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ATTEMPT TO SAVE WOMAN COST A BOY HIS LIFE

Burrell Heacock Nearly Reached Safety but Returned to Drifting Ice to Save Mr. and Mrs. Stanton.

ALL THREE DROWNED.

Great Ice Bridge Over Niagara River Breaks With Eight People on it, Five of Whom Escape.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The great ice bridge that has checked the river and channel between the Cataract and the upper steel arch bridge below the falls, for the last three weeks, broke from its anchorage just at noon today and went down the river, taking with it to their death a man and woman said to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton of Toronto, and Burrell Heacock, 17 years old of East 117 street, Cleveland, Ohio. The bridge was considered perfectly safe.

For weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier until it was from 60 to 80 feet thick and under the influence of zero weather the great mass had become firmly anchored to the shore. The ice was about 1,000 feet in length and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth. For two weeks it had offered safe passage to the hardy, and today an immense crowd of excursionists came to view the winter wonder of the river.

Had the accident happened an hour later in the day, hundreds would have lost their lives, for the crowd was moving down Prospect Park in the elevators that ran down the cliff for the purpose of venturing out upon the ice.

On the bridge at the time it tore free from the shore besides the three who were killed were Gilbert L. of No. 108 Grove street, Cleveland, Ohio, and a 21½ year old man, James Hill, of 211½ Fulton Road, Cleveland; Heacock's companion, Wm. Hill, an old river man who had a shack on the ice; William Lablond, a river man, and an unidentified Italian who followed the crowd. When Hill heard the grinding and crushing of the ice, he ran towards the Canadian shore, calling to the others to follow him. Lablond gave them warning that safety was in more than one place. He and the Italian followed their lead, but the others became alarmed and by the time they had regained their composure, the bridge was moving fast down the river.

Were Undecided.
The man and woman started first towards the American shore, but were stopped by a lane of open water. Back they ran again towards the Canadian side, turned about and made for the American side. When the man saw the woman fall on her face utterly exhausted, "I can't go on. I can't go on," she cried. "Let us die here." As the woman fell, the man strove to get her to her feet and again tried to drag her along the ice, calling for assistance to Roth and Heacock who were nearest. Heacock turned back to the couple and helped the woman. This cost him his life.

Roth struggled along over the hummocks of ice, getting close to the open stretch of water at the Canadian end of the jam. There were men on the shore ready to give him assistance. Roth was afraid to trust himself in the icy water, but at a jump to the field of ice and half carried half dragged the boy ashore. After getting Roth safely ashore the men made an effort to reach the point about 600 feet below the upper steel arch bridge. The ice field broke in two great fields, one section went towards the American shore and anchored on a great rock near the hydraulic power house. The moving floe with the three helples beings passed slowly down the river. Meantime the fire department headquarters' truck had been called out and a general alarm of fire on the Canadian side called out the men there. They took station along the shore, but the floe was far beyond their reach. The Niagara avenue firemen were sent to the lower steel arch bridge and there took station with a rope. The Canadian firemen had two ropes down from the cantilever bridge, which is about 300 yards above the obstruction.

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STREET CARS SMASH, MOTORMAN KILLED, OTHERS INJURED

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Motorman Jas. Anderson, aged 37, unmarried, was instantly crushed to death and half a dozen passengers more or less severely hurt in a car collision during fog Saturday night. Three cars were proceeding eastward along Hastings street, all were running cautiously but the front car of all had the trolley knocked off, and the second car was forced to stop suddenly. The third car kept right on and smashed into the rear of the second.

CURIOUS NEW YORK MURDER SENSATION

Mysterious Visitor Hands Woman Infernal Machine which Explodes Causing Her Death in Few Minutes Time.

ONE ARREST HAS
ALREADY BEEN MADE.

New York, Feb. 3.—A package received by Grace Willis Walker, also known as Helen Taylor, in an uptown apartment house today, exploded and caused her death almost instantly. The mystery with which the affair was clouded baffled police detectives.

The woman, who was 32 years of age, was called to the vestibule of the apartment early in the evening by a man who presented her with a package and then hurried away. The woman carried the package to her apartment and as she proceeded to open it, it exploded with a loud report.

A physician, Dr. Charles E. Perkins, who was passing the house at the time, ran in and found Mrs. Taylor lying in a pool of blood on the floor. She died a minute later. The physician said in his opinion the package was an infernal machine. It contained a couple of small dry cell batteries and several steel cylinders, one of which was driven into the woman's breast near her heart.

After several hours of secret work investigating the case, the detectives arrested Charles M. Dickinson, who said he was an employee of a motor company, and held him on the technical charge of homicide, for examining the infernal machine.

