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MONSTER STEAMERS FOR ALLANS

Report of Order for Two Big Fast Vessels—The Talked of Visit of King to Dominions Over the Seas

Times' Special Cable London, Dec. 28.—It is stated that the Allans have entered into an arrangement with a large shipbuilding company to build two monster steamers of the fastest type.

London, Dec. 28.—In reference to the Duke of Connaught's return after a tour of South Africa, the Times says there is demonstrated once more with convincing force the wisdom of the king's decision to visit the dominions himself soon as opportunity permits.

VIRGIN ARRIVES HERE, AFTER ROUGH TIME, FROM BERMUDA

Schooner Was 18 Days Out—Damaged in Gale, Puts Back For Repairs

Eighteen days from Bermuda, and about a week overdue the schooner Virginia, Captain J. L. Publicover, arrived this morning after experiencing some terrific weather, in the gulf. She has a cargo of molasses for the Crosby Molasses Co., from Antigua.

When about half way across the gulf stream the Virginia ran into some bad weather. She tipped her ribs and stay sail and broke her main gaff, in the fury of the storm. High seas boomed her and smashed her mast. The schooner was put back to Bermuda and repairs made and new sails purchased. After sailing from Bermuda more severe weather was encountered and with head winds, a rain that ordinarily continues twelve days occurred eighteen. The schooner has 267 puncheons, 42 barrels, and 153 casks.

ACCEPTS THE CALL

Rev. H. R. Boyer Will Be New Fairville Baptist Church Pastor

In a letter received by J. W. Stevens, clerk of the Fairville Baptist church, yesterday, Rev. H. R. Boyer, of Newton, Theological Seminary, who recently occupied the pulpit and was called to the pastorate of the church, accepted the call and stated that he would take up his duties in June on the completion of his theological course.

A TIDY MONEY ORDER BUSINESS DONE

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Boston post office did a money order business of \$2,028,688.97, during the Christmas period from December 1 to December 24, inclusive. This was an increase of \$107,475.44 over the business of last year during the same period. The amount of money sent abroad was \$35,125.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF HORSEMEN CALLED

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27.—H. K. Devereux, president of the Grand Circuit rodeo issued a call for a national convention of all horsemen to meet in Buffalo on Jan. 8. The object of the convention is stated to be "the betterment of all trotting, terrier, whetlock, track managers, owners or trainers."

BUBONIC RAGES AMONG CHINESE

Harbin, Manchuria, Dec. 27.—Sixty-eight new cases of bubonic plague were discovered in the Chinese suburbs of Pudinang yesterday. Seventeen deaths occurred. On the previous day the death list numbered 23, and ninety-eight persons suffered from the disease were taken to the hospital. In Harbin there have been 10 fatal cases of bubonic.

FALLS 75 FEET AND ESCAPES UNHURT

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Glenn Martin, an aviator, fell 75 feet during a practice flight, at the aviation meet here today, but was not hurt. He was dashed against the fence enclosing the field. His machine was wrecked.

THE WEATHER

Fair, not much change in temperature today. Three day, winds shifting to easterly and increasing to strong breeze and gales, sleet and rain.

TWO DEATHS ARE CAUSED BY WOOD ALCOHOL

New York, Dec. 28.—A man and a woman are dead and two other men are seriously ill today in hospitals as a result of drinking liquor, said to have contained wood alcohol, at a west side Christmas celebration on last Monday night. The dead are: Mrs. Maria Delguida, 22 years old, and Rocco Demarco. The condition of the other two men is said to be serious.

All attended a Christmas feast for which the host had laid in a large store of wine, of which the party drank freely. Soon afterward four members of the company were taken violently ill. Mrs. Delguida died last night and Demarco early today.

HON. MR. BIRRELL ROBBED ON STEAMER

Chief Secretary for Ireland Has Pockets Picked on Channel Boat

Paris, Dec. 28.—The danger of haphazard acquaintanceship is exemplified by the experience of the Right Hon. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, the particulars of which have been published. It appears that Mr. Birrell got into conversation with a couple of well-dressed men aboard a channel packet while he was en route to Switzerland in December 20.

