

The average age of the Japanese navy is lower than that of any other navy in the world.

The city of Trebizond is one of the most important cities and ports on the Black sea.

The area of Canada is 3,745,574 square miles, and the population estimated in 1902 at 5,456,931.

Miss Adalade Michel, a teacher in the art department of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute.

Blacking shoes is the novel method adopted by Miss Pauline Rockwell to raise money for the Mount Holyoke college library.

Uncle Sam has paid big bills abroad before now, but this Panama payment tops them all.

According to recent investigations, it appears probable that hypnotism can stop the action of a person's heart and thus cause death.

Up to the present time tea from China was imported into Germany by sea and the cost was considerable.

The sale of California fruits in Alsace-Lorraine and Baden, Germany, is many times greater than it would be were there no local agents in Strassburg.

The government crop report states that on May 1 there were 6,000,000 acres less in winter wheat than were one year ago.

The emperor of Japan, Mutsuhito, is very tall for a man of his country, being 5 feet 7 inches in height.

Several French soldiers, survivors of the Chinese expedition of 1856, are responsible for the statement that Gen. Kuroki, who is leading the Japanese forces in Manchuria.

STEAMER SAILS ON VOYAGE OF DEATH

LOADED WITH EXCURSIONISTS THE GENERAL SLOCUM BURNS IN EAST RIVER, NEW YORK.

Before the Doomed Vessel Could Be Reached More Than 700 Lives Had Been Lost—Over Five Hundred Bodies Recovered So Far.

New York, June 18.—At 1:30 a. m. the officials at the Bellevue morgue gave out these figures on the Slocum disaster:

The dead recovered, 560. The dead identified, 521. The dead unidentified and unrecognizable, 30.

The dead to be identified, nine. Together with the announcement from the morgue that the number of recovered dead was 560, came the statement that about 425 persons are still unaccounted for.

The Awful Disaster. New York, June 17.—The three-decked excursion steamer General Slocum, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, burned to the water's edge off North Brother Island, East river, at the entrance of Long Island sound, Wednesday morning.

Carried Excursion Party. The Slocum, with the annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of this city on board, was proceeding up the river to one of the many resorts of Long Island sound.

When near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, persons on shore saw smoke and flames spring from the upper part of the crowded steamer. A panic ensued on the boat almost instantly.

Decks Give Way. It was just before she beached that the hurricane deck, the supports of which had burned away, fell with its load of women and children.

Many Frightfully Burned. Many of those picked up alive in the river will die in the hospitals. Most of them were frightfully burned, having delayed leaping from the boat until their clothing was on fire.



REV. G. C. F. HAAS. (Leader of the ill-fated church excursion.)

burdened as they were, they could make no headway against the overpowering swirl of the tide as it rushes from the East river into the sound.

Many Injured. There are a number of places where the living may have landed, and it is believed that many that are now reported missing are safe.

In the many appalling experiences of those who were on the Slocum was that of Miss Clara Hartman, who was picked up for dead, towed behind a boat for several miles, wrapped in a tarpaulin and tagged as dead.

Relief Sadly Needed. Mayor McClellan on Thursday, after receiving messages of condolence from many sources, visited North Brother island, and later visited the morgue.

Criticism for Crew. There is open criticism of the failure of the Slocum's officers and crew to meet the emergency, but as yet no formal action has been taken by either the municipal or federal authorities.



Map showing that portion of the East river where the General Slocum was burned and hundreds of lives sacrificed.

Van Schaick and the two pilots are under arrest, but are held only as witnesses. That there was terrible failure to meet the responsibilities is undoubted.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor George B. Cortelyou, who had a long conference with Robert S. Rodie, inspector of the Second district of New York, after his arrival here, said Friday that he would give his personal attention to the federal investigation of the Slocum disaster.

TRADE REVIEW.

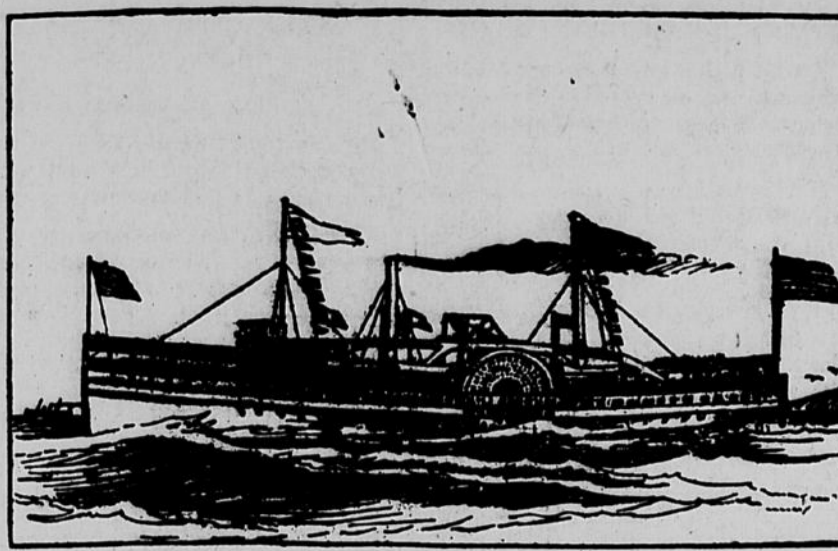
Leading Crops Show Marked Improvement—General Trade and Industry Quiet.

