

AWFUL NEW YORK HORROR.

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TRAGEDY OCCURRED AT HELL GATE IN THE EAST RIVER.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

New York, June 15.—Five hundred persons, mostly children, perished today by the burning of the excursion steamer, General Slocum, near Hell Gate in the East river.

The Slocum having on board the annual Sunday School excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of this city, was on her way up river to a resort on Long Island Sound.

When just off about 125th Street persons on shore saw some smoke and flames spring from the upper part of the crowded steamer.

A panic ensued on board almost instantly.

Crowds on the forward deck, panic stricken, began to spring overboard or to crowd to the after part of the boat.

The screams of the terrified persons could be heard on shore, and hundreds of small boats immediately pulled off to the rescue. On account of rocks on either side of the channel at this point it was impossible to beach the boat.

The captain stood to his post at the wheel and headed the vessel straight through Hell gate for North Brother Island, where she was beached in shallow water.

Several hundreds fell in the open water way between the burning steamer and the shore, and many persons perished, either in the water or on the burning steamer after she was beached.

It is estimated that the steamer carried more than 2,000 persons.

The General Slocum was the largest excursion steamer in these waters. She has plied for years to Rockaway Beach and could carry about 4,000 persons.

The pastor of St. Mark's Church, Rev. Geo. C. Ephese, was on board with all of his family, and all are reported lost.

The boat caught fire in Hell Gate, and the flames had complete control of her before any effort could be made to check them.

Frightful scenes of panic followed.

Story of Eye Witness.

An eye witness said that the greatest loss of life was during the collapse of the heavy upper deck. It fell with a crash after the fire started, crushing hundreds of persons, who had gathered on the lower deck.

It was then that the greatest panic ensued. There was a living stream of people going over into the water. As far as eye witnesses can determine the flames originated on the forward part of the boat.

Persons who saw the accident from the shore say almost instantly the people who occupied places on the forward deck began to jump overboard.

Policemen in the Bronx and Harlem saw the blazing boat steaming up the river, and immediately began to turn in alarms for ambulances and fire boats.

All boats at North Brother Island were sent to the assistance of the people in the water, who as fast as they were brought ashore, were cared for in the pavillions there. The patients in the hospitals on the island became almost insane from fright at the terrible sight they had witnessed.

A large part of the crowd on the steamer were children and there was little hope for them after they had gone overboard. The current in the East River at this point is very strong, and scores of little ones were sucked in by the whirlpools.

At Hell Gate one man who went out in a row boat, said that he saw at least fifty children perish in these whirlpools before he could reach them.

Persons on tug boats say that several hundred bodies had washed ashore or were towed or carried on board boats to the shore of North Brother Island.

Almost every other woman who was taken away, was calling for her children.

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No details have yet been received. St. Petersburg, June 15.—If the report that the Russian protected

cruiser Novik made a sortie from Port Arthur yesterday is true, it demonstrates that the entrance is free, and doubtless was preliminary to the egress of the whole squadron and its effecting a junction with Skrydloff's squadron.

This Morning's Despatches.

London, June 14.—The Central News has received a despatch from its Liao Yang correspondent under today's date saying that heavy firing between the Russian and Japanese vanguards commenced at 1.40 this afternoon. The fighting extended along the entire front, assuming dimensions of a general engagement. The correspondent says that no details are available.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram from Lieut. General Baron Stakelberg, bearing this date:

"A battle began at noon around the Russian position four and a half miles south of the station of Wafangon (Wafangow) the enemy making repeated attempts to dislodge our left flank. The attack was repelled and we retained our position."

"The first regiment occupying the left flank of our position sustained severe losses. Its commander, Col. Khavastounoff, and Adjutant sub-Lieutenant Dragoslav Nadochinsky, were killed. General Gerngross was wounded, a shrapnel bullet shattering the right side of his lower jaw, but he remained on the field."

Liao Yang, June 14.—Japanese artillery today opened fire upon Wafangow (a station on the railway 60 miles above Kin Chau). Details are waited.

CLEAR OF HIM.

Dundonald's Reign Over—Alymer Succeds Temporarily.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, June 15.—Sir Frederick Borden, this morning stated that Lord Dundonald's term of office as general officer commanding, had actually expired.

Lord Alymer, adjutant general under existing regulations has become general officer commanding temporarily, and a Gazette announcing that fact will be issued immediately.

As soon as the Gazette is issued, Lord Alymer will start to inspect the camps.

Halifax, June 15.—Malcolm Carmichael, aged thirty, suicided today by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid.

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SOMETHING DOING.

Big Land and Naval Battles in Progress.

RUSSIAN FLEET SAID TO HAVE GOT OUT OF PORT ARTHUR.

Czar's Forces Lost Prominent Officers.

Nagasaki, June 15.—A Russian naval squadron was lately sighted off Okishima Ken and Yamaguchi Ken and sounds of firing it is now stated were heard yesterday off Oki Island.

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