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ALONE IN OPEN BOAT WITH HIS DEAD COMPANION

Thrilling Experience of Michigan Fisherman on Lake Superior

Two Nights and a Day Drifting in Terrific Storm; One Man Finally Frozen to Death and the Other Left His Craft and Gruesome Load and Walked Ashore on the Ice.

Stoughton, Mich., March 23.—Eric Peterson, a Betsy River fisherman, who was adrift on Lake Superior two nights and a day in an open skiff, in one of the severest storms of the winter, with a dead man for a companion, and who saved his life by walking three miles across ice floes to shore, has arrived here on his way to a hospital. He is little the worse for his terrible experience except that his hands are swollen and his feet stiff and painful.

Peterson and Bell rowed out into Saari from Betsy River to a flat-bottomed skiff, fourteen feet long, provided with one pair of oars. They loaded the boat with provisions and in the evening started to row back. Saari had a sore hand and could not take his turn at rowing, so he decided to lighten the boat and they put him ashore. He walked home.

Peterson and Bell rowed out into the storm which was then blowing pretty strong, but they gave it no thought, having made the trip before in all kinds of weather. It soon became too strong, however, for them to make headway against, and to add to their danger they lost their oars. There was nothing for them to do but to let the wind have its way, and the little skiff was driven before the gale, which was increasing every minute.

Peterson soon felt the effects of the cold, and he called to Bell to come forward him so they might lie down together to keep warm. Bell did not answer.

"I moved over and touched him and felt his pulse. There was no use. That is the way Peterson told the story of his friend's death. The man was apparently numbed by his privations and did not appear to realize what he had done through. He was asked if he felt any horror of being

alone in an open boat with a dead man. "I was too busy," he said. "I had to keep moving so as not to go to sleep, or I would go the same way." He did not sleep from the time he got into the boat Tuesday night till he got into the lumber camp Thursday morning.

The boat ran before the wind all Tuesday night, but with apparently little speed, and in the morning Peterson saw that the ice was collecting about his life. The ice kept crowding the little skiff until it was the centre of a floe, one wide enough at least to keep the spray of the immense waves from dashing into the boat. Had it done so he would have speedily frozen to death.

The wind was from the northwest for a long time, but it changed to the northeast. Peterson does not know when.

He stayed in the skiff all that long Wednesday and Wednesday night, walking up and down beating his hands and stamping his feet. He did not eat anything, just kept up the motion which long experience had told him would keep his blood circulating and keep him from freezing to death.

Thursday morning he saw that the boat was stationary, and as far as he could see the ice was not broken. He knew that to stay in the boat meant death anyway, and he took his chances with the ice. The boat was full of provisions for his family and two others. It contained the dead body of his friend. He does not remember that he gave a thought to this. He thought his hands and feet were freezing, and he set out across the ice to seek shelter. He walked three miles before he struck the shore. After that it was easy and he found his way to the Hebrard lumber camp at Point Abbaye.

WILL OPPOSE SIR FREDERICK BORDEN

Wolfville, N. S., March 21.—The Union Reform party of Kings county, at a meeting held at Waterville this week, decided to oppose Sir Frederick Borden for the Dominion house at the coming general election. No candidate was named, but it is generally thought that Dr. Chipman, of Grand Pre, will be the man.

A new rink, to cost \$7,000, will be built at Kentville during the summer months. A much respected resident of Wolfville, E. F. Caldwell, passed away on Monday at his residence, aged 64 years. He had been ill of heart failure for some months, and death was unexpected. Mr. Caldwell was an engineer, and was for some time on the D. A. R. boats running between Yarmouth and Boston. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. I. Saunders, of Paradise; and Mrs. Mark Roberts of Fall River (Mass.). Two sons—George and Ernest, of Port Williams, also survive him.

The death took place at Halifax on Thursday, of Mrs. E. B. Moore, wife of the pastor of the Wolfville Methodist church. During her three years of residence here, Mrs. Moore, by her beautiful personality and charming Christian character, endeared herself to all and the town is the poorer for her going.

CHOSEN P. E. ISLAND RHODES SCHOLAR

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 23.—Roy Leitch of Charlottetown, a student in arts at Dalhousie College, whence he will graduate this year, has been nominated Rhodes scholar for Prince Edward Island. Leitch was born in Charlottetown in 1885.

TWO YARMOUTH FISHERMEN LOST WITH BOAT SUNDAY

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Yarmouth, N. S., March 23.—Leander Landry and Mande Muse, of the Beverly fishing schooner Grace Darling were drowned on Sunday afternoon twenty-four miles off Yarmouth.

