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## BIG SPANISH STEAMER HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Cotton Cargo of S. S. Balmes Caught Fire While at Sea.

CONVEYED TO BERMUDA BY THE S. S. PANNONIA

103 Passengers Transferred at Sea—Cunard Liner Made Fast Run to Rescue—Bound to Cadiz when Fire was Discovered.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 16.—The Spanish steamer Balmes, with her cotton cargo on fire, was towed into St. George's harbor this morning by the tug Gladstone and Powerful, conveyed by the Cunard liner Pannonia. The Cunarder had on board 103 passengers of the Balmes, taken off the burning ship Friday morning in mid-ocean, and while heavy seas were running after a forced draught race to the rescue in answer to wireless calls for help.

When the Balmes came to anchor in the harbor, her hatches were lifted. Great clouds of smoke belched forth, but powerful pumps soon sent tons of water into her hold and drowned the fire. The steamer is in good condition, except for the damage done by the water, and the fire in her cargo.

The Pannonia, when she had finished her task of conveying the Balmes, pointed her bow toward New York and steamed away at 10 o'clock this morning, the passengers of the Balmes being her decks and cheering lustily. The fire on the Balmes was discovered Wednesday night at 11 o'clock while the steamer was ploughing westward on her trip to Cadiz, Spain, from Galveston and Havana. The flames were in hold No. 2, and spread rapidly, the smoke penetrating to the engine room and the stokehold. The second engineer and several members of the crew were partially suffocated but stuck valiantly to their posts.

The wireless operator by direction of Captain Ruiz, then began sending out calls for assistance. The call reached the Pannonia some 180 miles to the north, bound for New York, and Captain Robert Capper answered the call. The British cruiser Suffolk also answered the Balmes call, but the message she sent was indistinct.

Turning south, the Pannonia, under forced draught, raced at top speed toward the spot where the Balmes had said she was in distress. All Wednesday night and throughout Thursday Captain Capper pressed the Pannonia in sight of the Cunarder, which was soon to leeward alongside the burning vessel.

## A DECISION OF IMPORTANCE ON BINDER TWINE

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Special—A material saving to the government will result from the action the United States in removing the restrictions that have been placed upon the export of manila fibre from the Philippines. Incidentally the decision is of importance to Canadian manufacturers and users of binder twine. The fibre is used for that purpose and, as a sort of bounty to the industry, the Canadian government for some years has paid the export duty imposed by the Philippines. The export restriction now being removed these payments will cease, probably automatically, since 1904 the export duty paid by the government has aggregated \$304,000.

Lady's Brooch Found. A lady's brooch found by Officer Gosline, yesterday, awaits an owner at the North End police station.

## WOULD SELL DIGBY CHICKENS TO POULTRY MEN IN BRITAIN

Canadian Trade Agent's Laughable Errors—Would Give Bird Eaters Fins Instead of Feathers.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 16.—What is a Digby chicken? A trade commissioner in Great Britain has views upon the subject and has succeeded in slipping them into the weekly report of the Trade and Commerce Department. That publication, which of late has been greatly expanded and improved, prints the following paragraph sent from Glasgow by J. E. Roy, for some years trade commissioner in Great Britain: "Some years ago, an extensive trade in Digby chickens was transacted with Nova Scotia, but apparently, it has for some reason ceased. Inquiries made among poultry dealers reveal a desire to receive quotations from Canadian exporters. If offers are forwarded to this office in time for the Christmas trade they will be placed before probable purchasers. Turkeys are desired chiefly."

## HALIFAX THEN OF MAILBOAT SITUATION NOW

Chronicle States that the Port Will Be a Big Loser.

BELIEVE ST. JOHN MORE IMPORTANT.

St. John Will Have 130 Sailings This Winter Including the Royal Mail Boats—An Interesting Statement.

The Halifax Chronicle on Saturday published a lengthy article stating that Halifax will be a big loser by the steamboat arrangements for this winter, and that the sister port will have twenty-one less mail steamer calls than it had last winter. How much more important the steamship business is to St. John may be judged from the statement of the Chronicle, that, with the exception of eleven sailings of the Allan Line and eleven sailings of the Empress boats, making 22 in all, Halifax is only a port of call. Don't be misled by the Chronicle as to whether the Albatross and Calgarion will be in commission this winter. The Chronicle says:

In actual figures Halifax loses twenty-one mail steamer calls during the ensuing winter season under the terms of the agreement made by the Board of Government. Over the number of last year, Halifax is 19 mail calls the poorer and adding the two extra calls which the schedule to St. John advertises, the total quoted above is reached. This number is divided between the Allan and Royal Lines, the former making twelve sailings direct to St. John, which hitherto always came here, and the latter nine sailings, which always came to this port exclusively as the terminal of the N. R. The excuse given by the Government for the withdrawal of the C. P. R., Allan, Manchester, Furness, and West India Lines that enters St. John, docks for not less than five days and the majority of them for a week or more.

