

MANY HOMELESS

And Destitute Sufferers From the Mississippi Flood.

THE RELIEF WORK AT MEMPHIS

Proving Too Great a Burden For That City.

NUMBERS OF LIVES ARE LOST

And the Dead is Not Yet--People who Died For Hours Waist-Deep in the Water...

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18--Four

rescue boats, including two government boats arrived in port this morning...

Local packets cleared in time to-day, taking extra hands to aid in the work...

Several small breaks in the old levees are reported, causing additional damage...

Islands 40, 28, 27, 25, 23, 24 are reported entirely submerged to-day...

The Governor of Arkansas has refused to aid the Memphis relief committee...

A general appeal issued to-day by the citizens' relief committee and addressed to the people of Arkansas...

Five More Victims. To-night the great good claimed five more victims. Near Marion, Ark., Etta Lix and the four children were trying to make their way to Marion for shelter...

The river to-night stands at 36.9 feet, a rise since morning of one-tenth. Such is the pronouncement of the weather bureau at Memphis.

Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday an official bulletin was sent out from the weather bureau of Memphis, reporting a fall of two-tenths of a foot in the river since yesterday morning.

OMAHA, Neb., March 18--Special telegrams to the Bee from all points in the northwest indicate that the bonds of winter were simultaneously broken to-day...

AWFUL SUFFERING

Of the Survivors of the Steamer Ville de St. Nazaire--Only Four Saved Out of Eighty-two Persons--Their Terrible Experience.

NEW YORK, March 18--Out of the 82 persons comprising the passengers and crew of the steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which sailed from this port on March 6 for Port au Prince, Haiti, only four are known to have survived disaster...

Among the survivors is Senor Tagado, a San Domingo, who was compelled to witness the death of his wife and four children without being able to alleviate their sufferings.

Mr. Gear asked that the bill be made the unfinished business of the senate, with the proviso that it should not be taken up for a month.

There was objection also to Mr. Gear's resolution calling on the attorney general for information as to the foreclosure proceedings against the Pacific route.

"WHEELING"

Is Now Borne on the High Seas by One of Uncle Sam's

TRIM AND SAUCY GUNBOATS.

Both the "Wheeling" and "Marietta" Were Launched

WITH IMPOSING CEREMONIES

At San Francisco--Miss Lucia Brown Christened the "Wheeling" and Mrs. Clifford More Acted for the "Marietta."

The launching was witnessed by a large crowd, and was the first double event ever seen on the slope.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18--Thursday sees two more of Uncle Sam's war craft slip from the ways at the Union Iron Works--the big ship-build-

ing yard at the western end of the continent, which fringe the bay and Pacific shore with the masts of hostile ships.

Several thousand people witnessed the double launching of the "Wheeling" and "Marietta." Elaborate preparations had been made and there was but one hitch.

The "Marietta" left the ways ten seconds before the "Wheeling," which stuck for a moment and then with a crashing of timbers got under way again.

The tide carried the two gunboats together and they collided in the basin. The "Marietta" careened to an apparently dangerous position.

She shortly righted herself and the two vessels drew apart without danger, save a slight scratching of paint.

The launching took place at 10:54 a. m. The christenings were simultaneous. On the "Wheeling" were representatives of the Union Iron Works, a party of Wheeling citizens and Miss Lucia S. Brown, who named the ship.

These new ships will take their places in the line of the white fleet. They are not equal in tonnage to the record-breaking Oregon and they cannot carry a heavier battery compared with their sister ship.

The gunboats Wheeling and Marietta represent a value of \$24,000 apiece. They are fitted with oak bilge keels to prevent excessive rolling.

The new armaments are provided with two 600 horse-power engines and double screws that will drive the vessels twelve knots an hour.

The "Wheeling" and "Marietta" will be commanded by a lieutenant-commander and each vessel will be manned by eleven officers, ten marines and a crew of 125--a complement of 146 persons.

Space has been economized in the construction of the interior, and the berthing of the officers and crew is an improvement over the crowded quarters of other vessels.

The "Wheeling" and "Marietta" has a mainmast and two masts. The "Wheeling" is supplied with the ordinary marine boiler with the Howden system of forced draught, and the Marietta has

the Babcock and Wilcox water-tube

boilers. This is the only difference in the make-up of the two craft.

