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WAS DISCHARGED

Roderick Broughton, charged with highway robbery, was discharged from custody to-day. In dismissing him Judge Houston said that the circumstantial evidence against the prisoner was not strong enough to warrant a sentence of seven years, the penalty fixed by statute for the crime.

WAVES AND HURRICANE.

MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE KILLED.

A Terrible Story of Death and Disaster From the Society Islands—People Took Refuge in Coconut Trees, Which Finally Gave Way—Hundreds Swam Out to Steamers and Were Saved.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—News of a fearful loss of life in a destructive storm that swept over the South Sea Islands last month reached here yesterday by the steamer Mariposa, direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000 persons. January 13th last a huge tidal wave, accompanied by a terrific hurricane, attacked the Society Islands and the Tuamotu group with fearful force, causing death and devastation never before equalled in a land of dreaded storms. The storm raged several days, reaching its maximum strength between January 14th and January 16th. From the meagre news received at Tahiti up to the time of the sailing of the Mariposa, it is estimated that 1,000 of the islanders lost their lives. It is feared that later advices will increase this number.

The first news of the disaster reached Papeete, Tahiti, January 26th by the schooner Bimeo. The captain of the schooner placed the fatalities at 500. The steamer Excelsior arrived at Papeete the following day with 400 survivors. The captain of the Excelsior estimated the total loss of life to be 800. These figures comprised only the deaths on the three islands of Hao, Hikueru and Makokan, whose ordinary population is 1,500. On Hikueru Island, where 1,000 inhabitants were engaged in pearl diving, nearly one-half were drowned. On an adjacent island 100 more were washed out to sea. Makokan and Hao are depopulated. Conservative estimates at Tahiti place the number of islands visited by the tidal wave and hurricane at 80. All of them are under the control of the French Government at Tahiti.

The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the storm. The French Government upon receipt of news of the disaster took prompt measures to relieve the distressed districts, and despatched two warships with fresh water and provisions. The Italian man-of-war Calabria accompanied the French vessels on their errand of mercy. As the supply of fresh water and provisions on the islands was totally exhausted during the storm, it is feared that many lives would be lost before the relief ships could arrive. As far as is known eight white people were among the drowned. Included in these were Alexander Brander, N. P. Plunkett of Oakland, T. D. Donnelly, formerly a fireman on the steamer Australia, and the local agent of C. Coppenrath, a merchant of Papeete. Added to this number was an unknown woman, who committed suicide from fright. Sought Refuge in Trees.

As the islands were barely twenty feet above sea level, and were not surrounded by coral reefs, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the coconut trees when the tidal wave began to cover the land. These trees grew to an immense height, many reaching an altitude of 100 feet. All of the lower trees were covered by the raging seas, which swept with pitiless force about and over them. The natives on the taller trees were safe until the coconut roots gave way, and then they too were swept out into the sea.

The four hundred survivors brought by the Excelsior to Papeete gained the ship's side by swimming three and four miles from the tops of coconut trees. The Eimeo, though badly damaged by the storm, also brought off as many persons as could swim to her sides, she, like the Excelsior, being unable to run close to the shores because of the violence of the ocean swells, which continued to run abnormally high for a week after the tidal disturbances. Another schooner, the Gaulois, from the Marquesas Islands, 600 miles from Tahiti, encountered the hurricane while on the way to the latter place, and only the timely action of the captain in having the cargo, consisting of 30 head of cattle, 35 pigs and 30 tons of cotton, jettisoned, saved the little craft from destruction. Even with this precaution the life of one man was lost by waves sweeping the decks.

One of the many acts of heroism reported is that of a woman who climbed one of the tall coconut trees and lashed her babe to the branches, hanging to the body of the tree beneath the little one as best she could. There they remained for ten hours, suffering great torture until finally rescued.

Thousands of tons of coconuts, the dried kernel of the coconut, and more than 200 tons of mother of pearl shells are known to have been lost. The pearl shells are valued at \$1,800 per ton, and many valuable pearls may now be lost to the world forever, as these were considered some of the best pearl islands in the world.

POWER ATTRACTS MONEY.

HAMILTON COMPANY INCORPORATED WITH \$5,000,000.

Imperial Paper Mills to Take Over Sturgeon Falls Pulp Co.—A Large Coal Concern—Large List of New Corporations.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The incorporation of another large power concern, the Hamilton Cataract Power, Light & Traction Company, is announced in The Ontario Gazette. The authorized capital is \$5,000,000, and the provisional directors are Hon. J. M. Gibson, James Dixon, J. R. Moodie, J. W. Sutherland of Hamilton, John Dickenson, M.P.P., Glasgow Township, and J. A. Kammerer, Toronto, several of whom are now connected with a company of a similar name. Mr. Kammerer stated last night that the new company's relation to the old one would be determined at the annual meeting of the latter at Hamilton to-day. The capital of the old company was \$4,000,000 stock, besides bonds. The idea was to extend the existing plant two miles south of St. Catharines, where 5,000 horsepower was now developed. The new company is given the usual rights to acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, and to utilize and develop water powers and other powers, etc.

