

## ENTIRE CREW LOST.

## VESSEL FOUNDERS WITH ALL ON BOARD.

In the Gale of Sunday Night Schooner E. R. Williams Goes Down Off St. Martin's Island, Mich.—The Storm in Wisconsin.

Escanaba, Mich., Sept. 24.—The schooner E. R. Williams sank in the gale Sunday night and all on board are supposed to be lost, as it would be impossible for them to reach shore in such a furious sea. Following are the names of the crew so far as known:

BENNETT, MAGGIE, Cleveland, O.; stewardess.

HUNTON, —, Cleveland, O.; captain.

UNKNOWN, mate and four seamen.

The cargo of the Williams consisted of 570 tons of iron ore from this port consigned to a Toledo furnace. The Williams was in tow of the steamer Santa Maria, and both boats left at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The sea was running heavily from the south on Green bay, and the schooner, laden deep in the water, made bad work of the head sea. The Santa Maria headed from the Poverty passage into Lake Michigan, and up to 9 o'clock that night the schooner's lights could be seen by the crew of the Santa Maria.

Shortly after that time the tow line parted and the Williams disappeared from sight. The Santa Maria cruised around for some time trying to find the Williams, but it was not until daylight that her mast was discovered sticking out of the water under St. Martin's island. No trace of the crew could be seen. The Santa Maria returned here and Captain E. E. Rathburn reported the wreck.

The Williams was built in 1873, and rated 238 gross tons. She was owned by W. L. Fay of Elyria, O., and was probably without insurance. The iron cargo was fully covered.

## Wind Uproots Trees.

Oconto, Wis., Sept. 24.—This city and vicinity was visited by a terrible wind storm and rain Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Whole trees were uprooted and the ground was covered with broken limbs. Nearly every lumber pile was scattered and several piles in the Holt Lumber company's yard, that had been piled thirty-five feet high, were blown over. A great many windows were blown in, and the iron roof to the Donevly block was blown off and a deluge of rain poured on the inmates below. Reports of the damage from the country came in slowly, but there was a large amount of property destroyed. This has been the most severe cyclone since 1871, when Pensaukee was destroyed.

## Moved from Foundations.

Trempealeau, Wis., Sept. 24.—The atmospheric conditions the past few days came to a windup Sunday afternoon when a terrific storm passed over the city accompanied by rain and sleet. Buildings were moved on their foundations, roofs blown off, barns, trees and chimneys blown down, window lights broken, shutters and signs scattered like pipe stems, and all but one down along the tracks of the Burlington railway. Numerous washouts occurred. The damage in this vicinity will go up in the thousands, but no lives are reported lost.

## Town Almost Demolished.

Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 24.—Word has been received of a tornado Saturday afternoon in the town of Clear Creek, this county. It cut a narrow path through the town. Following is a partial list of the damage done: David Savare's house and barn torn to pieces, George Jackson's barn gone, Israel Quin's house partly destroyed, several other houses, many haystacks, outbuildings and fences torn down.

## Reports of Damage.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 24.—Reports received from throughout the county show that Sunday's windstorm was very destructive. Damage will aggregate not less than \$1,500. Many houses were unroofed and porches swept away. Trees, innumerable ranging up to two feet in diameter, were broken down. Not less than \$300 damage was done at the interstate fair grounds.

## Cornfields Leveled.

Waupaca, Wis., Sept. 24.—A thunder storm accompanied by high winds and heavy rain passed over this region Sunday night. Cornfields and exposed grain stacks were laid low. A dry cold wave followed, and the roads and fields are dry.

## Illinois State Fair Opens.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 24.—The gates of Illinois' great fair were thrown open yesterday. Of the 50,000 visitors, 35,000 to 40,000 were children, all of them being admitted free. The paid admissions were twice the number of the same day last year. The great exposition hall, horticultural and farm products buildings and machinery hall, each of which cost \$70,000 or over, were well filled. The exhibits in all classes are about 50 per cent more than last year, and fifteen acres are covered with farm implements and machinery that could not be contained in machinery hall.