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Regardless of rumors and not withstanding the insistence of the far-seeing friends, General Huerta appeared more determined tonight than at any time during the past week to retain the presidency and carry out his plans of installing the substitute congress.

General Huerta reiterated today that he continued to be the head of the Mexican government, and the fact that he took no step toward preventing the inauguration of the new congress, as demanded by the United States, was construed at the embassy as an indication of what may be expected in the future.

The representatives of many of the foreign governments appeared to believe General Huerta's statement. In order to such a point that drastic action may be necessitated. "Oh no, I shall not quit," said General Huerta tonight. "I shall continue, just as I have been doing, to put forth my best efforts to bring about a pacification of the country, and thus fulfill the promise I made on taking office."

## HUERTA HAS DEFINITELY REFUSED DEMANDS OF U.S.

Meeting of Chamber of Deputies Attended By Disorder.

BRITISH SUBJECTS WARNED TO LEAVE

Situation Grave and Crisis is Rapidly Approaching—Sir Lionel Carden Sends Note to All British Consuls on State of Affairs.

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, today again reflected the support given by Great Britain to the policy of the administration at Washington by causing a notification to be sent to all British subjects through the consuls in all parts of the republic, advising them of the notice served by John Lind on President Huerta and ordering that they be ready at a moment's warning to leave for places of safety. Those in outlying places were advised to gather in the large centres, where escape from the country can be more easily accomplished.

Sir Lionel Carden is said to have given Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge, personal assurance on instructions from his government, of British support of President Wilson's attitude toward Mexico.

President Huerta was unable to bring his new congress fully to life today. The Chamber of Deputies met and effected temporary organization, but the senate proved reactionary, and the lack of a quorum prevented organization.

General Huerta and his friends, however, profess to believe that the great work of their work is done, because the newly created lower chamber, formally, and in their opinion, legally met officially. The senate, they think, can be induced to move into line by Monday, when the senators are summoned to meet again. None of the Catholic senators were present.

Reports from Vera Cruz of impending action on the part of the United States continued to be received here. To Mr. Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, was attributed the statement that the American embassy would be withdrawn Monday and the possibility that marines would be landed at Vera Cruz.

The departure of foreign residents, and even Mexicans, for Vera Cruz, was more pronounced today, trains being run in sections from the city.

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## PICTURESQUE AND BEAUTIFUL N. B.



Rafts of Timber at Oromocto.

## BIG CROOKS ARE LANDED IN MONTREAL

Safe Blown Saturday Night but Yeggs Got No Loot—Two Prisoners Recognized as Bad Men.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—A safe in the office of Webster & Son's, King and Wellington streets, was blown early Saturday night. The well known crooks with international reputations were caught hiding in a shed in the rear of the building. The door of the safe was blown off and the interior of the office was a wreck. The strong box inside the safe remained intact, however, and the Yeggs got nothing.

The men gave their names as Michael Kelly and Joseph Wilson, but were recognized at police headquarters as Pat Malone, a safe-blower, who has done time in penitentiaries throughout Canada and the United States, and Dick Flanagan, a burglar, who has served many terms behind the bars.

Malone had in his possession a bottle containing enough nitro-glycerine to blow up the City Hall, a small piece of dynamite, a loaded revolver, an electric searchlight, two pieces of fuse and a small steel saw. Nothing was found on Flanagan.

## MONTREAL HAS A NEW MURDER

Italian Quarter Scene of Stabbing Affray—Third Tragedy Reported During Last Eight Days.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—Derris Raffaele, 24 years old, was stabbed to death tonight in his boarding house at Ville Emard, and the police are searching for David Deroussa, who is alleged to have wielded the knife. An affirmative was said to have led up to the stabbing. This is the third Italian tragedy here in the past eight days.

## TWO KILLED IN COLLISION.

St. Albans, Vermont, Nov. 16.—A head-on collision between two freight trains on the Central Vermont Railroad today caused the death of Fireman W. J. Kimball, of St. Albans, and of a 14 year old boy, John Tietbold, who had climbed aboard one of the trains at a way station.

Fourteen cars were derailed. Railroad officials said it would be morning before the track was cleared. A misunderstanding of orders is believed to have caused the accident.

Arrested for Theft. The activities of the police force Saturday and Sunday were confined mostly in gathering in the usual house party of celebrators for the week-end. On Saturday night Deputy Chief Jenkins arrested George Adams on a warrant for stealing. Adams is charged with stealing \$10.50 from Thomas Wislitzki. When taken into custody on Saturday night about \$2.50 was found in the possession of the man.

