

The Battle Creek firemen arrived on the scene at 3 A. M., but owing to lack of water were of little service. The Grand Rapids firemen arrived at 4 o'clock and joined in the attack.

ONE MAN KILLED. Four Others Hurt in Fire Which Destroyed Hotel Boarding House.

Young man, O. M. M., one-fourth was killed, another is missing and four others were seriously injured.

STRIKE AT STANDSTILL. Both Sides Continue to Say They Are Making Gains.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—The switchmen's strike in the Twin Cities is practically at a standstill. The strikers continue to insist that they have the traffic of the railroads tied up, while the railroad officials are equally earnest in declaring they are gaining every day.

President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union left last night for Cincinnati, where he will hold a conference with President Campers of the American Federation of Labor to learn definitely just what kind of support the switchmen will get from the American Federation.

SNEAD MYSTERY DEEP AS BYER.

Bath Tub Case Continues to Baffle the Police.

ALL CLUES RUN DOWN.

The Members of the Wardlaw and Martin Families, Insisting That They Are the Object of Uncovered Persecution, Offer Nothing to Clear Up Death—Features of Young Woman's Death—East Orange Mayor Orders Arrest of Victim's Mother—Advanced Theory That Snead is Alive.

New York, Dec. 8.—Insisting that they are the object of uncovered persecution, the group of high-spirited Southern women, members of the Wardlaw and Martin families, to-day still offered nothing to clarify the mystery attached to the death of Coer Wardlaw Martin Snead, victim of the East Orange bath tub tragedy.

The absence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the victim, and of the young woman's husband, Fletcher Snead, is still unexplained.

In Witness Snead Active. To-day witnesses appeared in the persons of two Brooklyn business men who declare that they saw Fletcher Snead in Brooklyn as recently as October last.

The relatives are filled with enduring phrases and sound the note of family solidarity that has rung throughout the history of the tragedy.

Family pride is asserted by Frank Fort, counsel for the family, to have been the sole reason for the exclusiveness which gained for their dwellings in several localities the name of "house of mystery."

Brother Fort, New Englander, "gentle and sane," said the chief of police, "is a man of high character and in this case, nothing is more certain than that he has been ordered."

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SAYS COOK WAS NEVER OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND.

DANISH EXPERTS SOON BEGIN WORK.

START TO GO OVER COOK'S DATA BEFORE END OF WEEK.

Summary of Affidavits of Persons Claiming to Have Aided Explorer in Preparation of Data Aided With Amusement in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—A summary of the affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Dr. Cook in the preparation of his polar data, published in London and New York to-day, was read here with amusement.

The committee of six under the presidency of Prof. H. Strömgren, the astronomer, who is to examine Dr. Cook's records on behalf of the University of Copenhagen, will begin its work at the end of the present week.

MINES PLANTED IN DEEP WATER.

New York City Better Fortified Against Sea Attack Than Ever Before.

Washington, Dec. 8.—After years of fruitless endeavor, submarine mines have been planted in the deep waters of the "bay" at the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound, and New York city's to-day better fortified against attack by sea than ever before.

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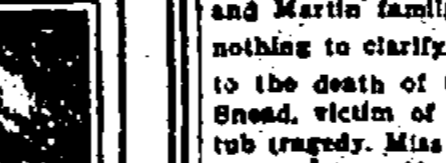
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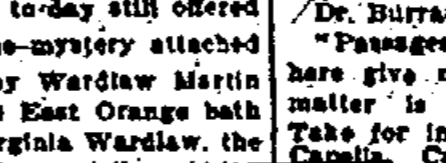
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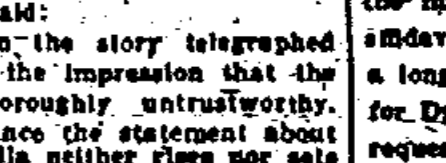
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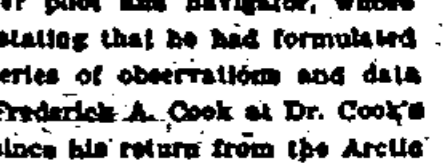
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ALL AMERICANS IN REBEL RANKS ARE ORDERED SHOT BY ZELAYA.

The Command Said to Have Been Issued More Than a Month Ago by the Head of the Nicaraguan Revolution.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—A cable to the Nicaraguan revolutionaries, dated Dec. 1, said to have been issued by the head of the revolution, Dr. Jose Dolores Estrada, brother of Gen. Juan J. Estrada, the revolutionary leader, has been received here to-day that more than a month ago Zelaya issued instructions to his military commanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolution.

There are now four American warships in the Corinto harbor. The Nicaraguan revolutionaries are reported to be planning to replenish her fuel supply.

DAVILA'S ENEMIES WILL NOT START REVOLUTION. No Attempt Will Be Made to Overthrow Nicaraguan Government.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—There is no intention on the part of the enemies of President Davila of Honduras to attempt to overthrow his government now, according to Dr. Fausto Davila of Guatemala, a cousin of the President, who recently arrived here from Central America.

STORY CABLED FROM LONDON IS DENIED IN WASHINGTON. British Capital News Zelaya's Retains, It Has Been Formerly Commanded.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The statement that Zelaya had ordered the execution of all Americans in the Nicaraguan revolution is denied in Washington.

Nicaraguan Legation in No More in Washington. Big Vans Carry Off the Furniture and Other Appurtenances.

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