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BIG OCEAN LINER PILED ON ROCKS

Elder Dempster Steamer Jebba a Total Loss Near Prawle Point England-- Passengers Were All Saved -- The Seuvic Disaster.

LONDON, March 18--Almost within sight of the wrecked White Star steamer Seuvic, the Elder Dempster line steamer Jebba, from Calabar, Lagos, and other West African ports, for Plymouth and Liverpool, ran on the rocks under the cliffs near Prawle point early this morning. Her 70 passengers, many of whom were soldiers invalided home from the West Coast of Africa, and her crew were safely taken ashore by the breeches-buoy. Heavy seas are breaking over the steamer, rendering the life-boats which are standing by the vessel, useless. The Jebba will prove a total loss.

LONDON, March 18--Details received this morning of the disaster to the White Star steamer Seuvic, homeward bound from Sydney, N. S. W., via Capetown, with nearly 800 passengers and crew on board, show that she struck the Brandis rocks close under the Lizard lighthouse, at about 10.30 last night, and will probably be a total wreck. Life boats and tugs from the Lizard and Falmouth soon reached the scene and together with the Seuvic's own boats, commenced landing the passengers. The women and children were first sent ashore. There were no fewer than 100 children on board, many of them being babies in arms, whom the local fishermen and their wives lifted out of the boats and carried through the surf to the nearby cottages.

Steamers, some of which are described as being large, are ashore near Rye, Dun- goness, Dover and Cuckmere. The vessel ashore of Cuckmere is the British steamer Newcastle from Novorossiysk, Black Sea. Her position is serious.

THAW CASE TO JURY MONDAY

Expected That Evidence and Arguments of Counsel Will Be Finished This Week.

NEW YORK, March 18--When the Thaw trial opened today the question of admitting the Hummel affidavit was taken up. The outlook is that this sensational document will be admitted, read and spread on the record. This work, it is expected, will be concluded at the morning session, and will probably complete the state's rebuttal.

Both District Attorney Jerome and the Thaw lawyers seemed to be agreed yesterday, unless something unexpected presented itself, Mr. Delmas would begin calling his witnesses in rebuttal this afternoon. Evelyn Thaw will probably be the first witness called by him. Her testimony will be a contradiction of that given by Hummel regarding the affidavit. Whether Dr. Britton D. Evans, Charles Wagner, the defence's experts, will be called again, the Thaw lawyers did not seem sure yesterday, although it is their intention to call Dr. Gramme Hammond and Dr. Smith E. Jelliffe, and possibly three or four other alienists.

THE BILLEY TEAM OTTAWA, March 18--(Special)--Col. J. M. Gibbon and his team, Major J. M. Stewart of Vancouver, B. C., adjutant of the team.

SAME OLD SYMPTOMS. Peggy--What do you consider the best sign of spring weather? Paul--The delicious feeling which makes you want to sit down and watch other people work.

W. J. BRYAN'S EULOGY OF THE TRADES UNIONS IN AMERICA

Speaking at Chicago, He Says That Trades Unions Have Done More Good For the United States Than Any Other Force in the Country.

CHICAGO, March 18--Wm. J. Bryan, at the closing conference yesterday, in connection with the industrial exhibit, expressed the opinion that trades unions have done more good for this country than any other force in the country. Although he disclaimed any scientific knowledge of the question, Mr. Bryan's remarks were received with satisfaction by the audience of union men from the Federation of Labor, who attended the meeting.

in the country ever has been so effective for improvement in the citizenship and general moral qualities of our people. "The Australian ballot system, for one thing, is largely due in this country to the agitation of the trade unions. I almost feel safe in saying that if it had not been for the interest in this reform by the organizations, we might still be employing the old system of voting. If the labor union had never done anything else than raise the age limit for employment of children in the mines and factories of the nation, I believe that accomplishment alone would justify its existence. No industry in this country have ever been so evil in their effects as the tendency to crowd out workshops with children of tender years. It is a most destructive tendency, and one that public conscience should protest against."

Prince Henry of Holland Going to Wrecked Berlin.



