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FATAL WRECK--Twelve Perish in Marine Tragedy on St. Lawrence

Steamer Hits Shoal in Darkness and Breaks Up--Four are Rescued

Two Passengers and Two Members of Crew Reach Shore in Safety--Vessel Plied Between Montreal and Valleyfield

Montreal, Nov. 3.--Twelve persons perished and four were rescued in the wreck of the steamer Cecilia L., in the narrow channel between Beauport and the Chateauguay river, during the gale on Friday evening.

After passing through the Lachine canal, the steamer encountered heavy weather immediately on entering Lake St. Louis, causing alarm among the passengers. But the crew weathered the wind which blew in gusts of 60 miles an hour and the heavy squalls which reached the shore where in the darkness she was driven on a shoal and smashed into wreckage in an incredibly short time.

Narrow Escape. The two passengers floated ashore at Sisters Island and would undoubtedly have perished had not people on shore at Chateauguay heard their cries and at great risk to themselves rowed out and took them to the mainland. The two sailors succeeded in reaching the little village of Woodlands three hours after the disaster. All the women and children, together with the captain and several of the crew and other passengers perished. None of the bodies have been washed ashore and an inquest will be held tomorrow.

KRAMER CONFESSES THAT HE MURDERED THE SINGER WOMAN

Pleads Self Defence and Exonerates Wife from Blame--Broke Down Under Lengthy "Silent Treatment."

Chicago, Nov. 2.--Broken by thirty-six hours "silent treatment" Charles N. Kramer confessed this afternoon that he killed Sophie Singer, the Baltimore actress found murdered here on Monday night.

TURKS, BEATEN AT EVERY POINT, ASK THE POWERS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE

Constantinople is Now Practically in a State of Siege

Troops Driven Back to Last Line of Defences Outside the Capital--Disorders in City Threaten to Become General--Bulgarians in the Pursuit of Worst Ottoman--Porte Eager for Cessation of Hostilities.

THE BALKAN WAR IN BRIEF. Oct. 5--Irregular fighting begun between Turks and Montenegrins. Oct. 6--Montenegro declares war against Turkey. Oct. 12--Montenegro invades Tzabash. Oct. 14--Montenegro takes Titov. Oct. 17--Serbia and Greece declare war against Turkey; Turkey declares war against Bulgaria and Serbia. Oct. 18--Bulgarians capture Mustafa Pasha, near Adrianople. Oct. 19--Bulgarians take Prishtina on way to Uskub; Turks retire to Koumanovo. Oct. 24--Bulgarians capture Kirov Killash, key to Adrianople. Oct. 25--Serbians capture Koumanovo, outpost of Uskub. Oct. 26--Serbians capture Uskub; Montenegrins capture Scutari. Oct. 27--Bulgarians capture Lule-Burgas and Mursali, commanding Rodosto. Nov. 3--Turkey asks Powers to intervene to secure peace.

Constantinople, Nov. 3.--(10.45 p. m.)--The Porte has applied to the Powers for mediation with a view to the cessation of hostilities and for the negotiation of peace. Application has been made to the embassies here and by circular to the Ottoman representatives in the European capitals.

The Turkish army is retreating to the last line of fortifications outside the capital. This was announced in the first bulletin, admitting defeat in the great battle which the government issued tonight.

London, Nov. 3.--The Turkish army is in full retreat on Constantinople. The government has asked the Powers to intervene. An official bulletin issued by the government tonight admitted defeat at the hands of the Bulgarians in the great battle on the Thracian front.

News Scarcely. Beyond the statement that the Turkish army is retreating to the last line of fortifications outside Constantinople there was little news received from the seat of war tonight. Fighting was reported along the line from Thohori to Serai, which was the outcome, doubtless, of the efforts of the defeated Turks to retire within the Thracian lines, which the Bulgarians are doing their utmost to prevent.

ASK PEACE--Porte Requests Powers to Intervene to End War with Balkan States

Montreal Has Serious Fire

Gov. Wilson's Message to the Electors

Democratic Candidate Makes Plea for Election on Eve of Struggle for the American Presidency.

Sea Girt, N. J., Nov. 2.--Gov. Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic presidential candidate today issued the final proclamation of his campaign to the next generation. We must make it a decision on the 6th of November.

Belka, Montenegro, Nov. 2.--Heavy rains and winds are impeding the Montenegrin operations around the base of the Kilaia mountains. The town have overflowed but an infantry regiment succeeded in crossing the Balkan mountains on Friday.

Austrian. An Austrian steamer has been captured by Montenegrin waters for the last three days between Antivari and the mouth of the Neretva river, answering the Montenegrins.

Trust Question. "The trust question must be dealt with in the same way with this distinct and single program, to destroy monopoly and to leave business intact to give to who can conduct enterprise on advantage except that which comes by efficiency, energy and sagacity."

BRITISH WARSHIPS LEAVING IN HASTE FOR THE NEAR EAST

Differences Between Men and C. P. R.

Naval Dockyards the Scene of Great Activity

Men Ordered to Their Ships and Preparations are Being Made for Early Departure--Ready for Any Eventuality

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 2.--Tomorrow the ultimatum issued by the officers of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees to the C. P. R. expires and the 3,000 members, if they obey orders, will walk out. However, it is not believed at Ottawa that more than a small percentage of the Brotherhood will go on strike.

Portsmouth, Eng., Nov. 2.--Unusual activity in the Portsmouth dockyard is reported in a special edition of the Evening News, which says that preparations are being made to make the sixth destroyer flotilla ready for the sea.

Contract for New Pumping Station at Railway Town

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Nov. 2.--The contract for the pumping station for the new city water works system has been awarded to George R. Lowe for \$12,134. S. O. Humphrey has been awarded the contract for the extension of the old Lock Factory building which is to be used by the Humphrey Unshrinkable Underwear.