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IN HOWLING GALE FISHING VESSEL BREAKS UP

Nothing but Bits of Wreckage to Tell Story of Foundering of Newfoundland Schooner Off Long Island.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—In a biting, driving snowstorm of the Long Island shore, the schooner Swallow of St. John's Nfld., and her crew, was lost to-day, according to evidence furnished by a turbulent sea which has strewn the beach east of Fire Island for several miles with bits of wreckage from the ship itself and from her cargo.

On some of this flotsam appeared the name "Swallow, St. John's, Nfld." and this told the beachman who found the wreckage what vessel it was that had foundered in the howling gale.

Of the crew, probably five or six, nothing was seen, and the wreckage was scattered about close to shore. He hauled some of them in, and finding it was new wreckage, hurried back to his station to report and secure aid.

The Swallow, according to the marine register, was a small schooner of 73 tons. She was built 30 years ago at Moses' River and was owned by John Dawson of St. John's Nfld.

CREW RESCUED Nova Scotia Ship Savona Abandoned Near Fastnet.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 17.—The steamer Dominion, which arrived on her way today, reported having rescued Captain Crossley and the crew of the British ship Savona, about four miles off Fastnet. The vessel was abandoned in a water-logged condition.

CHANGE ELECTION LAW One Man, One Vote Cry of Defeated Candidate.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—J. C. Walsh, candidate for St. Ann's ward, was defeated by C. J. Doherty, made the announcement last evening at a banquet given to R. C. Smith, who was H. B. Ames' opponent in St. Antoine, to the effect that the government at Ottawa would introduce an amendment to the Dominion Electoral Law, preventing an elector from voting more than once in a federal election.

MEANCE TO IMPERIALISM Is Hill's Threat to Carry His Railway to Winnipeg.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) LONDON, Jan. 17.—J. J. Hill's threat that he will carry his lines north to Winnipeg, is, says The Mail, a menace to the imperial tie. The northwest is the cockpit of the empire. The struggle now beginning there shows that the Americans realize the fact that England has not altogether grasped its significance.

Bravi Causes Fire. KENORA, Jan. 17.—Thru a drunken brawl in which an oil lamp was upset in Clifton's boarding house at Verulam Bay Saturday morning, a serious fire occurred which was confined to the Clifton house and the stores of Schumann and Guttinath, which all burned to the ground.

BUSINESS REVIVAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—As an evidence of a revival on the railways the C.P.R. and the Grand Trunk Pacific have just given orders to the Montreal Locomotive Works for 55 locomotives, the whole to be delivered before the end of May, and over a thousand extra skilled mechanics will be at once taken on at the works.

BRITISH SAFE ON NORTH SEA

Dreadnaught Ships Unequaled, Ship for Ship, in the World's Fleets, Says Admiral.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Just as England was the first to have a Dreadnaught, so she is before all other nations in having a fleet of these, the most modern of fighting ships.

With the commissioning of the new battleship Lord Nelson, and her assignment to the North Sea, the home fleet, the first line of defence against a possible attack from across the North Sea, that fleet, in the words of a British admiral, became "a combination of strength and homogeneity unequalled, ship for ship, in the world's fleets."

A year ago the North division, which is under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Bridgman, consisted of the Dreadnaught, which had hardly completed her sea trials, the Bulwark, London, Magnificent, Majestic and Victorious. During the year the new battleship Agamemnon and the armored cruisers Indomitable and Inflexible, which are to all intents and purposes, battleships, replaced older vessels, and last week the Lord Nelson relieved the Magnificent, leaving the Victorious the only representative of the pre-Dreadnaught era to Admiral Bridgman's command.

Before midsummer it is anticipated that the fleet will be further strengthened by the Dreadnaught battleships Temeraire, Bellerophon and Superb.

WESTERN M.P.'S ARRIVE

Ready for Opening of Dominion Parliament on Wednesday.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The western members are the first to arrive in numbers for the opening of parliament on Wednesday. A coachload of members from the middle west, who left Winnipeg on Friday night, have arrived. They were preceded by McIntyre of Strathcona, McGrath of Lethbridge, Bradbury of Selkirk and Ralph Smith of Nanaimo, who have been here for some time.

DISAPPEARANCE A FAKE

Woman Said to Have Been Killed Was in Financial Straits.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Miss Violet Gordon Charlesworth, whose mysterious disappearance a short time ago caused a great deal of excitement, because of her remarkable career and intimate association with extensive stock deals, has been found and identified at Oban, Scotland.

