

SHORES OF ST. MARY'S BAY STREWN WITH BODIES FROM DUTCH STEAMER VON DRIEL

The Belgian Steamer Wrecked at St. Shotts, West of Cape Race, Striking the Ledges at Entrance of St. Mary's Bay Early Monday.

HELPLESS TO RENDER AID Villagers Powerless to Aid the Only Survivors Who Were Seen Clinging to the Bridge of the Steamer.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—At least twenty of the crew of the Belgian steamer Von Driel lost their lives early today when their vessel was wrecked at St. Shotts, west of Cape Race. The shores of St. Mary's Bay were strewn with the bodies of the men who had sought safety in small boats. On the bridge of the steamer, the only portion above water, five survivors made ineffectual calls for help, while terrific seas threatened their lives and prevented attempts at rescue.

Five Clung to Wreck.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—Advices reaching Halifax late this afternoon were to the effect that a steamer would proceed from St. John's in an endeavor to rescue the five surviving members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Von Driel, which struck on the ledges of the entrance to St. Mary's Bay early this morning. The success of the enterprise will depend upon whether or not the wreck can hold together throughout the night.

From the hundred-foot cliffs which line the Newfoundland coast in the vicinity of the little fishing village of St. Shotts this afternoon, wailing their anguished battle with death. Two of the bodies of the remaining members of the crew had been recovered, but for the rest they were being buffeted about among the gulches at the foot of the cliffs, plainly visible to the knot of villagers watching from the heights, but unobtainable because of the precipitous coast and tremendous seas. As for the ship herself it is not expected that she will be able to hold together very long in view of the danger of her position and the condition of the weather.

Villagers Helpless.

The Van Driel, Captain Turweil, with a cargo of coal for the Government of Holland, cleared from Sydney on Saturday last. This morning at 12:30 o'clock she struck on the St. Shotts ledges. Boats were immediately launched and as promptly overturned and hurled by mountainous seas against the inaccessible cliffs lining the shore. When morning broke, the inhabitants of the little fishing village, drawn to the scene by news of a disaster during the night, saw nothing but wreckage and bodies being tossed about at the foot of the cliffs. Later on, when the doomed ship was plainly visible from the shore, and in the intervals of the huge breakers which swept the wreck from stem to stern, five men could be seen clinging desperately to the bridge.

And so the day has passed with five men fighting frantically for life in plain view of fishermen and their families anxious but unable to lift a hand in their rescue. At times a sea would dialogue one of the five, but when it had passed and the bridge was again visible he would be seen clinging to some other vantage ground. At times it would appear that one or two of the five were missing, but when another lull came it would be found that all were there. It is extremely doubtful if the wreck can stand the buffeting of another night, but many of the villagers have returned to their homes praying that when they return to the top of the cliffs at daybreak tomorrow they may discern something more than a waste of angry seas.

ANTHRAX CAUSE OF TEACHER'S DEATH

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—Everett G. Ireland, 20 years of age, a school teacher of Smithfield, Ontario, died recently from anthrax, contracted through the use of a shaving brush that was infected, according to a report of the result of the examination.

Skoda Works To Become Rivals For The Krupp Plant of Germany

Berne, Dec. 29.—Herr Skoda, head of the great Skoda works in Bohemia, left Zurich yesterday for Prague. According to a despatch received here he said that the negotiations made by an American steel company for the Skoda plant had met with failure.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADA TO GET BUSINESS

Former Chairman of Food Board Says Canadians Have the Chance of Their Lives in British Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Henry B. Thomson, formerly chairman of the Canada Food Board, who was in Toronto today on his way to Ottawa after having spent eight months with the Canadian Mission in London, in an interview said the farmers and live stock producers of the Dominion have the chance of their lives to establish themselves in special lines against all comers in the British markets.

Bacon Gains Favor.

"Canadian bacon has unquestionably gained the good will of the British people," said Mr. Thomson, "and it commands a better price than the American product. Danish and Irish supplies before the war were regular and reliable, and it is imperative that Canadian supplies should be in the same category. Importers think it will be some years before Danish competition can get back to their old position because of feed difficulties."

Meats and Eggs.

The need of eggs in 1920 would be two and a half billion, he said, and the largest export from the Dominion in one year was only forty-five million. "Everything points to a most short-ages in Europe next year," said Mr. Thomson, emphatically, "and I don't think the Canadian farmer should take the short view of the live stock situation, but go on breeding his meat animals and grading up for the export trade on a permanent basis. He will be sure of a reward greater than he looked for."

TURTLE SOUP FOR NEW YORKERS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Electric Bath and Steam-Heated Room as First Aid to Revive Twelve Frozen Three Hundred Pounders.