The Imperial Paper Mills of Canada is incorporated, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, head office, Toronto, with authority to carry on a pulp, paper and lumber business, and to take over as a going concern the pulp, timber, waterpowers, pulp and paper mills and mill-sites, assets and concessions of the Sturgeon Falls Pulp Company. The provisional directors are: L. G. McCarthy, M.P.P., Toronto; William Rastall, Jr., Sturgeon Falls, and G. C. Levey, Toronto.

The Eastern Canada Coal Company is incorporated with \$2,000,000 authorized capital, and power to acquire and develop coal lands and mines. The provisional directors are H. J. Wright, John Payne, Richard Crediton, W. J. Gilchrist and Henry Toybee, all of Toronto, where the head office will be.

"Moore Mountain, Limited," is the modest title of an \$100,000 company, incorporated with head office at Sault Ste. Marie, doubtless with the object of handling the huge deposit of iron ore in the district, the directors being Chas. S. Osborn and Otto Fowle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and John McKay, W. H. Fraser and Jas. L. Darling, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Other new companies incorporated are as follows: Western Ontario Portland Cement Company, Atwood, \$200,000; Industrial Agency, Limited, Toronto, \$250,000; Belleville Packing Company, meat packing, \$250,000; Pulp and Paper Company, \$200,000; James Jolley & Sons, Hamilton, saddlery, \$100,000; J. F. Brown Company, Toronto, capital increased from \$80,000 to \$200,000; Kawartha Lakes Navigation Company, Lindsay, \$30,000; Barton Building Company, Hamilton, \$40,000; St. Marys River Navigation Company, Sault Ste. Marie, \$40,000; Richards Pure Soap Company, Woodstock, \$50,000; Renfrew Nurseries Company, Renfrew, \$40,000; Canadian Automatic Light Company, Walkerville, \$40,000; Joseph Macdonald & Son, Toronto, \$40,000; Manitou Fish Company, Toronto, \$40,000.

MORE MARCONI PLANS.

To Publish Daily Newspapers on Ships.

London, Feb. 9.—The courts to-day granted to the Marconi Company leave so to amend its memorandum of association as to enable it to cope with what counsel described as "potentialities beyond the dreams of science." In support of the application counsel mentioned that Marconi expected shortly to encircle the earth with wireless messages, and hoped to apply his system to heating, to traction and to publishing daily newspapers on board ship.

SMALLPOX AT DETROIT.

Over Six Hundred Cases This Fall and Winter.

Detroit, Feb. 9.—Detroit has been having an epidemic of smallpox, in which the death rate has been surprisingly low. Only six deaths are reported out of over six hundred cases. Two of those who died were grown men, while four of them were infants who had no chance against the disease. The epidemic commenced on Sept. 9. Since that date there have been just 614 cases. In September there were 29 cases; in October, 50; in November, 161, and so far in February there have been 23. That the number of cases decreased in January from the December record, and promise not to increase much, if any, in February, is regarded as a good sign for the speedy extinction of the disease, as January and February are the two worst months for smallpox.

Another Case in St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Feb. 9.—One more case of smallpox developed yesterday, Mrs. Thomas, wife of Mr. George Thomas, is now ill with the disease in the Isolated Hospital. This case is traceable to the source of all the cases, the Columbia Hotel. The other ten patients are convalescent.

Toronto Topics.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Dr. J. Orlando Orr has been appointed Manager and Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition.

The Street Railway Employees' Union decided to refer the McCarroll case to the headquarters at Detroit.

The Hamilton & Lake Erie Power Company has made a definite offer to supply electric power to Toronto.

The Toronto Railway Company is prepared to operate new lines to relieve the congestion at central parts of the city.

Was your last book a success? Oh, immense. The publishers sent the entire edition up to my house just as we ran out of coal.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

Death has called away one of Dover's old and most respected residents, Mr. Robert A. Glover. Deceased was in his 71st year, coming to Dover 22 years ago from Pennsylvania, where for five years he and his brother, Jas. S., were engaged in the lumber business, prior to which he had taught school in Haldimand County for sixteen years.

J. S. Glover, of Dover, is a brother. He also leaves a brother in Texas, U. S. Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. John Terry are sisters of deceased. He leaves a family of nine children. They are—Mrs. Chas. Jackson, Mrs. John Foy, of Dover; Mrs. John Owen, of Clatham; William, Harry, Bert and Ethel, at home. He has been married twice, being first married to Miss Woodwork, of Haldimand, who died in 1876. He afterwards married a Miss Burk, of Corkey City, who is also deceased. The funeral will take place Tuesday at one o'clock from his late residence, 11th Con., Dover. The family have the deepest sympathy of the community.

