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ONUS OF BLAME AS FIXED BY LORD MERSEY

Dealt Gently With Rendall,
 But Criticised Storstad
 Officer Severely

EXPLANATION OF ALTERED COURSE

Was Not Accepted But Was
 Declared the Real Cause
 Of the Collision

Quebec, July 11.—The report of the ship commissioners of the sinking of the Empress of Ireland was read by Lord Mersey this morning. Taking up the question of blame the report said:

"We think that Captain Kendall would have been better advised if he had given the Storstad a wider berth and had navigated his ship so as to have passed the Storstad at a greater distance on his beam than he originally intended. We do not think, however, that his stopping, which was really done for greater caution, can be said to be an unseamanlike act, nor do we consider his failure to give the wider berth as a contributory cause of the disaster."

Didn't Accept Explanation
 Dealing with the porting of the Storstad's helm, the report says the commission was unable to accept the view that it was done to counteract the effect of a current and as an act of prudent navigation.

"We are of opinion," the report proceeds, "that Chief Officer Tuftness, of the Storstad, was negligent in omitting to call the captain when the fog was on. The captain is the man who ought to have been there."

"Mr. Tuftness says that he thought there was no danger and therefore it did not matter. He was wrong, there was danger, anyway it was his duty to obey to call the order which he had received to call the captain when the fog came on."

Wrong in Altering Course
 "We can come to no other conclusion than that Tuftness was wrong, and negligent in altering his course in the fog, as he understood they did, and that he was wrong and negligent in keeping the navigation of the vessel in his own hands, and in failing to call the captain when he saw the fog coming on."

The session closes with the remark that the disaster is not to be attributed to any characteristic of the St. Lawrence route. The recommendations of the commission include the closing of all watertight doors and portholes below the water level should be closed at sunset and kept closed to sunrise.

Also that rafts be placed on deck in such a position that they will float automatically as the ship sinks.

The Stories Differ
 The most important section of the report, that dealing with the appointment of blame for the disaster, reads: "The question as to who, if anyone is to blame for the collision in this case, depends largely on which two stories put forward by the respective owners of the vessels is to be accepted. The main difference between the two stories is to be found in the description of the way in which the two vessels were approaching each other at the time the Empress of Ireland changed her course, after having obtained an offing from Father Point."

Father Point is the place at which the Empress of Ireland, the outward bound ship, had dropped her pilot; it is also the place at which the Storstad, the inward bound ship, was to pick up her pilot. It is situated in the south side of the river.

Contrary Stories
 The witnesses from the Storstad say they were approaching so as to pass red to red, while those from the Empress of Ireland say they were approaching so as to pass green to green.

The stories are irreconcilable, and we have to determine which most probable. Times, distances and bearings, vary so much, even the evidence from witnesses from the same ship, that it is impossible to rely on base conclusions upon them.

We have therefore thought it advisable to found our conclusions almost entirely upon other events spoken to by witnesses and upon their probable sequence in order to arrive at a solution of the difficulty.

While the enquiry was proceeding and before the position of the wreck had been ascertained, the court asked Capt. Kendall and Mr. Tuftness, the chief officer of the Storstad, to mark on a chart the place at which the collision had taken place and they did it. They were in reasonable agreement, but they were both wrong, possibly, to some extent, because the chart used was a small scaled chart and it was difficult for the witnesses to be precise.

THE PAPER TOWN VERY BUSY BURG

Interesting Notes On Men
 And Affairs From
 Grand Falls

Grand Falls, July 11.—This town is certainly well decorated to receive His Royal Highness. He is now expected here at 1 p.m. on the 11th and will take luncheon at Grand Falls House where he will stay during his sojourn in this city.

The Exploits Valley Stores is very elaborately decorated, hundreds of flags flying from the roof.

The F. B. Wood restaurant has some novelties in the way of decorations which were got up specially by Mr. Hayward, the manager.

"Sixty Years a Queen" movies were here the past week and met with hearty support, the different pictures being greatly applauded.

Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain was a passenger from St. John's by Tuesday's express.

The many friends of Dr. Scott will be sorry to hear that he is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Among recent visitors to Grand Falls was S. Elliott, representing Harvey & Co., Ltd., St. John's. Stan is always assured of a glad welcome from his many friends in Grand Falls.

F. C. Chase of Boston was in town calling on the trade a few days ago; he left for St. John's.

T. S. Cooke, Esq., of the A.N.D. staff, is looking remarkably well after his trip to Canada, the States and England.

Every train is bringing in visitors to be here when the Duke of Connaught arrives. The Masonic fraternity are going to spread themselves to do honor to one occupying so high a position in Masonry. The Order in Botwood will join with their Grand Falls brethren.

Mr. H. J. Crowe was a passenger on Thursday's express to Botwood. A recent arrival was the well known form of F. A. Brazil, the beau parleur of the travelling fraternity. He is a great favorite in this town and always manages to stay around a long time.

The Boy Scouts are putting in a lot of time drilling; they will act as escort to His Royal Highness. Chief Scout Blackall is deserving of a great deal of credit for the very efficient way he has got them into. It is to be hoped that they will all be able to appear in uniform.

Quite a number from this place are getting interested in fox farming. Manager Eustis is looking fine after his vacation in town.

Mr. Christian, formerly operator at the Postal Telegraph office, leaves in a few days for Cape Race, having entered the employ of the Marconi Company.

There are now two steamers loading at Botwood for Europe and two more are daily expected.

The Company had a large force of men at work putting the town in good shape for the visit of the Duke of Connaught.

