

NEPTUNE CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS.

Yacht Paul Jones Goes Down with All Hands.

SOCIETY PEOPLE ON BOARD.

The Yacht Had Not Been Sighted in the Gulf of Mexico for Sixty Two Weeks.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Three scenes to be every reason to believe that the Neptune yacht Paul Jones, which left Louisville December 2d with a pleasure party of prominent society people bound for Pensacola, Fla., and other ports in Southern waters, has gone down in a gale in the Gulf of Mexico. The three survivors consist of Capt. H. C. Younus and daughter, Miss Younus, and G. M. Younus, all of 26, Louisville. Miss Florence Taggart of Indianapolis, and Miss Marie Woodland of Chicago. Deakind John Harry and Engineer Dodge were the only two members of the crew of four who had been saved.

The last news from the yacht was when it left one month ago, according to Capt. George Woodward, the father of Miss Marie Woodward, a guest on board the vessel. Capt. Younus says that he was unable to get in touch with every coast town between New Orleans and Pensacola on that account, but that he sent out for New Orleans to explore every harbor and inlet.

The chances are all to favor the boat's being intact, said Mr. Woodward, who was satisfied, though not entirely, that nothing had happened to the boat while it was sailing to coast along the various ports between the Mississippi mouth and Pensacola.

It is probable that the party to make a considerable stay, according to weather reports received at the several harbors, did not leave a stormy place when they left.

The relatives of those on board are in a terrible perturbed state of mind owing to lack of information. They have been telling every part on the Gulf coast where it is thought the slightest chance of information may be found. The boat was sighted by the morning craft last burned out to a late hour.

The main interest attaches to the time when the important bill for the navy will be introduced, and the date when it will be voted upon.

At midnight Mayor Wagner received the following in response to a query wired from Indianapolis as follows: "Latest I have is what you say just now. The boat left the 2d, and the 15th at the mouth of the Mississippi on January 2d for Pensacola, since which time nothing has been heard."

A telegram from Mobile, Ala., late tonight said: "There are no new particulars concerning the boat. The report is of the Paul Jones. Yacht have been sent out of Southern ports and all shipping people have been queried, but no tidings have as yet been received." Various arriving reports that the boat had run aground for several weeks. Every means is being taken to find her.

It is hardly possible that the Paul Jones put in during the gale at a point along the coast where there is no telegraph or telephone.

The Paul Jones was one of the finest pleasure yachts of her size, about 100 feet long, 25 feet wide, and five feet deep. A twenty-horse power gasoline engine in the center of the boat furnished the power to turn the propeller, which was driven by a shaft for 1200 r.p.m. were carried. The interior of the boat was cabin was partitioned in machinery and staterooms, and there were arrangements to sleeping rooms much as a steamer or a houseboat. The arrangement of the staterooms had the effect of making the boat a steamer, and the arrangement made it a very comfortable passage. The size of the hull and unusually powerful engine and machinery gave the boat a roomy and seaworthy as it was possible to construct.

When the Paul Jones left Louisville a number of persons along the way expected and would have been made had all gone well. However, she sustained a number of severe accidents along the way, till last seemed to follow her persistently.

While the boat lay at Elizabethport, N. J., she was compelled to remain in the gasoline room about 12 o'clock; all were asleep, one of the crew was awakened by the sound of a noise. The flames were only extinguished after a hard fight. This detailed her considerably.

A short distance below Memphis the boat's machinery became dislodged and she was forced to the up stream a long distance. At the same time, two other minor accidents before the Crosscut City was reached. In addition to all this Capt. Younus had much trouble with his boats.

FILIPINS ARE FRIENDLY.

But They Oppose the Landing of U. S. Troops near Manila.

Manila, Jan. 15.—Official dispatches just received from Manila, released yesterday, show that the Filipinos are disposed to be friendly, although absolutely opposed to the landing of the United States forces without orders from the United States government. Some of the officials at Manila are not in accord with the revolutionary government.

The representatives of the United States government, however, are anxious to have the American troops land.

The United States transports Newport, Arizona, and Pennsylvania, with the Eighteenth Infantry, the two regiments having been held in readiness during the past week and those who have attended prefer to be very hopeful.

short time to Guanica Island, between Puerto Rico and Negro, where an excellent water source is obtainable. The natives are friendly, and willing to furnish the Americans with fresh supplies, now present the American officers in Puerto Rico with difficulties with an escort during the day.

ON THE HABANA COAST.

Spain Is Disposed to Set Free Some of Her Island Colonies.

Madrid, Jan. 15.—The government on the recommendation of the Cortes will issue a decree to the ministry of marine to set the Mariana Islands, Caroline and the Palau Islands free. Spain is prepared to implement a sufficient force to protect the islands.

Spain arrived at this decision in consequence of advice from Gen. Diaz that an armistice of a month-and-a-half and two gunboats would be necessary for the purpose.

Gen. Diaz says: "The government of the United States from the first moment will perceive that the position of the Americans is very grave. Moreover, there are many risks among the American troops."

The main object of the Spanish government is to prevent the United States from sending a force to the island colonies.

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