

# 300 DROWNED IN TERRIBLE WRECK OFF SPANISH COAST

## Immigrant Steamer With 800 Souls on Board Went Down—Captain Blamed Himself and Suicided.

### Fearful Scenes on Wrecked Vessel — Maddened Immigrants Fought With Knives for Life Buoys and Boats — No Regard for Women and Children — Rescuers Drowned — An Archbishop's Heroic Death.

CARTHAGENA, Spain, Aug. 5.—A terrible marine disaster occurred last evening off Cape Palos, when the Italian steamship Siro, from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadix, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Hormigas Island and 300 emigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned.

The captain of the steamer committed suicide.

The bishop of Sao Pedro, Brazil, also was lost, and it is reported that another bishop is among the missing.

The remainder of the passengers and the officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore.

A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned.

Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing.

The Siro struck a rocky reef known as Bajos Hormigas and sank soon after, stern first. Hormigas Island is about two and a half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos.

The Siro was owned by the Navigazione Italiana of Genoa.

Before he committed suicide, the captain declared the steamer had 845 passengers on board and that her crew numbered 127 men. The Siro had 670 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

### CAPTAIN'S RECKLESSNESS TO BLAME.

The steamer was threading a difficult passage through the Hormigas group where the Bajos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately she had struck and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board. The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power and sent out boats which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Siro are among the saved.

The survivors have gone into camp on the main square of the town of Cape Palos. Here harrowing scenes are enacted as the stricken families anxiously seek beloved members among the rescued. A mother who lost her three children went insane. The doctor of the Siro gave up his wife and child as lost but they were finally brought in by one of the rescuing boats and the scene as this family was reunited was most affecting. One of the boats sent out by the fishermen brought in twenty-four passengers.

### CONDITION OF SURVIVORS IS DEPLORABLE.

The condition of the survivors is most deplorable. They have lost everything and are without money, food or clothing. The Maritime authorities of Cartagena have dispatched a tug to the scene carrying relief supplies. The buildings of a circus which the porthouse are being used as temporary quarters for the survivors. The latest reports from the Cape say that three boats have just brought in a number of rescued. An additional sadness is added to the catastrophe owing to the fact that a number of fishermen who were conducting rescuing operations were drowned in consequence of the overturning of a boat.

The captain of the Siro before he killed himself, attributed the wreck to his own imprudence.

The Siro left Genoa on August 2nd. All the ship's boats were lost. It is impossible to present to ascertain the full extent of the disaster. Ninety-ninth of the sailors were Italians and the remainder Spaniards. All of the survivors were landed at Cape Palos. The inhabitants at once provided them with clothing and nourishment. They were landed at Hormigas Island about one mile from the scene of the tragedy. Fishermen brought in the first news of the foundering of the Siro, and it created consternation here. Boat loads of the shipwrecked passengers and crew began to reach shore shortly after the news became known.

### MONTREAL WOMAN DRAWN INTO JAWS OF DEATH

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.—A sad accident occurred at Dorval station on Saturday evening by which the young wife of Dr. O. W. Bradley of 765 Wellington street was instantly killed, and her aunt, Mrs. George Stewart of Belleville, was severely injured. Mrs. Stewart attributes the accident to the air action of the rapidly moving train which passed. She states that she and her niece were standing on the narrow platform between the two tracks at Dorval waiting for the motor car to take Mrs. Bradley back to Montreal. While watching the motor car they did not observe the Imperial Limited, which came along very fast, and by the distraction of air whirled them against it. Mrs. Bradley was struck on the temple by some projection which smashed her skull in on her brain, causing instant death.

### SAFE FROM SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

(Philadelphia Press.)

"It's just scandalous the way the bearded lady is loadin' herself with booze these days," remarked the wild man from Borneo. "I should think he'd be afraid o' destrukin' himself."

"Oh, no, he considers himself safe," replied the living skeleton; "he's married to the snake charmer, you know."

during the same time last year. Five or six thousand barrels of salt mackerel have also been received. The medium fish, which come from the provinces, count about 350 to the barrel. The last sales for salt fish are made in try. Looking with the lights in England, Montana. Returning recently, the board indicated her to accept appointment for the coming year.

### POLITICIANS PREPARING FOR LOCAL ELECTION

Opposition to Hold Convention in Carleton Co. Soon—Solicitor-General and Mrs. Jones Home.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 4.—Solicitor-General and Mrs. Jones arrived home today from their trip to the Old Country. They were in full swing, and the local boats are being out daily. Next week the annual New York Yacht Club races will be held off Newport. An international rowing regatta will be held two days next week at Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester. It is expected that Canadian oarsmen will be represented.

### VACATIONISTS COMMEND I.C.R. SAY TRAIN SERVICE HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED

List of Former Provincialists, who Died in Boston and Suburbs Last Week.

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—During the remainder of the month there will be much activity in sporting circles. Preparations for the small yacht races between German and American boats of Marblehead are in full swing, and the local boats are being out daily. Next week the annual New York Yacht Club races will be held off Newport. An international rowing regatta will be held two days next week at Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester. It is expected that Canadian oarsmen will be represented.

### HARVEST EXCURSIONS

(From Monday's Daily Sun.)

Tomorrow five special trains will leave St. John carrying farm laborers from all points in the Maritime Provinces to supply the ever-increasing demands in the west. This will be the first of a number of excursions which will go from Eastern Canada during the month of August. The western farmers are asking for 25,000 men a year. The largely increased acreage under cultivation and the phenomenal harvests greater than ever before. Last year Manitoba alone employed 15,000 eastern men, and Assiniboia 3,000. This year Manitoba asks for 20,000 and Assiniboia 5,000.