LANDOR SCOLDS; TEDDY RETORTS

English and American Explorers Talk Nicely About Each Other

Paris, July 9.—"Rome has the right name for Roosevelt," said A. Henry Savage-Landor, who returned from that city yesterday.

"The Romans call him 'pallanaro,' which means literally 'one who inflates toy balloons with gas.'"

Mr. Savage-Landor again branded Col. Roosevelt as a "faker" because of his reported discovery of "the river of doubt" in Brazil.

The Colonel's Retort
 New York, July 9.—Commenting on the cable interview of A. Henry Savage-Landor, the English explorer, Col. Roosevelt said:

"Landor is a perfectly preposterous absurdity. No serious man of science, no geographer, no explorer of standing would dream of paying any attention to him. He is a buffoon of exploration. I have not a word to say about him."

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DOMINION GOVERNMENT ELECTION SOON

Rumored at Ottawa Borden
 May go to the Country
 In October

Ottawa, July 10.—There is a good deal of gossip in the capital at present regarding the possibility of a general election next October. The statement is made that there would be a provincial election in British Columbia during August.

There is no doubt that the effect that with the general organization throughout the country in good order, the Federal Government would go to the country towards the end of October.

Cabinet Ministers, when approached on the question were non-committal, but there is no doubt that a general opinion prevails at the capital that next fall would not be an inopportune time for a general election.

Americans Returning To United States

Not so Many of Them Emigrating Permanently to Dominion of Canada

Washington, July 11.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, is in receipt of reports which indicate that the number of American citizens emigrating to Canada is decreasing. For several years the tide of emigration across the northern borders of the United States grew to such proportion as to cause anxiety to American Government officials and others. During 1912, 97,951 American citizens went to Canada, while the number returned from that country to the United States was only 38,317.

When he became Secretary of Labor, Mr. Wilson ordered that departmental bulletins giving facts as to the products, resources and physical characteristics of all the States be sent to American residents of Canada. For the 11 months ending May 31, 1914, it is stated at the department, 68,396 American citizens went over into the Dominion, while 44,127 returned to the United States.

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THINGS BUSY AT JOE BATT'S ARM

Traps Doing a Little With Fish—Trawls Nothing—Welcome for President

Joe Batt's Arm, July 10.—The times are beginning to get a bit busy here now, which seems to give us all new vigor and ambition.

Most traps are doing a little with fish when weather conditions are good, but owing to strong tides running it also prevents traps from being hauled, which causes much loss of fish.

Very little indeed is being done with trawls. Our fishermen's report say it is the worst on record. Yet we earnestly trust that better fishery prospects awaits them.

Motor boats are on the rush from early dawn till late at night, which will not allow the weary ones to sleep. But the "Coaker" takes the cake. It is a pleasure indeed to all and causes the owners to feel highly proud of their engine. Watch and see how quietly it gets away from all the others, doing it swift and keen.

We learn that President Coaker is about to leave St. John's on his business career north, and our hearts leap for joy, knowing that our worthy President is soon to be amongst us again. May God's merciful guidance and protection abound with him wherever he goes, and that his trip may be to him a happy and prosperous one.

We hear that the S.S. "Can't Lose" will soon be due here with coals. What think you of this, dear reader? The poor despised underdogs to own a steamer which will convey their fuel from the quay at Sydney right to their own homes. This is only the germ of greater things.

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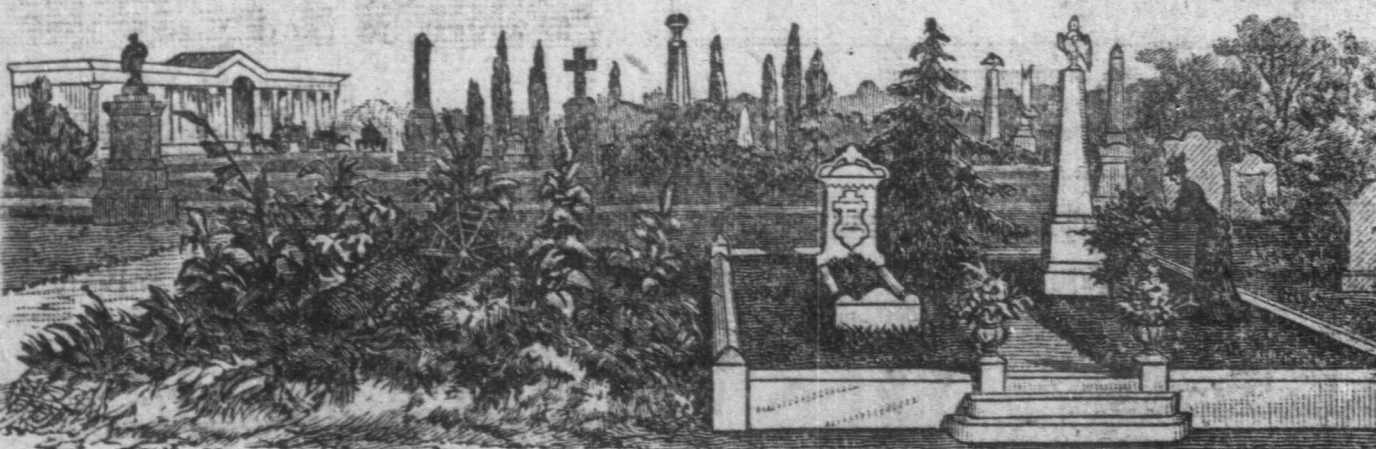
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