New York, Dec. 29.—Electric baths and a steam heated room as first aid to twelve frozen three hundred pound turtles, which arrived here today on the steamship Tivivas from Port Lamon, probably averted a shortage of turtle soup at New York hotels during the New Year holidays. One turtle, said to be only 490 years old, was saved with great difficulty.

PASSENGERS AND CREW OF DUNDEE WERE RESCUED

Steamer Wrecked on Christmas Day on An Island in Bonavista Bay.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—Word reached St. John's today of the rescue of the eighty persons, passengers and crew of the Red Coastal boat Dundee, who were marooned on an island in Bonavista Bay, following the wreck of the steamer on Christmas Day. For the past week the terrific gales and high seas have made relief of these passengers impossible, but now they are all safe and well.

LATEST DETAILS OF MASSACRES AT AMRITSAR

The Introduction of Martial Law Upheld—Natives Did Everything to Show Hate of the English.

London, Dec. 29.—(By the A. P.)—The latest newspapers received from India contain details of the investigation of the massacre of natives at Amritsar, India, last April, and the testimony given before the Commission of Inquiry.

Diver Brings Up Two Bodies Lost In Halifax Harbor

One, That of Capt. Walsh of the Schooner Beaver—The Second, Former Member of Crew of Steamer Laurier.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—The body of Abraham, a young Newfoundland fisherman, was found by a diver at the end of the City Wharf on Saturday morning. Cox had been missing since the night of November 25, when he visited friends aboard the cable ship Robert C. Clowery, tied up at the cable wharf. The body was badly decomposed, but the brother-in-law of the dead man was able to identify it. Cox was 34 years of age and unmarried. He was a member of the crew of the steamer Laurier.

TRADE OF PLAYERS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—A trade of players between the Washington and Boston clubs of American League has been announced today. The Red Sox gave Roth, an outfielder, and Maurice Shanahan, second baseman, and in exchange Harper, a pitcher; Eddie Foster, second baseman, and Menosky, an outfielder. There was no money involved, it was said.

OVER \$100,000 WENT UP IN SMOKE IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE ON DOCK STREET

Fine Building Owned by English Estate Completely Guttled and Stock in Trade of the Marcus Furniture Co., the American Clothing Co., John T. Coffey, Electrician, and Others Ruined—Fire Swept Rapidly Through Upper Stories Filled With Furniture—Firemen Had Hard Fight in Bitter Cold.

A disastrous fire occurred early this morning when the building on Dock Street owned by the Roger Owen Estate of England was gutted and the stock of trade of the occupants was almost entirely destroyed by fire and water. The principal losers were the American Clothing Company, the J. Marcus Furniture Company and the John Coffey Electrical Supply store. Including the building and the stock in the trade the loss will run to well over \$100,000. The Marcus Furniture Company's loss is estimated at \$35,000 and that of the American Clothing Company at \$10,000, both partially covered by insurance.

THE COMMERCE BOARD HAS BEEN MISREPORTED

Mr. O'Connor Claims That Various Statements Relating to Its Proceedings at Toronto Were Erroneously Given to Public.

NEVER ANY FORTY DAY MILK ORDER Proceeds to Correct Statements Claimed to Have Been Erroneously Sent Broadcast by the Public Press.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—In a signed statement, issued this evening, W. F. O'Connor, Assistant Chairman of the Board of Commerce, and James Murdoch, a member of the Board, declare that various statements relating to its proceedings of Saturday last, at Toronto, have been erroneously presented to the public by the press. The statement says:

"Notwithstanding precautions instituted by the Board, really in defence of itself and its members, the misreporting of its doings and sayings has continued. For instance, no member of the Board ever suggested that farm products should be embargoed to cause a reduction in prices. There never was any forty-day milk order prohibiting raises in price of milk for forty days. But even a Cabinet Minister, misled by press reports, stated in the House that there was. These two matters, and many others, are mentioned only because they served to occupy the time of a whole day's sitting of Parliament. The Board obviously cannot take the time to read all Canadian newspapers to correct all mis-statements which are made with respect to it, whether in newspapers or otherwise."

"It must now suffice for the Board to say: (1) That the statements in various newspapers of this date that this Board had declared its intention to investigate receipt of Canadian packing commissions is not correct. (2) That the statement in such newspapers that the Board has issued an order by which retailers are authorized to charge four cents additional for pound for sliced boned ham is not correct. (3) That the statements in such newspapers with reference to this Board's proceedings at Toronto, in the matter of a dispute between certain wholesale grocers and certain canning companies concerning rebates on canned goods, are not correct."

"As to the third matter, the Board's order, which has been mentioned, and when made it will involve only two and a half cents on every dozen of uncaned goods. Further, the newspapers' reports exactly invert the conclusions made to and the observations made by the Board at Toronto as to the legality or illegality of the rebate involved."