The twin vessels have been in goodly company, for alongside of the Wheeling was the long steel keel of the battleship Wisconsin, which will be twenty feet longer and 2,000 tons heavier than the Oregon, which was last launched from these ways.

Next to the Wheeling on the other side will be laid the keel of a thirty-knot torpedo cruiser for the United States.

From this distinguished family of fighters, the Wheeling and Marietta were separated to-day. They certainly reflect credit on their sister and brother boats.

As the first double launching on the Pacific coast it attracted many visitors from San Francisco and vicinity. Inventions were in very great demand.

A TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION Of the Gunboat "Wheeling," Launched Thursday.

Through the courtesy of Chief Naval Constructor Philip Hitchbone, of the bureau of construction and repairs, of the navy department, the Intelligencer is enabled to give the following technical de-

scription of the United States gunboats "Wheeling" and "Marietta" which were launched yesterday at San Francisco:

The composite gunboats "Marietta" and "Wheeling," which carry two pole masts and steady sailing only, were authorized by act of Congress approved March 2nd, 1896, and are two of the six light-draft boats then provided for.

The framing is of steel from the keel up; the upper edge of the wood plank will lap the top side plating about two feet six inches. Plank of Georgia pine will be worked on the frames, secured thereto by composite bolts in such manner as to prevent galvanic action.

No plating will be worked on the under water body of the vessel, except the keel plates, a strip of plating on each side of the keel plates under the boilers to form the narrow portion of the water tank and narrow strips for the plates under the longitudinal and bilge keels.

Throughout the machinery space, an inner bottom of plating will be worked, giving added strength to this part of the vessel enabling the bilges to be kept clean, and affording additional means of safety should the outer bottom be ruptured.

The principal dimensions and general features are: Length of lead water-line, 174 feet 6 in., extreme at mid. water, 174 feet 6 in. Draft, normal, at bottom of keel, 12 feet Displacement, normal, about 1,300 tons Indicated horse power, about 1,000 Speed an hour, in knots, 12

The armaments, being identical in both types, will consist of six four-inch, four six-pounder, and two one-pounder guns, all rapid fire, and will be disposed in this order: Four four-inch guns, in two batteries, port and starboard, on the gun deck amidships; the two other four-inch guns being carried on the main deck, one at the bow and one at the stern, each having a wide arc of fire.

The six-pounder guns will be carried on the gun deck, two well forward, one on either bow, and two amidships between the four-inch guns, respectively in the port and starboard batteries. The one-pounder guns will be disposed where most advantageous on the hammock beam.

For the four-inch guns there will be 900 rounds of ammunition. For the six-pounder guns there will be 2,002 rounds of ammunition. For the one-pounder guns there will be 1,200 rounds of ammunition.

The normal coal supply is 250 tons, with a total bunker capacity of 250 tons. The engines will be of two types, four-cylinder, and will be of the usual vertical, direct-acting, triple-expansion type, with a high-pressure cylinder and a low-pressure cylinder of twelve, eighteen and one-fourth and twenty-eight inches respectively, having a common stroke of eighteen inches, capable of developing 1,000 horse-power, when running at 200 revolutions a minute.

Each boat will have two single-ended boilers. In the "Marietta" they will be of the Babcock and Wilcox type, while in the "Wheeling" they will be of the "Scotch" pattern.

They will have moderate forced draught induced by two blowers for each boiler applied directly to the ash-pit. The blowers will be placed side by side in the same compartment, with a common fire-room.

The essential reasons for the construction of vessels of the composite type are that they are largely independent of docking facilities and economical in the use of fuel. The exfoliation of the copper causes the barnacles, grass, etc., to be released just as soon as the vessel is put in motion, and the bottom is made comparatively clean, thus permitting the vessel to maintain her designated speed with a minimum consumption of coal.

The deck is of iron, and the cost of fuel are very serious outlays that these vessels are counted upon to minimize, while their activity, range of action, and general efficiency are greatly increased.