## California Forest Fires.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 24.—Forest fires are sweeping through hundreds of acres of forest in this vicinity. Railroad traffic is interfered with by trees falling across the tracks. The fire is the worst that has ever visited Santa Cruz county.

## BASEBALL REPORT.

Games Played Yesterday in the Various Leagues.

The following were the games played yesterday in the National league:

At St. Louis—  
Cincinnati ..... 1 1 4 1 0 1 2 5 \*—15  
St. Louis ..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 4 — 6

At Baltimore—  
Baltimore ..... 3 2 0 0 0 0 3 4—12

Philadelphia ..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 4

At Brooklyn—  
Boston ..... 1 0 0 0 6 0 0 0 2 — 9

Brooklyn ..... 0 0 3 0 1 2 0 0 — 7

At Washington—  
Washington ..... 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 3 — 9

New York ..... 0 2 0 2 2 1 0 0 — 7

At Louisville—  
Pittsburg ..... 2 0 0 2 0 5 0 2 — 11

Louisville ..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 — 4

## Western League Standing.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24.—President Ban Johnson, of the Western League, has prepared the following official report of the relative standing of the clubs during the season that closed Sunday. Here is the order in which the clubs stand, according to the percentage of games won, calculated on the whole number of games played by each club:

Indianapolis, 64.5; St. Paul, 59.7; Kansas City, 58.4; Minneapolis, 52.0; Detroit, 47.2; Milwaukee, 46.0; Toledo, 41.9; Grand Rapids, 30.6.

President Johnson says that on an average the clubs made one-third more money than they did last year, also that not one of the eight clubs failed to make money. He says there is a prospect of a change in the circuit next year, that Terre Haute will be left out and Columbus, Ohio, accepted instead. The annual meeting of the Western Baseball League will take place at the Tremont house in Chicago, Thursday, Sept. 26.

## Western Association.

At Des Moines, Ia.—Des Moines 9, Dubuques 1.  
At Burlington, Ia.—Burlingtons 15, Quincys 2.  
At Rockford, Ill.—Rockfords 16, Peorias 9.  
At St. Joseph, Mo.—St. Josephs 6, Lincolns 9.

## FOR A CUBAN NAVY.

Coaling Stations and Brave Sailors Established for the Fleet.

New York, Sept. 24.—According to the reports current among those interested in Cuban affairs the patriots are in a fair way to have a navy before the first of the year.

It is positively asserted by those who claim to be conversant with the facts that Cuba will have the rights of belligerency accorded her by Mexico and several South American republics before a month has passed. Facilities for coaling stations will be provided for the patriot navy and for all vessels sailing under letters of marque issued by the officials of the republic of Cuba.

There will be several of the latter which will be manned by naval men from different countries and there are many applications on file at Cuban headquarters here for positions in the fleet.

The mission of Secretary Quesada in Mexico, which has been kept from the public, was to arrange the details in connection with this plan. They are now practically completed.

The recent capture of the port of Banes on the north coast of the island of Cuba was the initial step of the plan.

## GUNS ARE READY.

Defense of the Golden Gate Approved by the Government.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 24.—The United States government is now able to blow out of the water at a day's notice a whole hostile fleet that might attempt to enter the Golden Gate. The battery of the big pneumatic dynamite guns ordered for the defense of this port a year or more ago has been advanced so far toward completion that two of the guns could be effectively fired with only twenty-four hours' preparation.

The two guns now set up will be actually fired during the contractor's preliminary tests within ten days, and it is expected that within six weeks some old hulks will have to be blown to splinters in official tests, and the battery will have been turned over to the government.

## Love Is Brought Back.

New York, Sept. 24.—A. C. Love, formerly assistant postmaster at Calvert, Tex., arrived on the steamer Advance from Colon as a prisoner in charge of United States Officer Renfrew. Love, it is charged, while acting in his official capacity in charge of the money-order department at Calvert, fled with a large amount of government funds.

## To Start with British Capital.

Springfield, O., Sept. 24.—A mammoth deal in the agricultural-implementation interest of Springfield is about to be made. This will be the re-establishing of the vast Whiteley interests with a capital of \$2,300,000, of which over \$2,000,000 will be British money. The preliminaries of the deal have almost been completed and it is practically certain to go through.