PROVISIONS FOR THE FAMILIES OF TARS KILLED IN SERVICE

Order in Council Provides Government May Grant Gratuity to Families of Canadian Seamen Killed on Duty.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The civil service commission is advertising two appointments in the navy yard at Halifax the salary being \$1800. The other is a technical officer in the wireless telegraph branch. The initial salary is \$1600.

An order in council which appears in the Canadian Gazette promulgates the new regulation for the Canadian navy. Hereafter, if a seaman is killed on duty or dies from wounds or disease contracted on duty, the government may grant to his family a gratuity up to one year's pay.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH NEAR CAMPBELLTON BURNED TO GROUND

Campbellton, Feb. 3.—The beautiful Roman Catholic church constructed of stone at St. Anne De Restigouche opposite here, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. An attempt was made to take the fire engine over from the town, but it was found impossible to do so. A good view of the blaze could be had from this side and it was with feelings of sadness the citizens watched the magnificent edifice reduced to a shapeless mass of smouldering ruins.

The destruction of their church is a hard blow to the fathers who labored so self-sacrificingly among the Indians on the reserve. The loss is estimated at \$30,000 and is partly covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from an overheated furnace.

DEAD AFTER LIFE LONG MINISTRY

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 4.—Rev. J. M. McLeod, aged 87, pioneer Presbyterian clergyman of Vancouver, and one of the oldest in Canada, is dead. He came from Prince Edward Island.

KING GEORGE AND CONSORT HOME AGAIN

Their Majesties' Steamer Medina Reaches Portsmouth 14 Hours Ahead of Scheduled Time Returning from India.

OFFICIAL WELCOME
TAKES PLACE TODAY.

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 4.—King George and Queen Mary, who left Portsmouth on November 11th on the steamer Medina bound for India, returned from their Durbar trip today. The Medina arrived at Spithead at 10 o'clock this morning, fourteen hours in advance of schedule time. She was convoyed by the cruisers Cochran, Argyll, Defence and Natal, which in command of Sir Colin Keppel, accompanied Their Majesties to the far east. A heavy snowstorm obscured the view from shore and the Medina slipped in without ceremonial or salute.

She went direct to her appointed moorings between the lines of welcoming craft. Their Majesties will remain aboard until tomorrow morning when the Medina will enter the harbor. The royal children, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, Winston Spencer Churchill, and the other lords of the Admiralty arrived here during the course of the day. A family gathering and the official welcome will take place in the morning. The Medina sailed from Bombay on January 19 and reached Gibraltar on January 30th.

MONCTON HOPES TO GET INDUSTRY FROM DARTMOUTH

Moncton, Feb. 4.—Moncton will make a strong pull to have the Acadia Sugar Refinery locate a refinery in Moncton in place of the Woodside plant of Dartmouth destroyed by fire last week.

The city council has already got into communication with President Wylie Smith of the Acadia Co., and the Board of Trade will meet on Monday evening to take the matter up.

RESPECTED CITIZEN PASSED AWAY IN ST. STEPHEN ON FRIDAY

St. Stephen, Feb. 4.—Hugh McDonald, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this town passed away at his home here on Friday evening. He was born in Antigonish, N. S., nearly 85 years ago, and came to this county when a young man. He engaged in the peddling business for a long time and afterwards in the grocery business in St. Stephen and was widely known and respected.

SOLDIERY WILL RULE THE DANGER ZONE IN BELFAST

Belfast, Feb. 3.—Elaborate arrangements have been made by which on the day of the Home Rule meeting those parts of the city in which disturbances are likely to occur will be placed practically in the hands of the military, who will line the main thoroughfares leading to Celtic Park and guard the intersecting streets.

CANADIAN BISHOP DIES IN LONDON

London, Feb. 3.—The Rt. Rev. George Holmes, Lord Bishop of Athabasca, Canada died here today from internal hemorrhage. He had been Bishop of Athabasca and Acting Bishop of Mackenzie River since 1909.

THREE CARS ARE WRECKED NEAR TRURO

Traffic on I. C. R. Held Up by Accident to Oil Tank Cars—The Cause of Smash Not Known.

CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY
OF OIL IS LOST.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Feb. 4.—I. C. R. traffic was interrupted on Saturday night between Truro and Halifax by a smash near Shubenscade, when three oil tank cars were thrown off the track and wrecked.

They were on their way as part of a freight train from Truro. Something went wrong and the three cars were thrown off. One of them was so badly smashed that all the oil was lost. The contents of the two others were partially saved. The outgoing train for Sydney could not get past and the incoming Cape Breton express passengers as well as those on the C. P. R. train did not arrive till this morning. The trouble is said to have been in the cars rather than the track.

GETS PERMISSION TO FORM REPUBLIC IN NORTH OF CHINA

Yuan is Accorded that Privilege by Throne—Indications Point to Early Termination of Difficulties.