The inland river service for which these gunboats are particularly designed requires that they be exposed to masonry fire, and the housing of the major part of the battery by an unbroken neck, besides adding materially to the stiffness and strength of the vessels, gives admirable protection to the guns' crews in action.

The necessarily exposed position of the bow and the stern guns is justified by their arc of fire and possible usefulness in a running action; while for river service, for which these boats are particularly fitted, the disposition of the gun-deck battery is all that could be desired.

JACKSON AND WALLING.

Murderers of Pearl Bryan, Make Another Confession, Which is Regarded as a Clue to Secure Delay--The Hanging to Occur To-morrow.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 18--The confessions of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling were to-night presented to Governor Bradley. The confessions say Dr. Wagner administered medicine in an attempt to perform an abortion, under which Pearl Bryan died.

Walling wrapped the head in a cloak and took it home. Afterwards he became insane. They do not know where the head was.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 18--As a last desperate resort to extort a respite

from Governor Bradley or a commutation of the sentence of himself and Alonzo M. Walling, Scott Jackson has made another so-called confession and Walling has signed it.

Upon their arrest one year and six weeks ago each confessed that the other committed the murder. Each has been in the confession business very frequently ever since.

These written individual confessions signed by the respective authors were vague and evasive.

Now for the first time comes a confession prepared by Scott Jackson in the Alexandria jail and signed also by Alonzo M. Walling to be sent to Governor Bradley. That confession is now in his hands.

It is voluminous, somewhat evasive and not a little foggy. It justifies the general exclamation: "Who will believe it?" which was heard everywhere on the streets to-day when the announcement was made that a confession had been obtained.

It was secured for a big money consideration, the proceeds to go to the mothers of the condemned men. Its distinguishing characteristic is that it contradicts in almost every particular the theory of the defense in the long trials of each of these two men.

During the trial witnesses were brought from Bellevue, Ky., a village just above Newport, to prove that Jackson, Walling and Pearl Bryan were seen in that village about noon on the Thursday before the murder.

John Foster, one of the witnesses, and tried to show that Druggist Poerlmeier, a second witness, had told contradictory stories about seeing the murderers and their victim.

Now in this confession the scene of the immediate preliminaries of this murder is transferred to Bellevue, Ky., on Wednesday and Thursday nights, January 29 and 30, 1896.

Dr. Wagner, who was arrested at Bellevue, Ky., is involved in the murder by the confession. At the time of the trial there was a trace of a rumor that Dr. Wagner might have had some complicity in the affair.

This was effectively silenced by evidence believed at the time that Dr. Wagner was absent during the week of the Pearl Bryan murder. Since that time he has been an inmate of the lunatic asylum at Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Wagner still persists that her husband was absent during that week, and, furthermore, that she never saw him or Walling or Pearl Bryan, and in this her daughters join her.

Should this attempt to implicate Dr. Wagner succeed in moving the governor, an indictment by a grand jury would be expected to follow, and a trial of Dr. Wagner in which Jackson and Walling would be the only witnesses.

By many this is regarded as the motive of the whole thing. It took Scott Jackson the whole of one afternoon and night to write it.

Meantime advices from Newport are that the scaffold and ropes for two are in readiness for the hanging of the criminals on Saturday. News from Alexandria, where the prisoners are imprisoned, is that the announcement of a new confession has created great excitement in Campbell and adjacent counties in Kentucky, that it has brought people from Union county to the town in no gentle humor, and that while the prisoners would be in no danger from the citizens of Alexandria, yet there is no knowing what violent result might follow a commutation of the sentences of Jackson and Walling.

WASHINGTON, March 18--Among the applications for appointments under the treasury department filed to-day were those of Henry Haymond, of Clarksville, W. Va., and C. C. Sedgwick, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, for register of the treasury.

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THE CRISIS

Reached in the Situation Between Greece and the Powers.

THE BLOCKADE INAUGURATED

But the King of Greece Shows No Sign That He Intends to Withdraw His Troops--The Condition of Affairs Very Grave--Matters on the Macedonian Frontier--Report that the Blockade will be Completed on Sunday.

CANEA, Island of Crete, March 18--The Austrian gunboat Sebenico has fired upon and sunk near Candia, a Greek vessel loaded with provisions and munitions intended for the Greek forces in Crete.