When he arrived at Calais he discovered that his pocketbook was missing. All his pockets had been picked and a pearl pin valued at \$100 has been abstracted from his tie. The pocketbook contained five five-pound notes and several checks. Mr. Birrell was obliged to procure funds before he could continue his journey.

WAS VENDOR IN THE STREET; GETS FORTUNE

A \$60,000 Christmas Gift Comes in Mail to Harry Rusir

New York, Dec. 28.—Harry Reiser, of Paterson, N. J., has received a letter apprising him that he has inherited \$60,000 as part of a fortune left by his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Sacks, of Germany.

NEW LIBERAL PEERS

London Report That a Number Will Be in Next Year's Honors

London, Dec. 28.—A considerable number of bye-elections are already foreseen early in the year, perhaps at the end of February. It is expected that several Liberal peers will be created, some of them being members of the House of Commons. It is said that no less than two or three dozen Liberal peers will figure in the New Year honours list.

DRINK AND WHAT FOLLOWS

Several prisoners were arraigned before Judge Ritchie this morning in the police court, on charges of drunkenness. Fines of \$4 each were imposed on John McDonald, Charles Nelson and John Climmann, while Alex. Dige was remanded to the charge of being drunk.

BUDDHISTS OF JAPAN FORM A SALVATION ARMY

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—The westernization of the east is picturesquely illustrated in the news that the Buddhists of Japan, who are distinct from the Shintoists, have recently founded a Buddhist Salvation Army on strictly military lines, with Count Otani as supreme commander and with divisional commanders corresponding in rank to the Salvation Army's commissioners.

VANCOUVER TAKING IN THE SUBURBS

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 28.—The outgoing district of Hastings, with a population of 4000 has voted for annexation to Vancouver. South Vancouver, with a population of 20,000, will also vote on annexation soon. If taken into the city, will give Vancouver a population approximating 150,000.

ENOUGH POISON TO KILL 150

Pittsburg Man Swallows 27 Grains of Bi-Chloride of Mercury and Lives 12 days

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—Thirteen days ago Elmer Dese swallowed twenty-seven grains of bi-chloride of mercury, thought to kill 150 persons, and yesterday he died. After the poison had been taken a physician was summoned, and in a short time Dese was apparently well as ever. He told members of his family what he had done, but gave the matter no more attention.

THACKERY DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 28.—The centenary of the birth of Thackeray will fall on July 11, 1911, and already the committee of the Thackeray Club are agitating over the arrangements for its celebration. It has been announced that a Thackeray exhibition will be held at Charterhouse on that day or as near it as possible, and Lewis Medville of Harpenden, Herts, writes to the Times saying that the committee will be glad to receive offers of interesting contributions from collectors at home and abroad.

HATTIE LeBLANC'S HOME THE SMALLEST IN BLEAK ARCHAT

Nine Members of Family Live There; Kitchen By Day, Four Little Upstairs Rooms By Night—A Glimpse at the Place

(Boston Post.) West Archat, Dec. 27.—Hattie Le Blanc hates West Archat—the village in which she was born and the village in which Mrs. Glover was born—but hate it as she does and hate it as she will in the future, it is West Archat where she may have to spend the remainder of her life.

Compared with West Archat, Hattie found the jail a paradise, and the home of her attorney a veritable Elysium. Drive up to the summit of Babine Hill, which separates the village of Archat from West Archat. Drive to the summit in the dead of winter, when the screaming wind whips the powdery snow among the boulders and down the slope, and look down upon West Archat and that which lies beyond.

FIND LOST MAN IN GROUP 'PHOTO OF THE FARMERS' DELEGATION

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A Danish resident of Montreal named Sophus Hansen, who disappeared from this city in November 1904 leaving his wife and family and who was given up for dead long ago has been found in a group picture of the farmers' delegation in Ottawa. A group picture was taken and published in Montreal papers. Through this medium Hansen's relatives think they have discovered the missing man and are making efforts to ascertain where he is living in the west.