COL. PELLETT IN NEW YORK

Guest of Honor at Inspection of 23rd Regiment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Col. Henry M. Pellatt of the Queen's Own Regiment of Toronto and his staff were the guests of honor last evening at the 23rd Regiment's review and drill.

348 AUTOS BURN LOSS IS NEAR MILLION

Big Storage Station, With Six Garages, Makes Spectacular Blaze in Boston—Only Two Cars Saved.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—A puff of flame shot up from the rear of the most extensive automobile storage and repair plant in the city, located near Park-square, shortly before dawn to-day, and half an hour later over 348 automobiles, valued at \$750,000, were a mass of tangled steel and iron.

The fire also spread to the old train shed of the Park-square Railroad station, formerly used as the terminal of the Providence division of the New York, New Haven, Hartford Railroad, and destroyed the bicycle track and a large pavilion used for exhibition purposes. Six horses, one of the buildings were also burned. It is expected that the damage to the building will bring the total loss to above \$900,000.

The insurance rates on the destroyed property were somewhat higher than those in effect on other buildings of like use in the city, and the majority of the owners were but partly insured, while one or two firms had none.

There were about 20 workmen in the building when the fire broke out, but all managed to get away, although several of them had narrow escapes. Starting just before dawn, with buildings and trees coated with sleet from last night's storm, the fire was spectacular. The portion of the city south of the common was brilliantly illuminated, for the garage seemed to burst into flame like an incandescent bulb, with great difficulty that the firemen prevented the flames from spreading into the business blocks up Columbus-avenue.

WON'T TAKE ACTUAL VALUE FOR WINNIPEG RAILWAY

D. D. Mann Insists on Valuation of Five or Six Per Cent. of Gross Earnings.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17.—A special meeting of the power committee of the city council was held yesterday afternoon to meet D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, representing the Winnipeg Electric Co. and hear the offer of terms on which the company is willing to dispose of its street railway system, electric light, power and gas plants with all holdings of the company at their actual valuation without consideration of the value of the franchises.

The city was willing to take over all holdings of the company at their actual valuation without consideration of the value of the franchises. Mr. Mann said he could not act without consent of the directors, but he was sure the company would not consider an offer without allowance for the value of the franchises and would insist upon a valuation of five or six per cent. of gross earnings.

On a six per cent. basis the value of the company's holdings rated on earnings for 1907 would be \$16,645,000 or about \$19,000,000 according to the earnings of 1908. In conclusion Mr. Mann stated the rates charged for electric lighting here were lower than in Vancouver.

Another Victim. TOWNSEND COLE, N.Y., Jan. 17.—Townsend Cole, a prominent farmer and former supervisor, was struck and instantly killed here Saturday night by an engine while crossing the New Haven Railway tracks.

LINE OPEN TO ELK CITY. A World's staff man, who left Toronto on Friday night for Elk City, in company with T. O. Commissioner Fred Dane, arrived at Elk City on Sunday and was able, by telegraph and telephone, to communicate with this office, conveying the information that the roads were good.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Fire this afternoon completely destroyed the upholstery and lace curtain warehouse and factory of Oehrlie Bros. & Co., on North Third-street, causing a loss of \$125,000.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 17.—There has been a marked increase in cholera in this city. Fifty cases have been reported in the last 24 hours, and 21 deaths.

THE WISHBONE



TO ASK FOR REHEARING OF THE WEGENAST CASE

Suburban Residents Will Press Application For Commutation Rates Before Asking For Legislation. BRAMPTON, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—At a conference of suburban residents of Brampton on Saturday evening it was decided to ask for a hearing of the application of Mr. Wegenast for commutation tickets which was recently refused by a majority of the Dominion Railway Commission.

GRIMSBY COUNCIL WILL MEET TONIGHT TO TAKE ACTION ON SATURDAY'S FATALITY. GRIMSBY, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—There has been no further deaths as the result of the level crossing accident at Grimsby station early Saturday morning, five being the record of fatalities so far.

DEATH LIST IS FIVE MISS TEETER WORSE. BABY TEETER, the seventh occupant of the sleigh, was not much hurt. The inquest will be held on Wednesday before Coroner Dr. Alexander. Grimsby citizens are indignant over the unprotected condition of the crossing, and are talking of beginning an agitation to put it up to the proper authorities to see that such accidents are impossible in the future.