New York, June 18.—Bradstreet's, reviewing the state of trade, says: "Favorable features this week are the further improvement shown in leading crops and the ending of the tie-up on the great lakes.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their Weekly Review of Trade, say: "Industry suffers from an epidemic of ultra conservatism, emanating apparently from the theory that a season of depression must come every ten years, while the coincidence of a presidential election furnishes another precedent.

Verdict Upheld. Toronto, Ont., June 18.—The high court of justice has upheld the verdict for \$5,000 in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Delehanty versus the Michigan Central Railroad company.

ILL-FATED STEAMER GEN. SLOCUM.



The General Slocum was built for an excursion boat, and when not chartered for special excursions ran between New York and Rockaway Beach.

A DUEL IS FOUGHT BY OLD ENEMIES

RENEWAL OF FEUD CAUSES TERRIBLE AFFRAY IN STREETS OF AN INDIANA TOWN.

Factions Meet and Begin Shooting in Bryantsville—Two Men Are Killed—Three Others Are Wounded—One May Die.

Bryantsville, Ind., June 15.—Two are dead and three wounded, one fatally, as the result of a duel fought in the streets of this village Tuesday.

Feud Causes Fight. The fight is the culmination of a feud between the Rout and Tow families, which has existed for several years.

Two weeks ago at a social affair the smoldering hostility between the two families had been rekindled by a fancied insult to Charles Rout by a young woman who favored one of the Tow boys.

Many Shots Fired. Within five minutes from the time the Rout boys arrived in town they were seen approaching the booth.

The men were not 15 feet apart when the firing ceased and on the ground lay two men dead, and one dying, with two bullets in his breast.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN. Martial Law in San Miguel County, Col., Ended by Gov. Peabody.

Denver, Col., June 16.—Gov. Peabody has issued an order declaring martial law in San Miguel county at an end.

Dam Bursts. Fort Lyons, Col., June 17.—The Amity dam, completed last year at a cost of \$100,000, has been torn out by the high water in the Arkansas river.

TRAIN IS ROBBED. Northern Coast Limited Held Up in Montana—Bandits Secure Sum of \$65,000.

Bearmouth, Mont., June 18.—At 11 o'clock Thursday night two masked men held up North Coast Limited Northern Pacific passenger train, east bound, at about a mile and a half east of this station.

A CRUSHING BLOW FOR THE RUSSIANS

JAPANESE MEET ATTEMPT TO TURN THEIR RIGHT FLANK WITH DECISIVE DEFEAT.

Gen. Stakelberg Reports That He Is Forced to Retreat with His Russian Command, and Has Suffered Heavy Loss.

London, June 17.—The Russian army at Vafangow, 50,000 strong, has been crushed by Gen. Nodzu, with 60,000 Japanese troops.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram, dated June 16, from Gen. Kuropatkin: "I have received the following dispatch from Lieut. Gen. Baron Stakelberg, dated June 16, 1:20 a. m.:

Between Two Jap Armies. London, June 18.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg stated that two Japanese divisions were marching from Siuyen to intercept Gen. Stakelberg's army.

Race to Vladivostok. The Vladivostok squadron—or a part of it, at least—was sighted early this (Saturday) morning off the western end of the Straits of Tsuruga, between the main island of Japan and the island of Yezo.

Great Loss to Japanese. Tokio, June 17.—The Vladivostok squadron apparently has escaped after a raid into the Korean strait, which cost Japan at least two transports and the lives of nearly 1,000 men.

Will Sue for Damages. Denver, Col., June 17.—Former Gov. Charles S. Thomas, it is announced, is preparing papers in behalf of James F. Burns, president and manager of the Portland mine, in a damage suit which Burns will bring against Gov. James H. Peabody, Adjt. Gen. Sherman M. Bell and the state of Colorado for \$100,000 for the closing of the Portland mine by the military.



LAWRENCE B. STRINGER. (Democratic Candidate for Governor of Illinois.)

The convention instructed the delegation to vote for Mr. Hearst for president as long as his name remained before the convention.

The resolutions adopted denounce the past eight years of republican riot of corruption and extravagance, favoritism and misrule; point to the failure of the attorney general to prosecute illegal trusts and combinations, and to the fact that he left it to a private citizen, at large expense, to uncover the coal trust; record the steadfast confidence of the party in the perpetuity of self-government; pledge the democratic party of Illinois to enact direct primary election legislation for the whole state, a law for proper regulation of service and charges of street railroads, gas, electric light, telephone and power companies, and an effective state civil service law.

Noted Physician Dead. Chicago, June 17.—Dr. Nathan S. Davis, 87 years old, one of Chicago's pioneer physicians, died Thursday morning at eight o'clock, at his home.