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HUNDREDS, UNIDENTIFIED, AND WILL BE LAID TO REST FAR FROM THEIR PEOPLE

Two Hundred Bodies at Quebec Are These of Foreign Passengers of Empress

SO FAR ONE HUNDRED BODIES IDENTIFIED

Difficult to Obtain Exact Figures of The Number of Victims of the Disaster

AT LEAST 955 WERE LOST

Preliminary Steps Taken to Conduct Investigation into Cause of Awful Event

MONTREAL, June 2.—Pending full investigation into the Empress of Ireland disaster, which has been promised by the Marine Department, and which will be held in Montreal, commencing probably June 9th, little can be learned to throw light on the tragedy of the Gulf.

The Tribunal, which will enquire into the disaster, will, it is announced to-night, be composed of Sir Adolphe Routhier and Judge of the Court of Admiralty, Quebec, Hon. Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice and Judge of the Admiralty Court of New Brunswick, and representative of the British Empire.

Flatly Contradicted. Captain Kendall's statement at the inquest has been flatly contradicted in several essential points by Captain Andersen and members of the crew of the Storstad, and until further evidence is given on both sides before competent authority, it will be impossible to say which ship is at fault.

This morning preliminary steps were taken to conduct an investigation, but it is likely several days will elapse before actual evidence-taking begins.

Meantime the grim work of identifying the bodies is being carried on at Quebec. So far in the neighborhood of one hundred of these have been recognized and sent to their respective cities for burial.

For Unknown Graves. There still remains at Quebec, however, over two hundred corpses, and of these it is likely the greater number will go to unknown graves; many of them belonged to the steerage, as they came from every large centre of America, even as far as Los Angeles, and it is altogether unlikely that their relatives, mostly foreigners, will make any effort to claim the remains.

So far it has been impossible to secure any definite information as to how many were lost and saved. Figures hitherto published differ anywhere from ten to fifty, and it is doubtful if more accurate information can be given out. The C. P. R. admits to-day the are not in a position to give definitely the number of living or dead. When the survivors are accounted for the death list is 955.

Coincidence In Tune Played When "Empress" Sailed Quebec Band Rendered "Nearer My God To Thee"

Quebec, May 29.—The Empress of Ireland sailed from here yesterday afternoon with more than twelve hundred souls on board, and as she steamed away the brass band of a party of the Salvation Army played "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," which makes the setting of the awful tragedy a near parallel with that of the heroic band on the ill-fated Titanic.

Invermore leaves North Sydney to-night.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to South and West; showers to-day and to-night, then fair.

Arson Squad is Still Very Busy

Burn Down English Mansion and Church Dating Back to 1538.

London, June 2.—A mansion near Windsor, formerly the residence of the Duchess of Sutherland, was destroyed to-day by fire, supposedly of suffragette origin. They also burned the historic parish church of St. Mary's at Wargrave. The church was built in 1538 and contained many valuable treasures.

Serious Riots Occur In Sicily

Striking Miners Destroy Half a Town Doing Much Expensive Damage

Palermo, Sicily, June 2.—The big strike at the sulphur mines reached a climax yesterday when a mob at Porto Empedocle destroyed half the town.

Rioters set fire to the sulphur stores, destroyed depots, tore up railway tracks and pulled down telephone and telegraph wires. Flames could be seen at Girgenti, seven miles distant. Detachments of troops and police were despatched to re-establish order.

INVESTIGATION OF THE DISASTER TO BE THOROUGH

Preliminaries Have Already Begun And Many Witnesses Have Been Summoned

PROBABLE PERSONNEL OF THE COMMISSION

Names of Canadian Nominees and of Member Representing the British Empire

MONTREAL, June 2.—The placing of the responsibility for the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in which 969 lives were lost promises to be one of the greatest fights in the history of the Admiralty Courts.


It is evident from the stand taken by the representatives here of the owners of the Storstad which rammed the Empress and also by that taken by the Canadian Pacific officers, that many months will pass before a final decision is reached by the Board before which evidence regarding the collision will be heard.

Preliminaries Begun. Preliminaries have been begun. Capt. George Lindsay, Dock Superintendent of Canada, has summoned witnesses who will be heard at the inquiry within a few days. Legislation will be passed by the Canadian Government, authorizing appointment of a special commission of three to make the fullest investigation of the accident.

The investigation by the Commission will be a long one, similar to that which Lord Morsey conducted in England at the time of the Titanic disaster. The Canadian members of this Commission will be Sir Adolphe Routhier, Chief of the Court of Admiralty of Quebec, and E. McLeod, Chief Justice and Judge of the Admiralty Court of New Brunswick.