PULMAN PORTERS TO FORM A UNION

Chicago, Dec. 28.—About 200 Pullman car porters met in Chicago this week for the purpose, it is said, of forming a union. The meeting was secret and very little of the proceedings became public. The union, when it is fully organized, will be along the lines of labor unions generally and will also have a death benefit.

GOTCH RETURNS WITH CHALLENGE TO "HACK"

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Frank A. Gotch has issued a formal challenge to Hackenschmidt or any other wrestler for a match for the championship of the world. Gotch posted \$500 as a forfeit to bind a match for a side bet of \$20,000.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

HIRAM AS A CRITIC. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is very fond of humorous literature. After he had read the auditor general's report and the Standard's comments thereon he checked to himself for some time.

"Say," he said to the Times new reporter, "this is great. The Standard says Hazen saved the province from going into bankruptcy. He done it by spending more money. Aint that great?"

CHALLENGE CONTENTION OF COMPANY

Telephone Matter Before Public Utilities Commission Today—Board of Trade Reply to Be Submitted

The monthly meeting of the public utility commission will be held this afternoon in the local government rooms, Church street. It is understood that further consideration of the complaint regarding excessive rates charged by the New Brunswick Telephone Company will be taken up. The commission have the formal complaint made by the board of trade committee through their solicitor, H. A. Powell, K.C., and the reply of the telephone company, and it is expected that Mr. Powell will file a reply to the latter document at this meeting.

One contention of counsel for the telephone company was that the Public Utilities Commission had no jurisdiction over them, and that their act of incorporation put them under the governor-in-council only. That contention will be challenged by counsel for the board of trade. Among telephone patrons that plea, caused no little astonishment in view of the fact that it was the agitation over telephone rates which gave birth to the Public Utilities Commission and if it were decided to allow the plea of no jurisdiction, the result would be a strong popular demand for new legislation.

MAMMOTH SEA BATTERS STEAMSHIP

The Bethania's Top Deck Amidships Lifted From Its Supports on Voyage to Boston

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Hamburg-American liner Bethania came into port late yesterday with her top deck and cabin doors on the port side crushed in, and a big steel crossbeam and pillars which supported the boat deck, torn away. The liner was struck by a mammoth sea on the morning of the 15th, when the top deck amidships from its foundations. The ship's hospital was flooded, and boatswain and cabin boys were nearly drowned, besides losing much of their clothing, which was swept overboard.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Mr. Barker's Death—Capital Man in Winnipeg Exchange—North Shore Assignment. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Harding, widow of Thomas F. Barker, at one time M. P. for York, died in St. John on Tuesday morning and interred at Gibson, G. Minchen and A. A. Barker of the Two Bakers Ltd., Fredericton.

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ARRIVES WITH FAMILY

Manning W. Doherty manager of the A. R. Williams, Machinery Company of St. John, who recently went to Toronto to arrange for the shipment of goods here for the stocking of the warehouse purchased in Dock street, has returned accompanied by his family and has taken up his residence in Fairville. Mr. Doherty said there were three cars of goods now on the road here and they were expected to arrive in a few days. The building in Dock street is now being prepared for the company's business and they expect to open up next week.

COURT LANCASTER

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THE WHITE PLAGUE FIGHT

A meeting of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the dispensary rooms, Water and Seaverge building, Carmarthen street, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of increasing the membership of the executive.

NO ONE CALLED

Though announcement had been made that Dr. G. G. Melvin, medical health officer, would be at the Board of Health rooms all morning for the purpose of vaccinating applicants, no one put in an appearance.

MATTER GOES TO PRESIDENT

Fuss Over Pro-British Speech By Battleship Commander Reaches Headquarters

Washington, Dec. 28.—The case of Commander William S. Sims, of the U. S. S. Minnesota, who, according to press reports, delivered a distinctly pro-British speech at a banquet in London on Dec. 4, which has been regarded as offensive by citizens of other nations, is now in the hands of President Taft.

