

SCENES AT NORTH BROTHER ISLAND.



BRINGING BODIES IN CARTS TO THE LANDING AT NORTH BROTHER ISLAND.

SEARCHING THE DEAD FOR IDENTIFICATION. THE BODY BEING EXAMINED IS THAT OF ERA KING ER, CORONER'S NO. 66.

BODIES COVERING THE DECK OF THE MASSASOTT.

quantity of oil that was carried and by the stiff breeze that was blowing. Henry Iden, of No. 100 East Fourth-st., who saved his sweetheart, Miss Swartz, holding her to the side of the burning boat after they had jumped overboard, declared that the fire was due to a stove on which clams were being cooked on the deck.

STEAM ON ALL THE TIME.
Director's Statement After Talk with Captain Van Schaick.
Charles E. Hill, a director of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, visited the Lebanon Hospital late yesterday afternoon, to see Captain Van Schaick, the commander of the General Slocum, who had been taken there earlier in the day, under arrest. After a talk with him Mr. Hill said that the captain did not know the cause of the fire.

HORROR IN EAST RIVER
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boat and waited as long as she could before plunging into the river. Finally the flames and smoke were swirling about her and she leaped over the rail into the water twenty feet below. As she disappeared beneath the surface she clung tightly to her infant charge, and still had the baby in her arms when she arose again. Beside her, struggling in the river, was a man in uniform, one of the officers of the steamer. He told her to place one arm about him, that he would hold her up until help came. She obeyed, but still clung to her helpless little friend. In about five minutes they were picked up by somebody in a rowboat and taken ashore. The brave little girl and the baby whose life she had saved were treated in one of the hospital wards on North Brother Island.

as many of the bodies as could be accommodated. It was first decided that relatives desiring to identify their friends would be allowed to come on the island for this purpose, but when the impromptu morgue became crowded, and more than two hundred bodies were still on the lawn, it was arranged that the bodies should be taken to the East Twenty-sixth-st. pier, where another larger morgue had been improvised. To facilitate the work of removing bodies at night, Police Commissioner McAdoe, who went to the island, borrowed some cluster lights from the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. These were to be placed on the lawn where the bodies lay. Mr. McAdoe also made arrangements to have the bodies of the dead photographed.

as bodies were identified they were turned over to undertakers. Soon there were a score of undertakers' wagons outside the station, and the crowd grew until the street was almost impassable, fully five thousand people surrounding the house.

MR. HAAS'S GREAT LOSS
HIS STORY OF TRAGEDY.
All His Family Except His Son and Sister Missing.
The Rev. George C. A. Haas, the pastor of the church, was saved, but his wife and daughter are among the missing. The pastor was prostrated last night. Much of the time he was unconscious. With his sister, Miss Emma Haas, he returned home about 5 o'clock.

A MYSTERY TO WATERMEN.
Why the Slocum was not beached on the Bronx side of the river is a mystery to watermen. Thousands of persons were at hand to go to the rescue if the burning boat had been kept to the New-York shore. This was explained by the fact that the steering apparatus had given way and the pilot was unable to control the boat. One man, however, who saw the Slocum come up the river, said that the steering could not have been out of order, as the Slocum was run past North Brother Island, and then turned toward it. Many factories line the Bronx shore near where the Slocum beached, and the North Beach ferry and the Health Department pier are there, so that there would have been any number of men to go out to the help of the steamer and its load of passengers. There was a rumor that the ferryboat Bronx, which runs from One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st. to College Point, Long Island, had passed the Slocum without pausing to give aid. This was denied at the office of the ferry company.

HAD A FORTUNE IN HER BUSTLE.
Bank Books Contained Deposits of \$30,000—\$200,000 Taken from Bodies.
The bodies of several persons having money in their clothing were found. One of the bodies, Coroner O'Gorman said, was that of a well dressed woman of middle age. She had twenty-five bank books in her bustle. The coroner said that the deposits indicated in the books were between \$30,000 and \$40,000. As near as could be made out, some of them showed that she was a trustee for one Eva Krieger or Kreuger.