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"Here's a Health to His Majesty."
King George—Queen Mother Alexandra—Queen Mary.



TOMORROW, the far-flung Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire celebrate the Birthday of H. M. George V., King and Emperor, Sovereign of broader Territories than those ruled by Ancient Rome, one-time Mistress of the known world.

And in these celebrations, Newfoundland, eldest daughter of the Empire fervently joins. Our people are, above all things, loyal to their Sovereign and deeply attached to the Union Jack, the symbol of British rule and British democracy.

H. M. the King was born June 3, 1865, so that he has now attained the age of 49 years and the loyal prayer of his subjects is that he may be preserved in health, "long to reign over us."

His Royal Consort, Queen Mary, was, a few days ago, the subject of many congratulations, for her birthday falls on May 26. The Queen was born in 1867, so that she is two years younger than the King.

Queen-Mother Alexandra, probably the most popular of all the Queen-Consorts of Great Britain, has passed the allotted span of "three score years and ten," but is remarkably well-preserved, in spite of her great age. She is still active in most public functions and is everywhere acclaimed with an enthusiasm that proves she has not lost her hold on the hearts of the people of Great Britain.

People of Montreal Weep When An S. Army Band Plays "Nearer To Thee"

Touching Reunions Occur As Rescue Train Arrives

Bride And Groom, Married a Week, Separated On Day of Disaster, Are Re-united—Survivors Tell Of Terrible Scenes Of Panic Amongst Passengers—Only Nine Survivors Out of a S. A. Band of Thirty-Nine

MONTREAL, May 29.—There was feverish anxiety on the part of the people of Montreal all day, especially those who had friends on the Empress of Ireland to see the list of rescued passengers. The C. P. R. handed out a list at 10.30 to-night, showing that 1,932 people had gone down to death, and 355 had been saved, as stated. All day long the calamity has weighed on the spirits of the citizens. The Empress has been regarded as a "home boat," although she was sailing from Quebec, and a good many Montrealers were on board when she started out on what was destined to be her last and unfinished voyage.

People Wept. So wrought up were the people generally that when the Salvation Army band from Peterboro, Ont., bound for England, to-morrow morning, played in the streets the hymn, "Nearer My God, To Thee," tears came into the eyes of many citizens as they hurried along on their business. For a brief space of time this afternoon the hopes of the people were raised by a report that all the passengers had been saved, but this hope was short-lived and altogether vain, as later despatches showed.

A very touching re-union was witnessed by the survivors at Rimouski of Mr. and Mrs. Greenway, of Toronto, who were married about a week ago. They became separated and each, believing the other lost in the stampede after the collision, was disconsolate until their re-union took place in a house in Rimouski, where the young husband found his bride in a feeble condition. Conversation with some of the

even half an hour to make their escape. In less time than it takes to tell it, the trim Empress with her beautiful lines was at the bottom of the St. Lawrence, which she has ridden so proudly and so successfully for so many years.

Sorrowful Party. The nine survivors of the Salvation Army band are a sorrowful party. They have the sympathy of all their comrades. Ernest H. Green, one of the band, lost his father, Adjutant Harry Green, and his mother and sister Jessie, and is now the only remaining member of the family.

Further, the wreck crippled the organization of the Army in Canada. Many of the leaders from the Army in Canada went to a watery grave. The financial secretary of the organization, Scott Potter, was drowned. The editorial staff of the War Cry was almost completely wiped out, only one member of the leaders of the paper remaining, and for the reason that he stayed behind in Toronto.

Few Children Saved. Very few children were saved. On the train that brought the survivors to this city there were only three children to be seen. Many were drowned. One of the really wonderful rescues was that of the little eight year old Grace Hanagan, daughter of the bandmaster of the Salvation Army band. Her father and mother were both drowned and the little girl coming up on the train thinks that both her father and mother will join her again, coming on the next boat.

Wilson Sends His Condolences. Washington, June 2.—President Wilson to-day sent a message of condolence to King George on the sinking of the Empress of Ireland.

Bruce arrived at Basques at 7 a.m. Express left on time.

DEPUTATION OF LIBERALS MAKE A TOUR OF IRELAND AND CHANGE OPINIONS

Say Rule of Unionists Is Better Far Than That of The Nationalists

WOULD RATHER AN ELECTION THAN OUTBREAK OF WAR

"Volunteer" Fever Is Spreading To The Ranks of Men of World-Wide Repute

WHO ARE WITH NATIONALISTS

O'Connor Says Home Rulers Have Financed Own Cause, But Not So Orangemen

LONDON, June 2.—Dealing in Sundays "Freeman," of Dublin, with the Nationalist Volunteer movement, T. P. O'Connor says, "These men have been drilled at their own expense and this is the essential difference between them and those taking part in the Orange movement, for the latter is largely the creation of boundless money sent to Ireland by the rich Tories of England, but the Irish movement has been financed by itself."