In response to telegram from Secretary Meyer asking for an official report of the exact sentiments expressed by Commander Sims, Rear Admiral Murdoch, commanding the third division of the Atlantic fleet, has made a cable reply to the secretary, giving the substance of the commander's remarks.

Secretary Meyer has referred the matter to the president as a commander-in-chief of the navy, for such action as he deemed the incident warranted. No inkling of the nature of Admiral Murdoch's cable was obtainable at the navy department. Secretary Meyer would neither affirm nor deny that Commander Sims admitted the accuracy of the published reports of his speech.

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ACTOR IS STRICKEN ON STAGE

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Frank Worthing, leading man for Grace George, who is playing here this week in Geraldine Bonner's comedy, "Sauce for the Goose," dropped to the floor to be stepped on the stage at the Garrick theatre for the opening of the first act last night and died within twenty minutes. Hemorrhage of the lungs was the cause of death.

A physician could do nothing to relieve the sufferer, who did not regain consciousness. The orchestra was playing and the curtain was just about to go when Mr. Worthing was stricken. The audience was dumfounded.

YARMOUTH YOUTH DEAD IN BOSTON STREET

Letter in Crosby's Pocket Urging Him to Return to His Parents

Boston, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Harry C. Crosby, a young man of Yarmouth, formerly employed on the steamer Prince George died here today. He was found early today on the sidewalk in front of a Doughty street house, suffering from a fractured skull. He died later.

Local rates are relatively higher than the prices in the United States but even at that the dealers are afraid to sell. Washington, Dec. 28.—Estimated exports of the 1910 cotton crop of Peru will amount to \$5,000,000. Exports of 1909 were 4,844,776 pounds valued at \$9,117,065.

GOTTON SITUATION IS CAUSING DISQUIETUDE

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Turkish troops sent against the Bedouins have driven the Bedouins out of the El Kerak district in the Vilayet of Syria near the Dead Sea, after a sanguinary engagement. Official advices state that the Bedouins lost 450 killed and 600 prisoners.

CHARGED WITH BREAKING INTO MAINE POST OFFICE

Bangor, Me., Dec. 28.—George Sullivan and George Fleming, of Berlin, N. H., and Robert Thompson, residence unknown, were arraigned yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Hamlin upon the charge of breaking and entering the Hartland post office on Dec. 28. Probable cause was adjudged and the men were each ordered to recognize in bonds of \$200 for their appearance at the next term of the district court. Unable to furnish surety, the three were committed.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Telegraph and telephone companies report early today that weather conditions threaten a serious crippling of service in the middle west, with a possibility that Chicago may be cut off from direct communication both east and west.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The agitation among the railway men in favor of a strike to enforce their demands for increased wages continues but with great secrecy. Washington, Dec. 28.—Demands will be made upon congress, it is said, for an investigation of the wireless telegraph situation throughout the United States. Letters charge that a conspiracy was set on foot to destroy the United Wireless Telegraph Company because its present officers would not surrender \$50,000 worth of stock.

Catania Sicily, Dec. 27.—Mount Aetna is showing considerable activity. There have been no earth tremors, however, but red hot material has been erupted.

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AVIATOR AND PASSENGER FALL TO THEIR DEATH IN FRANCE

Lesy, Le-Montilleux, France, Dec. 28.—M. LaFont, the French aviator, and M. Pola, a passenger, were instantly killed when the former's machine fell from a height of fifty feet today. LaFont was preparing to start for Brussels in competition in the Auto Club's prize for a flight with a passenger from Paris to Brussels and return.

A big crowd was present to witness the ascension and both to entertain spectators and to test his machine. LaFont circled above the aviation field several times. Suddenly the steering gear jammed and the aeroplane dropped to the ground. The occupants were caught in the wreckage and were dead before they had time to get out.