Turkish Nationalists Will Stand For No Interference From Allies

New York, Dec. 29.—Death to any person, whether a Moslem or of any other religious belief, if he assists in the partition of the Turkish domains was vowed in a proclamation recently issued by Kemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish Nationalists, according to Dr. George L. Richards of Fall River, Mass., who arrived here with his wife today on the steamer Black Arrow from Constantinople. Dr. and Mrs. Richards have been abroad in the interest of the Near East Relief, and spent the last three months travelling through Armenia in a box car.

ALLEGED RING-LEADERS IN CONSPIRACY TO SCATTER POISON ARE NOW IN CUSTODY

Federal and State Officials Active in Rounding up the Gang Connected With Distribution of the Wood Alcohol Whiskey—More Deaths Reported Yesterday from Drinking the Concoction—Others Taken Ill in New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—With six men in custody alleged ring leaders in a conspiracy to flood New York, New Jersey and New England with poisonous substitutes for whiskey, Federal State and City authorities were united tonight in hot pursuit of the purveyors of the poisonous beverages which have caused scores of deaths and hundreds of cases of blindness and illness. The arrest of the six men in New York last night and today is only the first step in a wide-spread campaign which is expected to result in the capture of at least a score or more of the poison dispensers according to federal officials.

In the meantime the toll of death and serious illness caused through drinking wood alcohol and other vile concoctions continued to mount in New York and adjacent cities. During the day four more deaths were recorded, one each from Newark, Elizabeth, Passaic, N. J., and one from New York. In addition to the deaths, a woman was picked up unconscious on New York streets, and two men in Passaic in a similar condition, all four being critically ill tonight from alcoholic poisoning.

NEAR PANIC IN HEALTH DEPT. OF TORONTO CITY

Man With Smallpox Written Into Office and Caused the Sensation.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Something of a panic was caused in the local Department of Public Health today, when a strange man walked in with smallpox written all over his face. One of the clerks gingerly pointed to the office of Robert Shutt, Chief of the Quarantine Division of the Health Department, and all the others in the room kept a respectful distance until the smallpox patient, who had had himself to the place to which he had been directed. Within half an hour he had been conveyed to the Swiss Cottage Hospital for smallpox patients and was at his dinner.

MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS REGAL LODGE AFFAIR

Coroner's Inquest Into Shooting Near Vice-Regal Lodge Sunday Gives Nothing Tangible.

WITNESSES STORIES DIFFER WIDELY

The Civilian Shot Was Seen Crossing the Grass Near the Lodge and Refused to Stop When Challenged.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—Details of Sunday's shooting affray, near the Vice-Regal Lodge in Phoenix Park, were given today at the inquest over the body of Lieut. Boast, an officer of the guard, who was killed at the same time that a civilian was found in the Park shot. The firing led to the belief in some quarters last night that an attack was being made against the lodge, the residence of Lord French, the Viceroy, whose life was attempted last week.

Evidence given at the inquest today, by two soldiers of the guard showed that at three o'clock on Sunday morning they, with Lieut. Boast, left the Vice-Regal Lodge and went on patrol down the road, where they saw a man crossing the grass. When they challenged the man he refused to reply to them and they rushed him. Shots were fired, and the lieutenant collapsed.

The corporal of the guard, it was testified, fired at the civilian, who fell. The soldiers swore they saw six fellows, who fired the shots that brought down the lieutenant. They fired at the civilians, but the latter disappeared.

SIXTY CARLOADS OF LIQUOR READY FOR ONTARIO

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Sixty car loads of liquor are on the Quebec side of the interprovincial boundary loaded and waiting to be moved into Ontario immediately upon the advent of the New Year, according to a railroad official in this city. It is said the express companies are prepared to handle the anticipated big liquor shipments to Toronto in special wagons, and will segregate these from ordinary merchandise.

FARMERS APPROVE ACTION OF CAN. WHEAT BOARD

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Approval of the action of the Canadian Wheat Board in advancing the price of wheat fifty cents a bushel, is expressed by the Farmers' Sun, in an editorial this week. The Sun regards it as tardy justice to the wheat growers.

Canada Must Wake Up To Preserve Its National Trade Standing

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—"Canada as a whole must develop a foreign trade or go down in the race for national equality with the rest of the world. Not only is Canada's national prestige now at stake, but her democratic and industrial well-being is in the balance." These are statements made in an interview here by Sir George Bury, president of the Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, who has just returned from a business trip to Japan and China. "In Japan and China," he added, "today there is practically an unlimited market for many kinds of manufactured and natural products of this country. Herculean efforts are being made by the representatives of almost every country except Canada to capture this trade. Canada is the laggard. Canada is asleep at the switch."