## A DOMINION WIDE FEEL FOR STORM SUFFERERS

URGES CIVIL CONTROL OF UTILITIES

Discussed at Closing Session of National Municipal League.

DR. D. F. WILLIAMS IN FORCEFUL ADDRESS

Municipal Home Rule of Public Utilities Becoming More Essential Every Year is Opinion of Experts.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—The closing session of the National Municipal League on Saturday, was devoted to the subject of franchises in relation to the control of public utilities. The paper, which was read by Dr. D. F. Wilcox, and which formed the basis of the discussion, was one of the most valuable contributions of the entire convention. It was an exhaustive examination of the rights of municipal control, as against the state-control of public utilities, was becoming more and more essential every year to the successful administration of the affairs of the larger cities and towns.

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When carrying a line of hose along the roof of a shed, a fireman named George Mattland, lost his balance and fell a distance of thirty feet. He was taken to the hospital. The firms affected are the Imperial Varnish Company, Kelly Douglas Limited, Hotpin Electric Heat Company, Chambers Brothers, Ontario Lantern and Lamp Company and Müssens Limited.

## RECORD OF VIOLENCE IN CANADIAN NORTHWEST

Report of Royal Northwest Mounted Police Shows 44 Murder Cases Now Standing for Trial.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 16.—A record number of murders is recorded in the annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police now in the press. There are no less than 44 cases standing for trial, the accused being, in the most cases, foreigners. A few of the per-secutions are left over from last year but the great majority are new. The report shows that the force is now up to strength, following the successful recruiting done by the controller, Mr. Lawrence Fortescue, in England this summer.

## MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY FIRES

Gloversville, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The shoe leather dressing plant of G. Lever and Company was totally destroyed by fire between five and six o'clock tonight, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 15.—Fire that originated from an overheated oven tonight damaged the plant of the Century Baking Company to the extent of \$125,000.

## SUFFRAGETTES RAID DOWNING STREET; POLICE TAKE FOUR

Leaders of Women's Freedom League Become Violent When Opposed in Plan to Petition Asquith.

London, Nov. 16.—A suffragette raid party, started to hold a meeting on Downing street this evening led to disorders and the arrest of four of the leaders. The Women's Freedom League held a meeting at Caxton Hall in the afternoon, and a delegation composed of the Misses Boyle, Murray and Boyle and Mrs. Kerr, all prominent members of the organization, proceeded to Premier Asquith's residence to present a resolution. Other suffragettes, with Mrs. Des-

Assistance For Families of Those Who Died on Great Lakes.

ASSURANCES FROM ALL OVER CANADA

United Memorial Service Held Yesterday in Toronto—Mayors of all Cities Asked to Co-operate in Whirlwind Campaign.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—Never before has a fund opened in the Dominion met with such widespread response as that of the lakes disaster fund of Canada. Although only inaugurated on Saturday, telegrams offering contributions to the fund have been received from all over the country.

H. Gildersleeve, manager of the western lines of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, has been appointed general treasurer of the fund, but during his absence from the city James Ritchie, general agent of the same company, is acting treasurer. Mr. Ritchie said he had received messages from the mayors of every city and town throughout Ontario expressing willingness to act as treasurers in their municipalities and promising the support of the town.

The mayors of all Canadian cities are being asked to co-operate. As was the case with the Ontario municipalities, responses kept coming in all day Saturday from all points in the Dominion.

It is the intention of those behind the movement to keep the fund open until December 1st, thus giving about two weeks' time in which to gather the sum together. Mayor Hocken has accepted the post of honorary treasurer, and the next meeting of the Toronto City Council will see a contribution to the fund by the city of \$2,000.

A memorial service was held here this afternoon for the sailors lost on the Great Lakes a week ago.

When the service was opened, the ground floor and first gallery of the big Auditorium were filled to overflowing. Perhaps the most moving message of the service was the story of James S. Potter, the veteran superintendent of the Upper Canada Tract Society's work among the sailors. Mr. Potter went through the great storm, the worst he had encountered in forty years of work among the sailors.

The Salvation Army had arranged to hold a musical meeting at Massey Hall on Sunday, but they joined forces with the Upper Canada Tract Society's mission to sailors on inland waters, in holding the memorial service. The army bands led the singing.

## FOUND GUILTY OF A TERRIBLE CRIME

Montreal, Nov. 16.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict returned Saturday night by a jury in the Court of King's Bench against Pierre Valade, charged with causing the death of 15-year-old Ida Robertson on the 9th of September last. The prisoner will be sentenced some time this week.

The crime for which Valade was found guilty was one of the most revolting in Montreal's criminal history. The Robertson girl either jumped or was thrown from the fourth floor of Valade's boarding house and the medical testimony tended to show that a brutal assault had been committed upon her.

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