Among the many attempts to rescue the people left on the surf-swept steamer, Prince Henry of Holland witnessed the thrilling adventures from the deck of the pilot boat Helvetia, which went out on February 22, the day after the wreck, and took off eleven persons. King Edward of England conferred the G. C. B. on Prince Henry for the part he played.

FINED \$5 EACH IN DRILL CASE

Members of 62nd Regiment Charged With Not Attending Drill, Fined \$5 Each--Other Police Court Business.

The police gathered in ten prisoners between 12.30 Saturday afternoon and 11.30 Sunday night. All, save one, who forfeited a deposit, were in court this morning. John Quigley, James Ramsey, John McCarthy, Frank McGuire and Duncan McKeever, were fined \$5 or two months each; John Keating, John Keith and Daniel Doyle were sentenced to fines of \$5 or thirty days each; Wilnot Hampton was fined \$4 or ten days and John J. Conway forfeited a deposit of \$5.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

Baptist and Methodist Clergymen Held Weekly Meetings This Morning.

The United Baptist ministers met this morning, Rev. A. B. Coho presiding. Those present were Revs. E. C. Jenkins, P. J. Stackhouse, A. J. Prosser, W. Camp, Gibson Swin, W. W. McMaster, J. Harry King, and Dr. Manning.

CAME AFTER MANY DAYS

Sergt. Baxter and Ex-Policeman White Receive Their Reward for Capturing Francis and Phelps.

Two men were made happy today by the receipt of substantial cheques. They were Sergeant George Baxter, of the police force, and ex-policeman William White. Assistant Post Office Inspector W. C. Whitaker this morning presented each of the men with a substantial cheque, which he had received from the U. S. post office department at Washington, through the department at Ottawa, as a reward for their services in capturing the two desperadoes, Minot St. Clair Francis, alias Jack Ashton and William Phelps, on January 18th, 1906.

AWFUL MASSACRE IN A ROUMANIAN TOWN

The Kishnieff Horror May Have Been Repeated In Podihilo, Roumania-- Town Totally Destroyed, and Suffering Jews Ask for Help.

NEW YORK, March 18--The cable despatches received last night by the Jewish Morning Journal, of this city, reporting that terrible massacre have caused consternation among the Roumanian Jews in New York. They fear another Kishnieff affair, in which so many Russian Jews perished. Podihilo is only about 30 miles from Kishnieff, which is in Bessarabia, across the Russian frontier.

All of the Roumanian societies in New York have been notified to attend a mass meeting tonight at Manhattan Evening, in the heart of the east side ghetto, in order to devise measures for relief. According to the cablegram received here, the Jewish merchants' stores were robbed and many persons murdered. The cablegram follows: "Massacre going on since last Saturday. Town totally destroyed. All Jewish population ruined and houses destroyed. We ask help."

ST. JOHN MAN BADLY HURT

Albert D. Wilson Seriously Injured In An Explosion In East Watertown, Mass.

Mr. Wilson, of the country market, has received word of a dreadful accident as a result of which his brother, Albert D. Wilson, lies in a precarious condition in a Cambridge Mass. hospital. The injured man is employed with the Wood Rubber Co. in East Watertown, Mass. In the main room of which department he was foreman. On the 15th inst., naphtha and alcohol became ignited as a result of an explosion took place wrecking the large building. Mr. Wilson and a man named Davis were in the room and little hope is now held out for their recovery. Both were severely burned. Mr. Wilson having jumped into a vat filled with water in his efforts to save himself, he having for years occupied a stand in the country market. He has a wife and two children in Boston and is 62 years of age. He has also seven brothers, among them Amos A. Wilson, K. C. of this city.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Normal School Teacher Offered Good Position In The West-- Poor Attendance at Committee Meeting.

FREDERICTON, March 18--(Special)--Harold H. Hagerman, instructor in science at the Provincial Normal school has been offered a position on the public schools at Nelson, B. C., at a much larger salary than he is receiving here. He has not yet decided to accept. Mr. Hagerman is a graduate of the university and is considered one of the most efficient teachers in the province. There was not a quorum at the meeting of the trustees of the Normal school, which adjourned this morning and the consideration of the resignation of Mr. Hagerman will be postponed until Wednesday. Premier Pugsley and J. D. Hagan, leader of the opposition are in St. John to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Stockton and it is unlikely now that the budget will be brought down before Wednesday. Joseph Richards has secured a lease of the York hotel and took possession this morning. The Hamstead Steamship Co. will ask the city council for an exemption of wharfage fees for the steamer Hamstead which plies between this city and Gagetown.