## Welcome General Korner.

Valparaiso, Chile, Sept. 24.—General Korner has arrived on the steamer Imperial from Panama. He was received with great enthusiasm, the deputies from Santiago joining in the general welcome.

## Seven Persons Drowned.

London, Sept. 24.—A special dispatch received from Geneva, Switzerland, today reports that a steamer ran into and sunk a rowboat there last night, drowning seven persons.

## THE MERIT SYSTEM.

## ITS EXTENSION GRANTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Many Consular Offices Are Put Under Civil Service Rules by the Administration—Full Text of the White House Order.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The president, by an executive order issued yesterday, has extended the civil service system, in a modified form, to all consular officers whose compensation, directly or through fees, ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,500. This will include about one-half of the total number of consuls who receive more than \$1,000.

This change has been gained by reviving in substance an old order of 1873. Vacancies in the service will be filled hereafter by transfer or promotion, by appointment of qualified persons formerly in the employ of the state department and by appointment of persons selected by the President after passing a noncompetitive examination. The order reads:

Executive Mansion, Sept. 20, 1895.—It being of great importance that the consuls and commercial agents of the United States shall possess the proper qualifications for their respective positions, to be ascertained either through a satisfactory record of previous actual service under the department of state or through an appropriate examination, it is hereby ordered that any vacancy in any consular or commercial agency now or hereafter existing, the salary of which is not more than \$2,500 nor less than \$1,000, or the compensation of which, if derived from official fees, exclusive of notarial and other unofficial receipts, does not exceed \$2,500 nor fall below \$1,000, shall be filled (A) by a transfer or promotion from some other position under the department of state, but having previously served thereunder to its satisfaction in a capacity tending to qualify him for the position to be filled, or (B) by appointment of a person not under the department of state, but having previously served thereunder to its satisfaction in a capacity tending to qualify him for the position to be filled, or (C) by the appointment of a person who, having furnished the customary evidence of character, responsibility and capacity and being thereupon selected by the President for examination, is found upon such examination to be qualified for the position.

For the purpose of this order notarial and unofficial fees shall not be regarded, but the compensation of a consular or commercial agency shall be ascertained, if the office is salaried, by reference to the last preceding appropriation act, and, if the office is not salaried, by reference to the returns of official fees for the last preceding fiscal year.

The examination hereinbefore provided for shall be by a board of three persons designated by the secretary of state, who shall also prescribe the subjects to which such examinations shall relate and the general mode of conducting the same by the board.

A vacancy in a consulate will be filled at discretion only when a suitable appointment cannot be made in any of the modes indicated in the first paragraph of this order.

## GROVER CLEVELAND.

## Big Victory for Women.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24.—The Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, by an almost unanimous vote yesterday decided to admit women into the conference as delegates. While the conference was in session General Harrison appeared by invitation, and made a few felicitous remarks. He was heartily cheered by the 300 ministers present. The conference appointments were announced yesterday.

Among the interesting business transacted was a vote to continue the Rev. William E. Hinshaw in his work, regardless of the fact that he is now on trial for his life in the Danville court on a charge of wife murder.

## Seize an American Sealer.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 24.—The sealer E. B. Marvin arrived this morning under seizure, with orders from H. M. S. Pheasant to report to the naval and custom authorities. She was seized by United States steamer Rush on Sept. 2 100 miles west of St. Paul's island. She reports the seizure of the American schooner Louise Olsen on the same date by the same vessel. The Olsen was caught inside the sixty-mile zone.

## For an Official Trial.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Naval officials are looking forward to the speed trial of the ram Katahdin, which is to take place on Oct. 3. The Dolphin has gone north to be present at the trial. The contract under which the boat was built calls for seventeen knots per hour. The vessel was built at Bath, Me., the contract price being \$930,000. The keel was laid in 1891.

## Holmes Pleads Not Guilty.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Herman M. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, was arraigned before Judge Fineletter in the court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday on the indictment charging him with the murder of Benjamin F. Pitzel on Sept. 2, 1894. Upon the advice of his counsel the prisoner pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for Monday, Oct. 28.