MRS MARY STEWART, OF WOODSTOCK, DEAD

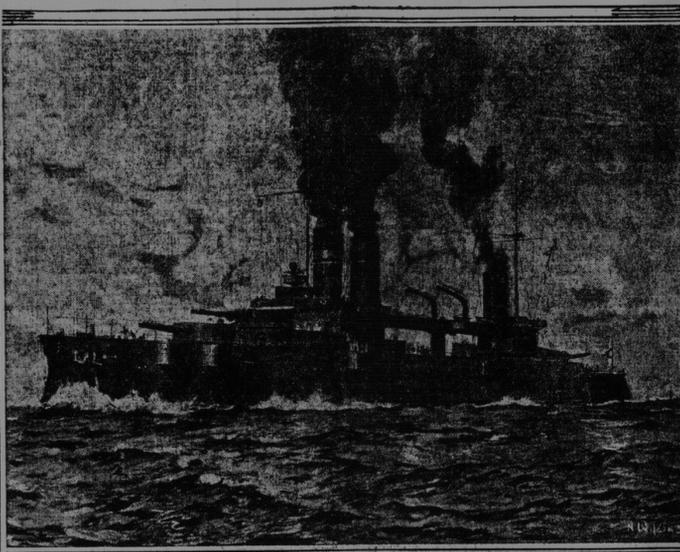
Woodstock, N. B., March 23.—Mrs. Mary Stewart, widow of Neil Stewart, died at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, after less than a week's illness from congestion, aged 77 years. She was born in Galway, Ireland, and when but 17 years of age she came alone across the Atlantic to St. John and shortly afterwards coming to Woodstock by stage, where some relatives had already settled. Here she married Neil Stewart, who died 2 years ago, and she has been a resident of this town for more than 60 years. One brother, Michael McGann, of Benton, and two sisters, Mrs. Michael Maloney, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Kate Campbell, of Bangor, are the surviving members of this family. Mrs. Stewart of Springfield, Mass., are the children of the deceased, now living.

GENERAL OTTER TO COMMAND ARMY CORPS AT TERCENTENARY

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Ottawa, March 23.—General Otter will command the army corps that will be present at the Tercentenary celebration at Quebec next July.

The corps will be made up of four divisions commanded by the following officers: Brigadier General Cotton, western Canada; Col. W. D. Gordon, Eastern Ontario; Brigadier General Buchan, Quebec, and Brigadier General Drury, Maritime provinces. There will probably be a composite regiment from the west.

GERMANY'S NEW DREADNOUGHT



THE NEW GERMAN BATTLESHIP ERATZ BAYERN AS SHE WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED. The launching of Germany's Dreadnought, the Eratz Bayern, took place at Wilhelmshaven, March 5. The vessel's displacement is 17,989 tons, and her minimum speed is to be nine-and-a-half knots. Her crew will number 868, including 27 officers. She will carry ten 11-inch guns. The cost of her construction, including trial runs, will be £1,838,000 (\$9,190,000).

A FRENCH WATER THAT COULD OUTDO WALL ST. SHARKS

Founded a Paris Bank, Floated Many Mining Companies, and Fleeced Public Out of \$12,000,000.

Paris, March 23.—A sensation has been caused by the arrest here this afternoon of a man named Henri Rochette on the charge of conducting successful swindles on an enormous scale. Rochette was at one time a waiter in an obscure French town. He came to Paris to seek his fortune, in which he was eminently successful, so long as he could keep out of the clutches of the law. He founded the Franco-Spanish Bank and floated not less than a dozen mining enterprises, in which he is a director and whose stock was eagerly purchased by French investors. It is said that his methods were fraudulent. The complainant against him alleges that he has stolen over \$12,000,000 through the medium of his various companies and societies.

SPANISH COURT FACES A SCANDAL

Actress Who Was Intimate With King Alfonso's Father Sues for Large Sum.