AN UNKNOWN HERO.
A man whose identity could not be learned showed himself to be a hero. He was seen on the starboard paddle box of the General Slocum, surrounded by a group of women and children. Tug No. 7, of the New-York Central Railroad, braving the smoke and flames, ran up alongside the burning steamer, and the man on the paddle box passed the women and children down to the crew of the tug. The clothing of some of the passengers was burning, and the hero's own garments were on fire by the time he was forced to jump into the river and swim ashore.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.
Commissioner McAdoe has ordered a general investigation started at once into the safety of all steamers carrying passengers in this harbor, as to their ability to fight fire, and to find out whether the life preservers are sufficient for use in cases of emergency. The Commissioner, it is said, is convinced that the steamboat company has not made a proper inspection of the passenger boats, and he has ordered Captain William Bean, of the Patrol, to begin the work in a practical manner, at once, especially upon the Coney Island boats.

HELP FROM HOSPITALS.
Scenes on North Brother Island Described by the Doctors.
Dr. Axman, of Lebanon Hospital, in speaking of what he saw and did last night, said: "It was the most gruesome spectacle I ever witnessed in my life. It was simply awful. No words can do it justice. I did not know where to go or what to do. I was pulled here and there by various people, all of whom I loved. I finally got on a tug and started for North Brother Island. On the way there we pulled ten people out of the water, and I personally delivered thirteen after reaching the island. These were all put on the tug and brought back to the hospital, and I remained there to treat those who had been brought by myself and others."

HE SENDS HIS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO PASTOR AND CONGREGATION.
President Roosevelt sent the following message of condolence to the Rev. George C. F. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Church: "Accept my profound sympathy for yourself, your church and your congregation."
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

SENDS THREE CUTTERS OUT.
Collector Stranahan Orders Calumet, Hudson and Mackinac to Use All Possible Speed.
As soon as the news of the disaster reached the New-York Custom House Collector Stranahan ordered an immediate investigation, and directed that the revenue cutters Calumet, Hudson and Mackinac be dispatched with utmost speed to the scene of the wreck, to give any assistance possible.

SYMPATHY IN LONDON.
The Newspapers Express It—Long Accounts Published.
London, June 16.—The morning newspapers publish long descriptive accounts of the terrible disaster at New-York to the excursion steamer General Slocum, and in their editorial articles express a keen sense of sympathy with the American people in the horrible accident, which, for grim and mournful contrast between merrymaking and tragedy, is considered to stand almost without precedent.

SWIFT RECOVERY OF BODIES.
Many small boats were manned by the police after the General Slocum drifted away from the shore, and the task of dragging for bodies was begun. In the afternoon the recovery of bodies was rapid. For two hours at one time in the afternoon the bodies were being recovered at the rate of one a minute.

NAVAL MILITAMEN HELP.
Commander Franklin, of the First Battalion, Naval Militia, the moment he was asked for boats by Commissioner McAdoe assigned the steam launch Seneca, in charge of Captain James Goodlow, John Gardlee and Engineer W. E. McAndrew, and the launch Onida, Captain Michael McGrath and Emil Hummel, to the work of establishing a ferry between One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. and North Brother Island. John McEwen, of the harbor police, was assigned to assist them.

CREW WAS NOT PROPERLY STATIONED.
Coroner Berry said last night that he was unable to fix the responsibility for the disaster, but from a superficial examination he believed the crew had not been properly stationed, so as to see the flames in time to make headway in fighting them.

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A CHILD SITS AMONG THE DEAD.
A world crowd surrounded the Alexander-ave. police station from the arrival of the first body until midnight. Policemen, doctors, reporters and those seeking dead relatives or friends were forced to push their way through the throng. Other thousands lined the East River shore until late at night watching the bodies being brought over from North Brother Island.

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