Whether this number can be supplied or not is the question which C. P. R. authorities are considering at the present time. The west is figuring on getting 4,000 men from the Maritime Provinces, but from present indications it looks as though the number going from these provinces would not exceed that of last year, which was 3,200. Should the numbers from the other eastern sections taking advantage of these excursions show no increase over last year, the western farmers will doubtless have to do some hustling to get their wheat converted into money this fall. There is, however, a prospect for better wages in the harvest fields this year than for some years back. The farmers are naturally jubilant over their crops and are quite willing to pay remunerative wages to their help.

The present system of distribution of the men has been found to work much better than the old way. In former excursions it nearly always happened that there was a congestion of labor at some points and a scarcity at others. A hundred men would be languishing at a place where there was only work for fifty, and naturally many of those who could not find work at first would become discouraged and return home. By the new system of Winnipeg in making the distributing point where all the farmers engaged their help.

### ATLANTIC FLEET WILL RESUME MANOEUVRES

Commanded by Rear-Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans They Have Left for Massachusetts Coast.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 6.—The battleships of the Atlantic fleet commanded by Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans will leave Newport on Saturday to resume naval manoeuvres off Rockport, Mass., according to an announcement made by Admiral Dewey tonight. The fleet will be in the water by the most charming spots in all the broad Dominion.

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### HIGH TRIBUTE TO COLLEAGUE

#### Justice Sedgewick Passed Away Saturday Morning

#### Sir Louis Davies Says His Death Will Cause a Vacancy not Easily Filled

HALIFAX, Aug. 4.—Mr. Justice Sedgewick of the supreme court of Canada died at a quiet time this morning at the summer residence of J. J. Stewart, Chester.

Judge Sedgewick was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Sedgewick of Musquodoboit. He was born in Aberdeen on May 10th, 1848, and was but a year old at the time of his father's removal from the Musquodoboit valley. He graduated from Dalhousie in 1867, and was for several years president of the Alumni Association and a governor of the college. He was also for many years the lecturer on equity jurisprudence in the law school of the university.

His legal education was obtained in the office of John Sandford MacDonald, Cornwall, Ont., premier of Ontario. He came to Halifax in 1873, was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar by special act and at once began practice. Howard MacLean had just died leaving a considerable practice, and this was taken up by Mr. Sedgewick in conjunction with J. J. Stewart, under the name of Sedgewick and Stewart.

Mr. Sedgewick had been a profound student of law in all its branches, but particularly in the doctrines peculiar to the court of chancery. He liked the law for its own sake and for years it was his favorite reading. He was an excellent draftsman—exact, easy and rapid. He was careful in the preparation of his cases, a shrewd examiner of the evidence, and a shrewd lawyer in of great shrewdness and facility in argument and a fluent and forcible though by no means eloquent speaker.

In 1880 he was made a Q. C., and subsequently vice-president of the Bar Society, and an active member of the council. He was for four years an alderman of the city and in 1885, on the appointment of the late J. N. Ritchie to the bench, became recorder of the city, which office he held until his appointment as deputy minister of justice in 1888. As deputy minister he was associated with Sir John Thompson in drafting the criminal code. In 1888 he was appointed to a seat on the bench of the supreme court of Canada, which he held until his death. As a judge he was invariably patient and courteous, and many of his judgments have been cited with approval.

In politics Mr. Sedgewick was an active supporter of the conservative party. In 1874 he unsuccessfully contested Halifax for the house of assembly.

He was one of the founders of the Halifax Herald and for many years assisted in and contributed to its editorial columns. An active member of the North British society, for some years its secretary, and eventually its president. In religion he was a Presbyterian. Personally, both in professional and private life, the late judge was most popular. In private life he was a bright and most interesting yet and keenly interested in the domestic and welfare of his many friends. He was married in 1873 to Mary, daughter of William McKay, merchant, of this city. His widow survives him.

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of meeting the officials of his department and informing himself in a general way in regard to the duties and work devolving upon them. Then he wanted to see the city, which he visited only once before, now some thirty years ago.

Mr. Templeman is greatly pleased with St. John. He said that his own city of Victoria was undoubtedly one of the finest cities in the world in respect to natural beauty and climatic conditions. But St. John was unquestionably in the same rank, particularly as to situation and its great natural beauty. A drive to Robb's Bay and across the river surprised him greatly. The magnificent hills, beautiful valleys and fine stretches of water were a revelation to him and as he said he now thought the two extremes—the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts—were the most charming spots in all the broad Dominion.

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Absence of Rain, Made Country Several

(Special SUSSEX, Aug. at last broken up the smoke today, sun was obscured, has been anxiety in the county. To speak of since the intense heat, for years, has in the countryside. Several small fires along the hills but vigorous. Today Wabaz and all about Sussex is do only a matter of assume serious much damage to to. It is needed be count of the wood are being scorched grain is in bad sh relieved by shower complete loss. The dairy ind strain too. During there has been a in the supply of butter and cheese the price of dairy the loss will be a cannot get the fee due a good food comes and everybody hoping that it ma

PIKE INQUEST BEGUN AT P

Captain Taylor of the ser Upton gave Flagers

FREDERICTON, The inquest on the of George Pike was being before Coroner Jury. The evidence Captain Taylor and the of the station Prout, the colored assisting Pike in m the gangway at the happened. None of the unfortunate i water. It was len Robbie, a was standing on the wha saw the whole affa to be fixed up done so far as m that the Pike drov accidental.

A new roller r Newmarket last, nig cement of Charlie Campbell's rink at opened on Saturday

W. H. THORN