Madrid, Mar. 23.—The judge in the Elena Sanz affair called at the palace yesterday to take the evidence of the Queen Mother. Elena Sanz was a Spanish actress by whom King Alfonso XII had two natural sons. These children are now suing the heirs of Alfonso XII for an annuity which their claim was left to their mother by the king and which was to revert after her death to them. The queen deposed that a few days after the death of Alfonso XII, Senor Salmeron came to Senor Abella, who was then master of the household, and told him that Elena Sanz had in her possession certain letters from the late king, the publication of which would cause a great scandal. She would give them up for \$15,000, and in addition Salmeron claimed \$1,000 for his services in the matter. Trusting to the integrity of Salmeron, the queen paid over these two sums and was assured by him that all the letters in question had been destroyed. The present suit of the Sanz heirs, however, is based entirely upon letters identical with those which the queen paid to have burned. The Sanz matter is to come up before the supreme court, that tribunal having declared itself competent to try the case.

LITTLE HOPE FOR GOVERNOR GUILD

Boston, Mass., March 23.—From noon until a late hour tonight there was no perceptible change in the condition of Governor Guild. At 10:15 p. m. Dr. Fredrick B. Winslow, in his last bulletin of the night said: "Governor Guild's condition remains unchanged. He is holding his own and is resting comfortably."

It was stated that there would be no further bulletins sent out tonight unless some change should occur in the governor's condition. The friends of Governor Guild and the state officials, with few exceptions, have abandoned hope for his recovery. They were somewhat surprised that the governor held his own so long today, following his rather unfavorable day yesterday and restless night. The patient was in much pain last night and during the early hours of the morning, but was quite comfortable this afternoon and evening.

DR. SPROULE RAISES A BREEZE IN HOUSE

Motion for Return Showing Names and Religious Denominations of Employees of Senate and Commons, as Well as Printing Bureau, Opposed by Government.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, March 23.—A little breeze was raised in the house today over a question of Dr. Sproule's for a return showing the names and salaries of the employees of the senate and house of commons, giving their religious denomination—Protestant or Roman Catholic—and also the staff and employees of the printing bureau and their religions, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant.

Mr. Fielding thought Dr. Sproule should not press a motion which would divide the public service on religious lines. Dr. Sproule wanted the information to verify a statement he made that there were three Roman Catholics to one Protestant employed around the house of commons, because it was contradicted.

Mr. Graham, minister of railways, said the question of religion had no more to do with a man's fitness for employment than as to the boots and shoes he wore. Canada was too big a country for that. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the debate.

PRINCE HELIE FOLLOWS EX-COUNTESS BONI TO NEW YORK

New York, March 23.—Prince Helie De Sagan, who is a suitor for the hand of Mme Anna Gould, is believed to have arrived in New York within a few days with the object of renewing his attentions to the American heiress. The man who is believed to be Prince Helie registered at a New York hotel as "W. H. Thomson," and gave no address. He reached New York two days after Mme Gould and dined with Mme Gould last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Moore.

300,000 BUSHELS BRITISH SEED OATS FOR CANADIAN WEST

Fort William, Ont., March 23.—Three hundred thousand bushels of seed oats from Scotland, England and Belgium are now passing through Fort William for use in the Northwest. It was at first intended to stop all cars off here and have the oats cleaned, but on inspection it was found that the oats were perfectly clean, so they will go right through. Grainmen who have inspected it say the grain is the finest ever seen here and with a majority of farmers using it this spring for seed next fall's crop of oats should be far in excess of any hitherto raised.

MORE PAY FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Ottawa, March 23.—The civil service commission report is ready for presentation to parliament. The report lays stress on the increased cost of living in Ottawa, which practically means a recommendation for increased salaries. The management and administration of some of the departments come in for criticism and in this regard it is said that there is very much interesting reading. In fact it is said the report means trouble for certain parties on Parliament Hill.

ST. JOHN MEN AGAINST COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

R. C. Elkin and J. Willard Smith Before Ottawa Committee

Favor Exemption of Vessels from Dues That Are Compelled to Take Refuge in Ports—Other Changes in Shipping Bill Recommended—Cigar Manufacturers Want Changes in New Tobacco Duties.

Ottawa, March 23.—The bill to amend the shipping act introduced by A. K. MacLean, was heard before a special committee this morning. Two witnesses were called and examined by Mr. MacLean and members of the committee—R. C. Elkin and J. Willard Smith, of St. John (N. B.). Both witnesses gave unqualified statements as the advisability of extending the southern limits of the coasting waters as far as River La Plata.

They both were equally strong as to increasing the tonnage of vessels in coasting trade, and for which no certificated masters should be required. They favored a 700 ton limit, as in the United States. They both approved of that part of the bill dispensing with pilotage in case of vessels entering the harbor for refuge. Mr. Smith expressed himself strongly

VANCOUVER HINDOOS APPEAL TO BRITAIN

Demand Entrance to Canada as His Majesty's Subjects, and Declare That India Will Resent the Treatment Accorded Them.