LIBEL ON OUR CLIMATE. Spanish Papers Publish Wild Tales of Canadian Winter. MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The commercial community here think the government should take steps to prevent in future the publication of the erroneous statements going the rounds of the Spanish newspapers, notably in the Argentine Republic. In a recent editorial one of these read: "The observations relating to Canada, published by Dr. O'Farrell, are absolutely correct. Canada is a great agricultural country, but is completely dead during the six winter months. He was in Montreal last year at the beginning of September, and the River St. Lawrence was frozen over, while navigation was at a standstill. He left Montreal the following April and the St. Lawrence was still frozen."

ICE BRIDGE AT FALLS. Shacks on Neutral Territory Patrolled by Booe Fighters. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—With the continuance of cold weather the ice bridge across the Niagara River, under the falls, has grown to enormous proportions, and now extends from the upper bridge to within 100 feet of the horseshoe falls. The bridge is the largest in the world.

OPEN SHOP. Hat Manufacturers to Fight Strikers to Finish. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The open shop and a fight to a finish, was the action decided upon by the hat manufacturers' association at a meeting today. An effect of the strike according to the manufacturers will be a rise in the price of hats.

CAUGHT AT BORDER. MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Ten Chinamen were arrested to-day as they were being smuggled over the American frontier. The Celestials were brought back to the city.

MR. TEDDY OR U.S. PROSECUTOR OF N.Y. WOULD?

Speculation as to Right of Government to Proceed Against Newspaper for Alleged Criminal Libel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The latest and most interesting suggestion regarding the service yesterday of subpoenas upon a number of newspapermen, is that an individual and not the United States Government is the real plaintiff in the case. It is true that the subpoenas served here read "The United States v. The Press Publishing Co." But if the proposed action is for alleged criminal libel, as is generally assumed, that would be the form of subpoena, even where an individual is the complainant, according to the practice in the District of Columbia.

The identity of this individual or individuals, for there may be more than one of them, is purely a matter of speculation, for the public will have to await the issue of the promised statement of Attorney-General Bonaparte, in the course of a day or two, to get any accurate understanding of this remarkable case. Possibly President Roosevelt himself is the complainant; or it may be that the action was begun by William Nelson Cromwell, or by Douglas Robinson, or any of the persons named in the original newspaper publications. A significant fact is that Mr. Cromwell was in Washington when the action was taken yesterday of serving the subpoenas, he left during the night for New York.

Local lawyers are discussing the case with interest, and already sharp differences of opinion appear as to the right of the United States Government to prosecute a criminal libel proceeding against either an individual or a newspaper, which is after all the contentions, for there can be no question of the right of an individual to bring such an action.

It is pointed out that the supreme court on record in the Goodwin case, as denying the power of a United States circuit court to take jurisdiction in a criminal libel case, and that on the other hand, while it is admitted that there is no statutory law warranting such an action by the government, it is certainly not in its country's right under the common law as an absolutely necessary measure of power to protect the very existence of the government.

The officials here remain mute and there were no actual developments in the case to-day. The district attorney remains in snowbound New York, inaccessible to reporters and cut off from the telephone; the attorney-general of the United States is at home in Baltimore and a Mr. Whitney there was a flat refusal to discuss the matter.

FINE ARTS COUNCIL

Thirty Representative Men to Be Named by Roosevelt. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Quick to appreciate the plea that the fine arts have been denied the governmental consideration accorded by other nations, as suggested by the American Institute of Architects, President Roosevelt announces to-day that he has selected 30 men to constitute the Fine Arts Council, to compose a council of the fine arts.

The object of the council, which is to consist of architects, painters, sculptors, landscape architects and laymen, of which the supervising architect of the treasury is to be the executive head, is to advise upon all the character and designation of all public works of architecture, paintings, sculpture, all monuments, parks, bridges and other works of art, and to advise upon an integral part, and to make suggestions and recommendations for the conservation of all historic monuments.

MEXICAN TRAM CONTROL

Exchange of Stock With Light Company on Basis of 5 for 14. It is announced that control of the Mexican Light and Power Company has passed into the hands of the Mexican Tramways Company. Mexican Tramways secured control by exchanging shares, on a basis of eight of their shares for 14 shares of Mexican Light and Power.

More than a majority of Mexican Light and Power shareholders have agreed to the change. The minority shareholders of Mexican Light and Power will be given the opportunity to exchange their shares on the same basis. Mexican Tramway stock will be placed on a 5 per cent. basis.

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