It appears that the Sebenico, while watching the Greek ship, was fired on by a party of insurgents. To this the Austrian warship replied by sinking the Greek craft and driving off the insurgents.

It is feared that when this news becomes generally known in Athens it will serve to greatly irritate the populace and may have an influence in precipitating the crisis which the powers are striving in every possible way to avert.

The blockade of the island of Crete by the fleets of the powers will begin on Sunday morning and a notification to this effect will be addressed to-day to the governments at Athens and Constantinople.

It is further stated that the powers will also communicate the steps taken to the governments of the neutral states. The limits of the blockade will be between longitudes 23.34 and 25.30 east, and latitude 35.48 and 34.25 north.

The blockade will be general against deck vessels, but other ships will be allowed to land goods, provided they are not destined for the Greek troops or for the interior of the island. Finally, the admirals have caused a request to be addressed to Greece to recall her warships from Cretan waters. If she does not comply, force will be used on Sunday morning to compel them to withdraw.

Notified of Blockade. The admirals of the foreign fleets in these waters have telegraphed to their respective ambassadors at Constantinople notifying them of the blockade of the island of Crete.

Warships will be sent to tour the island and give the mayors of the chief ports copies of the proclamation of autonomy and the announcement of blockade.

It is understood that the admirals will compel the Greek warship Flota to leave the Cretan waters to-morrow. Colonel Vasos is gathering great quantities of provisions at his new camp at Sphakia, situated in one of the mountainous and inaccessible portions of the island.

The Greek commander is showing no signs of any intention of evacuating the island, consequently it is believed he has received orders to remain in occupation in spite of the opposition of the powers.

A number of French and Italian officers were sent to-day (Thursday) to the camp of Col. Vasos to demand that his troops embark to leave the island within thirty-six hours. The officers had not returned at midnight.

The Austrian consul has joined the British consul, Sir Alfred Billotti, in demanding modification of the proclamation of autonomy. The telegraph office has refused to transmit an admiral's cipher message to Constantinople.

ATHENS, March 18--The official announcement of the blockade of Crete did not produce much of a display of feeling either in the Boule, or on the part of the public. The sinking of the Greek vessel by the Sebenico on the other hand, is denounced with indignation as a crime committed by a civilized state.

The Greek vice consuls at Retimo and Candia have informed the government that the telegraph offices refuse to transmit their cipher dispatches to the government or to deliver telegrams sent by the government. Whatever pretensions are made for this step of censorship of press telegrams, which, it is reported, the admirals have consented to take at Candia, it is an ominous retrograde movement to the proclamation of autonomy.

LONDON, March 18--Popular opinion in Greece, says the Times correspondent at Athens, imperatively demands an early declaration of war with Turkey. The idea is that Europe would then be compelled to adopt a neutral attitude.

It must be admitted, says the Times' correspondent, that Greece has legitimate grounds of complaint against the great powers and Turkey, and it is thought by good judges of Greek policy at Athens that if the boundary fixed by the conference were conceded, Greece would willingly abandon her pretensions to Crete. At present, however, the powers do not seem in a mood to negotiate.

In the house of commons to-day Mr. Balfour said it was incorrect to say that Germany had declined to dispatch troops to Greece. It is understood that Sir William Vernon Harcourt (Liberal) will shortly move an address to the crown on Cretan affairs.

FORMAL OPPOSITION To the Landing of Troops of the Powers Ordered by the Greek Government. ATHENS, March 18--According to persistent rumors circulating here, Col. Vasos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, has been ordered to oppose the landing of the foreign troops now on their way to Crete. This, however, may mean only a formal opposition, as protest against the action of the powers.