HE ACCEPTS CALL TO CAMPBELLTON

Rev. P. J. Stackhouse To Leave the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

At the evening service in the Tabernacle church yesterday, A. H. Patterson, clerk of the church, read the resignation of Rev. P. J. Stackhouse. Mr. Stackhouse has received a call from the Baptist church at Campbellton and in consequence has resigned his pastorate at the Tabernacle. A meeting of the church members has been called for Wednesday evening next to deal with the matter. Rev. Mr. Stackhouse has been in charge of the Tabernacle about six years in all. He first took the pastorate in June 1899, but resigned some time later to take a course at college, afterwards being called again to assume charge on the death of Rev. H. H. Rouch. During his pastorate Rev. Mr. Stackhouse has made many changes and improvements at the Tabernacle and the membership has increased rapidly.

RUN OFF ON THE I. C. R.

Maritime Express From Montreal Delayed Five Hours Near St. Flavie.

MONCTON, March 18--(Special)--The maritime express from Montreal is delayed four or five hours near St. Flavie by a run-off. A freight train is off the track backing the road. Some damage to the rolling stock and "switch" was done but no persons hurt. The members of the local A. O. U. celebrated St. Patrick's day by attending services in St. Bernard's church yesterday. Last evening Father Lablanc preached on St. Patrick before a large congregation.

COLLISION AT MATTAWAMKEAG

C. P. R. Train From Montreal Collided With Freight Train.

A collision in the Mattawamkeag railway yard delayed the C. P. R. train from Montreal today about four hours. According to information received, the Atlantic express (No. 9) collided with a freight train, striking the rear end of the freight, which was on its way here, and damaging the caboose and two empty colonist cars. The engine on No. 9 was damaged to the extent of about \$500 or \$600.

FUNERAL OF DR. STOCKTON

It Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon With Service In Centenary Church.

Goldwin and Ronald Stockton, sons of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton, are expected to arrive in this city this evening. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. At 2.30 o'clock a private service will be held at the Stockton home, to which the pall-bearers and a number of friends have been invited. The remains will then be taken to Centenary church where a public service will be held, conducted by Rev. H. D. Sprague. The members of the St. John Law Society and Alton Lodge, F. & A. M. will attend in a body. Premier Pugsley and a number of members of the local legislature were in the city today expecting that the funeral would be held this afternoon. The majority of them had to return to the capital today as the session resumed tomorrow.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

EASTER PROBLEM SOLVED. Mr. Peter Binks spent some time this morning in front of a window where there was a very artistic display of Easter Millinery.



"Whenever I can," said Mr. Binks to the Times new reporter, "I like to survey rare collections of diamonds and other precious stones. In the Tower of London once I had to be pulled away from a cabinet of curios of priceless value, and at Windsor Castle an attendant requested me to move on from the vicinity of certain rich gifts displayed in one of the rooms. In the Bank of England a policeman told me if I didn't take my eyes away from the heaps of gold and move on he would put me out. The like has been true whenever it has been my privilege to gaze upon anything which represents enormous wealth. That is why at this season, I spend a little time every day in front of a millinery window."

A few good calculators were wanted at the board of trade rooms this evening, to count the number of different opinions expressed on the subject of civic administration. As each man present is expected to have several, the enumeration will be no easy task, and may take considerable time. It may not be possible to tabulate the result for some days.

"When I was a boy," said the new reporter, "we used to have a dummy egg made of chalk, to coax the old hen into the nest. Couldn't you get one of those to look at?"

"I thank you," said Mr. Binks fervently. "Your suggestion is admirable. And, after all, my egg will be as real as the flowers on Mrs. Binks's Easter hat. You have solved the problem."

The sun is quite busy today, opening the gutters. We are greatly indebted to the sun. But for the fact that it works it might be placed on the navy-roll.