Nanking, Feb. 4.—The simultaneous announcement that Yuan Shi Kai has received permission from the throne to organize a republic in the north in conjunction with the southern government, the arrival at Nanking of Wu Ting Fang, the republican minister of justice, and Tang Shao Yi, the representative of the imperial premier, and the extension of the armistice for one week, indicate the prospect of a range of indecision and future amicable negotiations looking to organization acceptable to both sides.

GRAIN GROWERS WANT ELEVATOR AT VANCOUVER

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The grain growers' delegation in town has been in conference with the government with reference to a proposal that it erect an elevator at Vancouver. At present that port has no elevator at all, private interests not having moved in this direction.

COL. DAVIDSON HAS RESIGNED COMMAND OF 8TH ROYAL RIFLES

Quebec, Feb. 4.—The resignation of Lt. Col. W. H. Davidson, from the command of the 8th Royal Rifles, is announced. Col. Davidson has been connected with the 8th Royal Rifles for over 25 years, having joined as a private in No. 4 Co. Steps are being taken to secure the services of a prominent retired officer of the 8th to succeed Col. Davidson.

NEW STEAMER IS NOW READY TO GO ON REGULAR ROUTE

Montreal, Feb. 4.—A cable received today by W. D. Reid, president of the Reid Newfoundland Company, who is at present in this city, stated that the company's fine new steamer, Bruce had sailed from the Clyde for St. John's today and would at once take her place on the route between Sydney and Port Aux Basques.

LLOYD GEORGE DEFENDS BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY

NEW YORKER AND WIFE IN SUICIDE PACT

Former Wife of Walter Suydam and Husband are Found Asphyxiated in Their Apartments.

SECURELY BARRICADED ENTRANCE TO ROOMS.

New York, Feb. 4.—Double suicide today ended the sensational romance of the former wife of Walter L. Suydam, who ran away from her millionaire husband and married. The body of Noble and his bride of a month were found in their New York apartments today, asphyxiated.

The suicide pact, the discovery of which by Mrs. John J. White, of Washington, D. C., the mother of the former Mrs. Suydam, and other features of the case were sensational. Mrs. White who has an apartment on Lexington avenue, had her daughter with her last night, and she supposed the daughter was staying overnight with her. When Mrs. White awoke late this morning and found that her daughter had fled from the house, she went to her daughter's home on West Twelfth street in her automobile.

She was alarmed when there was no answer to repeated knocks on the door. She summoned the assistance of two policemen who forced an entrance, finding the door barricaded with chairs and tables.

The doors of all the rooms of the large apartment were also locked and barricaded, and by the time the party had forced its way to the dining room where the odor of gas was first detected, the mother was hysterical, breaking through the next door into the kitchen the party found Noble and his wife lying dead on the floor, partly undressed and clasped in each others arms, while a great volume of gas was escaping from fire burners in a range. The oven jets were also turned on and the heads of the two suicides were almost within the oven itself.

FARMERS' ROUTES TO BE IMPROVED SOON IN ONTARIO

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—A convention of the Ontario farmers associations in Ontario will be held here on Thursday next, February 8. Afterwards the delegates will discuss with the government the form of proposed federal assistance to the improvement of highways.

CAR STRIKES SLEIGH AND GIRL IS CRUSHED

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Miss Nellie Kelly, a young woman in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company, was crushed to death between a lorry and a sleigh owned by Meltrum Brothers, carter, at the stone steps of the Church of the Jesuits, on Bleury St., yesterday afternoon. The huge stone steps of the church project far into the street and the sidewalk is but two feet wide, while the space between the sidewalk and the car tracks is very narrow. The rear steps of a car speeding down Bleury street struck the lorry and threw it onto the sidewalk striking Miss Kelly and crushing her to death against the steps.

BRITISH LAWYER SENTENCED AS SPY BY GERMAN COURT

Leipzig, Feb. 3.—Bertrand Stewart, a prominent and wealthy London lawyer, was today found guilty of espionage and sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment in a fortress. The trial lasted five days.

When the verdict was announced, Stewart speaking English cried out dramatically: "I am innocent and I want everybody in England to know it."

FLAME SWEEP STEAMER IN RACE TO PORT

Consol However is Finally Abandoned and Crew are Landed at Newport News—Triumph of Wireless.

CASTLE EDEN AND BATTLESHIP TO RESCUE.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—The British steamer Consol, laden from Galveston, for Hamburg, flames swept, in a long and futile race for port, sank early today 40 miles south of Cape Henry. Her crew of 24 men, refugees on the British steamer Castle Eden, were landed at Newport News.