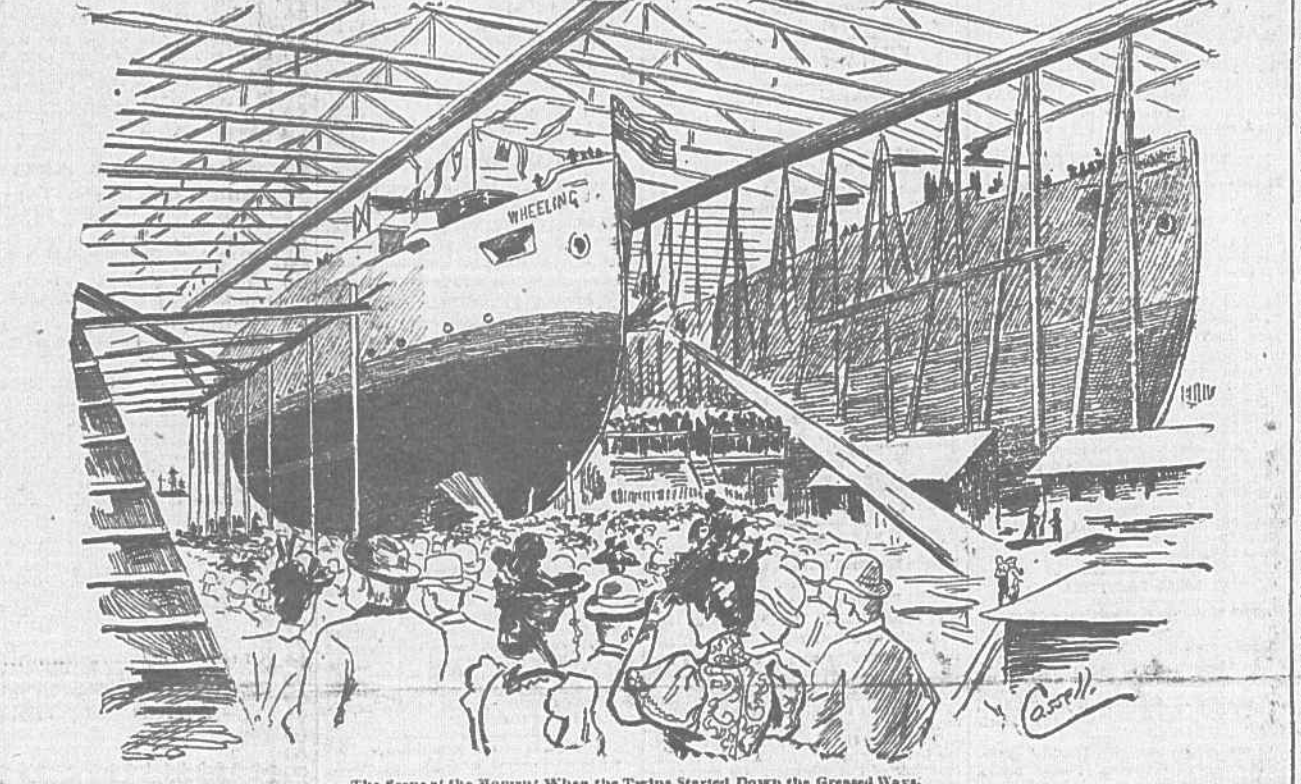
Advices from Arta, on the Greek frontier show that the privations of the Turks there are so severe that some of them are deserting to the Greek camp. The Turks at Preveza, Epirus, are also in consequence of a conflict provoked by a Greek soldier belonging to the garrison of Arta.

It is reported in military circles that Russia is about to land troops on the coast of Macedonia. The news that the Serbian army reserves are being mobilized is causing great anxiety to the Turkish military authorities at Salonica.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and Ohio, generally cloudy weather with showers; variable winds.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schenck, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 53; 8 a. m. 52; 9 a. m. 51; 10 a. m. 50; 11 a. m. 49; 12 m. 48; 1 p. m. 47; 2 p. m. 46; 3 p. m. 45; 4 p. m. 44; 5 p. m. 43; 6 p. m. 42; 7 p. m. 41; 8 p. m. 40; 9 p. m. 39; 10 p. m. 38; 11 p. m. 37; Weather--Rain.

THE dark mahogany used Krakauer piano, advertised first in Sunday's paper, was sold Tuesday morning for cash. Used Krakauer pianos are bargains seldom found and always go quickly. Watch for our next offer. F. W. BAUMER CO., 1210 Market Street.



The Scene at the Moment When the Twins Started Down the Grassy Ways. After a telegraphic description of the event wired from San Francisco.