Military Fever Spreads. The fever is now spreading into the ranks of the higher officers of the British Army, who are retired from actual work, but are ready to stand by their own people if the lawless Tory officers embarrass the law.

Names are mentioned of men of European reputation, who have signified that they are willing to take their share in organizing the Irish volunteers and give them the benefit of their military experience. The movement owes much to Col. Moore, a brother of George Moore, the celebrated Irish Novelist.

The fact that the Marquis of Lansdowne and Carson are in Ireland, and that Birrell, Lloyd George and Asquith are expected to arrive this week, gives rise to another rumor of renewed conversations between the party leaders on the Home Rule question, though in each case holiday is given as the excuse for the visit.

Changed Their Opinion. A deputation, composed of a group of Liberals who have just returned from a tour in Ireland, profess they have undergone a change in opinion since seeing things for themselves.

The deputation was composed of representatives from five English cities, and they found that the administration of the Nationalists would compare most unfavorably with that of the Unionists.

They agreed that the Land Act had resulted in great improvements, and their conclusion is that if the forcing of the Bill is to involve civil war, the people should be afforded an opportunity of expressing their views by way of a referendum or by a general election.

Sir William Nussay, for many years a Liberal member of the House of Commons, also arrived at the same conclusion after a tour through Ireland.

Likely Admit Huerta's Men

Mediators Hope to Overcome American Objections To Constitutionalist Representatives

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 2.—The A.B.C. mediators and the American delegates discussed the question of Constitutionalist participation in the mediation proceedings here for two hours to-day. The mediators will meet the Mexican delegates this afternoon. Judging from a statement made by one of the American representatives there is hope of the mediators overcoming their opposition to Constitutionalist representation.

To Use H.M.S. Essex Recovering Bodies

Ottawa, June 2.—The warship Essex has been placed at the disposal of the authorities for recovery of the bodies of the victims of the Empress disaster.

Big Sydney Wharf Is Completed.

Completion Announced of Extensive Waterside Premises of Gorton-Pew Company.

The big warehouse and wharf at Ingonish, built for the Gorton-Pew Co., of Gloucester, is completed, and everything about the place in full swing. A gang of twenty expert fish splitters went down on the Aspy Friday, having been engaged by the Gloucester firm in Newfoundland some time ago.

According to The North Sydney Herald the wharf is 80 feet long, and the warehouse is 90x50 feet. It is expected that the Company will erect another storehouse in a short time, as it is their intention to carry on a more extensive business than last year.

Toronto City Was Staggered By The News

Big Number of Passengers From Ontario Province Sailed on the Empress Of Ireland

Toronto, May 29.—Not since the Titanic disaster has this city been staggered as it was early this morning, when the news reached here that the Empress of Ireland had been sunk. Hundreds of Toronto people are affected directly and indirectly; extra editions of the morning and evening papers were soon on the streets and these were eagerly bought up, hastily scanning the details of the appalling disaster the friends and relatives of those on board besieged the C. P. R. officers and all the newspaper officer for more details.

It was after ten o'clock before any list of survivors could be had and this afforded but little consolation to the anxious relatives.

Among the more than hundred passengers booked from this city were Thomas Greenway and wife, and Captain J. E. Dodd and wife, who were making their honeymoon trip.

E. P. Gray, one of the bandmen, is an artist, employed on The Toronto Star. He was to have been married in a few weeks and left his fiancée in Toronto.

On account of the large number of passengers from Toronto and Western Ontario, the wreck has caused a greater sensation than the loss of the Titanic.

FRENCH CABINET FORCED RESIGN

Could Not Control a Majority in the Chamber of Deputies and Members Were at Loggerheads Over Questions of Policy, Especially Regarding Treatment of Socialists.

PARIS, June 2.—Premier Moutourguo and his Cabinet resigned to-day.

The resignations were effective officially to-day but the Ministry will remain in office until to-morrow because of the absence of President Poincaré who is in Brittany.

The President is expected to return to Paris to-morrow when the resignations will be placed in his hands.

Split on Policy. It was said that the Cabinet was split over more than one political policy including the attitude toward Socialism which the May election indicated would be necessary. Several of the Cabinet members made it known they would rather resign than make the changes that would be demanded by Jean Jurez and the other Socialists 102 strong in the Chamber.

DEANERY MEETING. A meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Avalon is being held to-day at Toppail.