Vancouver, B. C., March 23.—A meeting of Hindoos was held here Sunday to protest against their exclusion and deportation from Canada. The following message was cabled to John Morley, secretary for India. "We protest against deportation and exclusion from Canada. As British subjects we claim protection

CANADIANS GREAT JOB 'GETTERS' SAYS ROOSEVELT

Washington, March 23.—Representative Bennett, of New York, yesterday presented to President Roosevelt Mayor Steveland, of London (Ont.). "I never can tell an American from a Canadian," said the President, as he shook hands. "Nor can anybody else," replied the Mayor. "Why, Mr. President, I'm a Canadian, but both my brothers married American girls and my three sisters all married Americans." "When I was ranching in Dakota," said the President, "I never could tell the Canadians from the Americans who worked for me. I can't yet—because all the Canadians are now holding federal jobs in the United States."

JAPANESE PLANS TO GOBBLE PACIFIC OCEAN TRADE FAILS

Tokyo, March 23.—It seems to be taken for granted in various commercial circles abroad that in the near future Japan will absorb the merchant marine of the Pacific. This apprehension has been strengthened not only by the unwillingness of the United States to subsidize its Pacific carrying trade, but by the aggressive tactics of Japanese shipping companies in these waters, notably the recent advertisement of the nation's intention to organize a monster shipping combine, backed by enormous capital, for the purpose of wresting the freight traffic of the Pacific from foreign competition. But any adequate knowledge of the actual conditions prevailing here goes to show that this assumption is premature.

In the first place the big Nippon Kisen Kaisha, so much patted in the public press some time ago as about to swallow up all foreign competitors on the Pacific, has signally failed to materialize. In fact, it never did have any existence save on paper. The shares for which it called to make up its pretentious capital of 30,000,000 yen, though subscribed for, were never paid up, even the original promoters having proved delinquent in this respect. Various meetings were called, and determined efforts were made to float the concern, and though the originally stipulated capital was reduced by more than two thirds, there was no adequate response. Ultimately liquidators were appointed for the dissolution of the company, and the octopus that was to frighten all other concerns from the Pacific came to an untimely end. The fate of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha is only what has befallen hundreds of similar projects that have been clinging to a tentative existence during the last twelve months. Under the financial strain to which Japan has been subjected since the war large numbers of corporations, involving millions of capital, have gone into liquidation. The nation's fiscal policy has not worked well, and for some time income has not been equal to expenditure. To meet the financial responsibilities of the coming year the authorities have been obliged to reduce outlays contemplated in the enormous armament expansion by about 40,000,000 yen, with only the unpleasant prospect of increased taxes and further loans to meet the still unsatisfied deficit. The financial condition of the nation has seriously affected the ambitions of the shipping combine. Another large shipping trust that was organized recently for the exploitation of Asiatic waters has also been dissolved before reaching the stage of practical operation, because its capital of 20,000,000 yen failed of realization. Now that the Shenshu Domeika has shared the fate of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, there has been no talk of multiplying steamship companies on the Pacific.

RUSSIAN ARRESTED IN CHICAGO CHARGED WITH FOUR MURDERS

Chicago, Ill., March 23.—Minota Zernoskoff, the young Russian who was arrested in this city several days ago, was today committed to jail by United States Commissioner Foot to be held for extradition to Russia. The committal followed the filing of information by Baron Schlippenbach, Russian consul in Chicago, who says that the man is wanted in Vilna, Russia, in connection with the murders of four Jewish women. Baron Schlippenbach declared further Zernoskoff was a soldier and that with four other soldiers he stopped to spend the night in a house where the four women lived. During the night they strangled the women and stole their jewelry. Four of the men were captured but Zernoskoff made his way to this country.

ROOSEVELT CALLED BY GOD, ASSERTS BISHOP

Washington Prelate Declares President Saved the American Republic from Going to Destruction.

Philadelphia, March 22.—In receiving into full membership eight young men at yesterday's session of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, D. C., in instructing them in their duties, touched on national affairs. "Ten more years of the same old regime that has affected this country," he declared, "and this republic would have gone to destruction. There was a man unlettered by party principles who was studying the situation. If ever God Almighty summoned a man to a special mission it was when he called Theodore Roosevelt to the leadership of the moral sentiment of the country. Theodore Roosevelt has called the people to distinguish between right and wrong, be tween good politics and statesmanship."