It was another triumph for inter-communication among ocean craft, for the Castle Eden headed from Savannah for Danish ports, picked up the wireless call for help from the imperilled crew on the Consol and rushed to their assistance. The battleship New Jersey on her way north from the Guantanamo drill grounds, also heard the call. The New Jersey sent the first word to shore of the rescue of the men by the Castle Eden after the five which had started early yesterday morning off the North Carolina coast, had gained such headway as to imperil the lives of the crew. The revenue cutter Onondaga stood by the burning vessel as it sank. The Onondaga returned to Hampton Roads today.

MOUNTED POLICE CAPTURE FORGER NEAR SASKATOON

Clavet Farmer Faces the Charge of Obtaining Some Eight Thousand Dollars from Three Canadian Banks.

Saskatoon, Feb. 3.—H. A. Hahap, a farmer of Clavet was arrested at that place last night by Constable Alexander of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and brought to Saskatoon where he now stands charged with forging and elevating checks to extent of some eight thousand dollars, distributed between the Northern Bank, Quebec Bank and the Bank of Montreal. The Quebec Bank sustained the greatest loss, some \$3,076, and the other two banks lost the balance in equal amounts.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO ASK THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO COME

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.—Governor Ralph C. Williams expressed the hope in an address today that the Duke of Connaught may be induced to visit the Newfoundland colony before he returns to England from his present appointment to Canada. The Governor also announces that Sir Wilfrid Grenfell, the Labrador mission, States and Canada will endeavor to arrange for the Duke to open the new fishermen's institute in this city which will be completed next summer. The corner stone of the institute was laid by King George by means of an electric signal on Coronation Day.

COULDN'T DECIDE IF CONNERS TRIED TO DESTROY HALL

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—The jury in the case of Bert H. Connors, accused of having attempted to destroy the Hall of Records with dynamite, reported to Judge Willis late today that it was unable to agree and was discharged. It stood 10 to 2 for acquittal.

WESTMOUNT PASTOR HAS RESIGNED

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Rev. G. A. Gates, well known in the Maritime Provinces, has resigned from the pastorate of Westmount Baptist church, after six years' service, owing to ill health. He has been ordered to take a year's rest by his doctor.

Chancellor of Exchequer Tells London Liberal Club that Nation's Credit Was Never Better Than Now.

READY FOR AN EMERGENCY.

Better Understanding Between Powers Would Work For Good of World—Value of Popular Education.

London, Eng., Feb. 3.—The Right Hon. David Lloyd George, chancellor of exchequer, delivered today at the City of London Liberal club, an important speech upon financial and foreign affairs. He strongly defended the government's financial policy. He emphasized the fact that all government securities in Europe had fallen, which was a matter for grave consideration. The reasons for the declines in consols were non-political and needed judicial and impartial examination.

To say that British credit had gone was not only unpatriotic but utterly untrue. Speaking clearly and emphatically in regard to the foreign affairs, Mr. Lloyd George asserted that there was never a time in the history of the country when it was better prepared to face any emergency (cheers).

If they wanted to effect economies in finance they must arrest the growth of armaments. But until international envious, jealousies and fears were removed, the growth of armaments would never be arrested. This was the advantageous moment to consider the subject. He affirmed that he were not alone in realizing the danger that might arise from the international atmosphere. In spite of all the circumstances which we deliberate regarding the attention of all nations to the perils of the position.

He was not going back, he said, upon any past circumstances. He was not going to defend the government on selfish grounds. He was not going to defend himself for any part which he had taken. Why was he not going to do so? Not because he was unprepared but because he was convinced that the more he went on justifying the more it would keep up the irritations.

There was one most favorable circumstance, namely that Morocco, irritation and cooperation between the great powers had been settled. There had been an agreement to the mutual advantage both of France and Germany and which was not injurious to British interests. It was in the interests of France, Germany, Russia and ourselves that there should be a better understanding between the nations. (Loud cheers.)

He believed that with candor, frankness and honesty it was possible to reduce and all the money saved from armaments could be devoted to developing the resources of the country, and improving the condition of the people.

"REPUBLIC" FOR BOYS IN ENGLAND LATEST PLAN OF BADEN-POWELL

New York, Feb. 3.—The establishment in England of an institution similar to the George Junior Republic, is planned by Lieut. Gen. Robert Baden-Powell, head of the Boy Scout movement in that country, who is now visiting the Boy Scouts of America, according to an announcement made at the headquarters of the American organization here tonight. Sir Robert plans the "republic" as a supplement to the English Boy Scout organization and will introduce a number of original features it is stated.

GRAFT CHARGES ARE BEING PROBED WITHOUT DELAY

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 3.—Quick despatch and rapid examination was the order of the day at the inquiry into the graft charges against members of the Winnipeg city council before Judge Myers this morning. City solicitor Hunt examined a number of witnesses concerning a number of deals and His Lordship professed to be satisfied that a short examination was sufficient. The solicitor on one occasion remarked that there were "no suspicious circumstances in any of the deals," and His Lordship remarked, "But we must go through with it."