## Call for State Bank Reports.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 24.—The audit of public accounts has called for a report from the state banks showing their condition on the morning of Sept. 23.

## Will Not Hold Filibusters.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 24.—The jury in the Cuban filibustering case, after being out fifty minutes, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

## MINISTRY SELECTED.

Bartolome Masso President of the Cuban Republic.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 24.—Letters received by prominent Cuban leaders here state that on Sept. 10 a constitutional convention was held at Naja at which Bartolome Masso was elected president of the Cuban republic, marquis of Santa Lucia minister of the interior, Tomas Estrada Palma representative of the government in the exterior and Maximo Gomez general-in-chief. Masso was born sixty years ago at Manzanillo. He is highly connected and thoroughly educated. He left Manzanillo Feb. 24 last, and was considered as the head of the revolution in the eastern department. When this occurred Calleja sent a committee of prominent autonomists and some chiefs of the former revolution to dissuade him, but he was not pliable. The committee went again, re-enforced by ex-President Sporton, who, during his term, published a decree to put to death any person who should propose anything but Cuban independence. Masso received him, but learning his purpose told him to leave the camp immediately or his own decree would be enforced.

## To Talk of Waterways.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 24.—Business men and all those interested in the progress of lake traffic, are wide awake over the convention of the National Deep Waterways association, which begins in this city this afternoon. The meeting will continue for three days, and during that time large numbers of prominent men from all parts of this country and Canada will be present. The question of the feasibility of a deep channel from the lakes to the ocean will be discussed in all its details, and the recommendations of delegates to the meeting will, no doubt, have much to do in influencing the action of the United States and Canadian governments in deciding the matter.

## Adopt Baltimore Amendment.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 24.—The Central Illinois M. E. conference yesterday decided to meet next year in El Paso. The constitutional question came up, the matter of admitting women to the general conference being first. The Baltimore amendment was adopted on the recommendation of the committee by a vote of 141 to 7. The recommendation of the Wisconsin conference relative to the date of holding the general conference was adopted unanimously. The Colorado amendment was adopted unanimously. This is relative to the representation in the general conference, making the ratio one in every forty-five. At the evening session the business of the conference was closed and the appointments were announced.

## Kansas Crops in Danger.

Emporia, Kan., Sept. 24.—The greatest change in the weather ever experienced here occurred within the past twenty-four hours, the mercury dropping from 90 in the forenoon to the freezing point at night, nearly 60 degrees difference. Material injury to crops will follow if the cold spell continues. At Ardmore, I. T., a severe thunder storm came up yesterday, accompanied by light rain and a high wind. The storm was followed by a cold wave, a fall of 40 degrees occurring in a few hours.

## Coffin Brothers' Trial.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24.—In the trial of the Coffin brothers yesterday evidence was introduced by the government to show that there had been collusion between President Haughey and the defendants to deceive the national bank examiner. The defendants gained a point by showing by the government witnesses who appraised the cabinet company property that it was appraised very low, owing to the stringency, and that it was really worth \$176,000. It sold for half that amount.

## Immense Swamp Fires in Wisconsin.

Appleton, Wis., Sept. 24.—Sunday night's gale fanned the big swamp fires into a sea of flame, and swept away a strip of timber a mile and a half long and a mile wide. The loss will reach \$20,000 if the remainder of the swamp goes, as is now likely. Swamp fires are also reported in the towns of Black Creek, Freedom, and in Grand Chute, within two miles of Appleton.

## Indiana Village Destroyed.

Rochester, Ind., Sept. 24.—Early yesterday fire broke out in Tiosia, six miles from here, and in a short time very business house was destroyed, also the elevators, sawmills and two dwelling houses. The total loss is \$100,000. The heaviest losers are the Tiosia Lumber company, \$60,000, and George Perschauder of Rochester. The insurance is but light.

## Loss to the Baltimore Team.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 24.—McGraw, the third baseman of the Orioles, will not appear again on the diamond this season.