MONTREAL STRIKE OVER.

THE STREET CAR SERVICE RESUMED ON SUNDAY.

The Terms Agreed To—Looks Like a Favorable Settlement for the Men.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The strike of the employees of the Montreal Street Railway is over, and everyone has returned to work. It was a most peculiar affair. It was entirely unexpected, for the employees were supposed to be unorganized and without money. It turned out that both suppositions were erroneous. The cars started to run yesterday, and the service is now satisfactory.

The conditions signed by Senator Forget, the President of the company, are as follows:

(1) None shall be dismissed without full and equitable reason.
(2) The company will give an equitable hearing to any employee against whom a complaint has been made. An appeal may be made to the highest officer, be it the Superintendent, the Manager, or even the President.
(3) The company will maintain the same scale of wages to sweepers as they had in force on Feb. 3.

(4) The company will on demand show to a deputation of its employees the reports that shall have been made against recently-dismissed employees.

(5) The company will grant a general increase of salary, equivalent to 10 per cent on the scale of wages in force on Feb. 3.

(6) The company shall recognize the right of their men to belong to any union or benefit association of their own that they may see fit. In case of any difference arising between the company and its employees, the management will at all times be ready to discuss such grievances with the men in its employ, and attendance upon any deputation to lay views of the men before the management will in no wise be prejudicial to the employees composing the same. The company cannot undertake to discriminate among its employees nor to grant any difference of treatment to those who are members of such union or those who are not.

(7) All men discharged since Jan. 1, 1903, may have their cases considered by the directors, and, in case there is dissatisfaction with the verdict, their case may be, on the demand of either party, submitted to a board of arbitration, composed of one representative named by the men and one person by the company, and a third by agreement between the two thus named, each party agreeing to be bound by the final verdict.

The settlement was reached after a series of conferences between the committee representing the City Council with the company's officials and the representatives of the strikers. The company's main objection was to a formal recognition of the union, but finally the President, Senator Forget, on behalf of the company, agreed to recognize the union. The agreement was then signed.

BOERS REBUKED.

They Presented Chamberlain With An Insulting Address.

Bloomfontein, Feb. 9.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had a two-hours' conference with a deputation of Boers of the extreme party, including Christian Dewet. The deputation presented an address, which, it is understood, Mr. Chamberlain rejected, at the same time rebuking the delegates for presenting it. He regarded it as insulting, inasmuch as it impugned the good faith of himself and the Government.

Christian Dewet accused the Government of contravening the terms of the Vereeniging agreement, especially as regards the amnesty, and he requested that the terms of peace should be incorporated in a law. The feuds between the Boer parties have become very strong, particularly between the Brothers Christian and Piet Dewet. The latter headed a deputation of loyalist Boers to the Colonial Secretary. Christian Dewet holds steadily aloof from the loyalist section. He is credited with wanting to tear up the Vereeniging treaty and begin afresh.

Bloomfontein, Orange River Colony, Feb. 9.—The conference here Saturday between Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and about forty Boers of the extreme party has further widened the breach between the Boer factions. Christian Dewet, who spoke after Mr. Chamberlain, prefaced his statement with saying that his remarks would "come like mustard after meat," and concluded with asserting that no cooperation of the Boers was possible so long as Piet Dewet and Christian Botha represented the people. The country would not be ruled by them, but would rule them. He (the speaker) would not rest until he had caused a rebellion, not an armed rebellion, but a rebellion of agitation and discontent against the Government.

Col. Kinloch's Retirement.

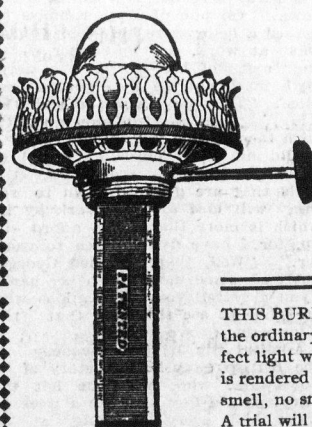
London, Feb. 9.—The most interesting topic in drawing-rooms and clubs has been the compulsory retirement of Colonel Kinloch from the command of the Grenadier Guards in consequence of his neglect to prevent or to investigate the "ragging" or hazing of the sons of three Peers by their companions in the messroom. There are a dozen versions of the ignominious treatment to which the sons of the Duke of Wellington and Lord Belhaven and the nephew of Lord De Saumarez were subjected, and half a dozen accounts of the negotiations of their titled relations and numerous ladies of smart society with Lord Roberts. The result alone is definitely known. One of the most gallant officers in the South African campaign was held responsible by an officers' mock court-martial, compelled to retire on half pay after a futile appeal to the King, and condemned to a forfeit of \$1,000 a year for the remainder of his life in his retiring pension.

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