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Destruction And Inconvenience Follow In Wake of the Storm

THE WORST EXPERIENCED IN MANY YEARS

Railways All Over the Country Badly Crippled—Local Street Car Service Paralyzed—Washout at Shubenacadie—Many Trees Destroyed or Badly Damaged—Halifax Ferry Service Interrupted.

As reports drift in from all over the country, comes a realization of the havoc wrought, particularly in the eastern provinces and the New England States, by the storm of yesterday and the day before. Everywhere train traffic was badly disrupted and in many places entirely suspended.

Although the city was not hit so hard as reports from other places would indicate, conditions were trying enough to suit those whose business took them out of doors. After straightening out about 4:30 yesterday afternoon the street railway people were compelled to capitulate to the elements and admit unconditional defeat. The service has been paralyzed all day and there is little hope for operations before this evening, and perhaps not then.

The trees in the public squares are practically ruined. Borne down by the great weight of ice which formed on their branches they broke or split and many present a sorry sight this morning.

Many sidewalks were in full flood last night, but conditions have been greatly remedied today.

Train Traffic Delayed

All the trains reaching the city today, except the first section of the Halifax, were behind their schedule. The wires and telegraph lines were so much out of order that it was impossible to conduct the work of despatching in the regular way. Up to late this morning there was no word from the Montreal or Boston trains on account. The Montreal train due yesterday at one o'clock did not pull into the depot until three o'clock this morning, owing to having been held up by the work of the storm along the line in Maine. The Halifax train left on time at noon today, not waiting for connection from the Montreal train.

All trains leaving the city on the C. N. R. division last night were very late. The Sussex suburban and the Maritime express, the former due to arrive in St. John at 8:55 in the morning and the latter at 12:15 at noon, did not reach the city until after four o'clock, so that before leaving it was nearly one hour and thirty minutes after the time they were due to leave. The Halifax train was held up for two hours late reaching the city. The Hampton suburban did not return to the city on the evening trip, but the morning train did. The evening mail train due to reach the city at 9:30 was held up for more than two hours on account of the heavy fall of sleet and snow.

The Hampton and St. Martin's branch train of the C. N. R. due to arrive in Hampton shortly before noon, did not reach the station until after midnight. The snow was encountered along the line from St. Martins, and although a large snow plough preceded the train, it was exceedingly difficult at times for the train to proceed.

The Sussex suburban train was one hour and fifteen minutes late reaching the city this morning on account of being held up at New Brunswick. The morning mail train, the mail train was delayed leaving the city and as the wires from St. John to Colbrook are all down it was impossible to get communication through and the trains were all held accordingly. Several telegraph poles in the yard are down on account of the weight of the ice on the wires.

The Street Cars. It was said today by one of the officers of the N. B. Power Co. that they expected to have the street cars running in part service, at least, before evening. They had a difficult job ahead in repairing the wires and cutting the ice from the rails. Some of the rails in West St. John were in running order this morning, but for the most part walking was the general, though unpopular pastime throughout the city. The company had nine burn-outs on its wires yesterday, caused in some cases by the fact that the call wires used by the telegraph companies and for calling firemen, falling and occasioning short circuits. These wires are said to be of light construction and when coated with ice give way. Considering the number of wires which fell yesterday about the city it was said by many today that it was remarkable that no one was hurt.

No Freight Business. No freight business was handled this morning at the C. N. R. offices owing to ice and snow having choked up the tracks. It will require considerable effort before they are clear.

Getting Snow Away. Much good work was done about the city by the teams hauling the snow from the roadways. Some of the principal streets were well cleared for traffic this morning and the work was kept up successfully all day. It was difficult shoveling, however, because of the heavy crust.

Horse Through Window. One of the teams engaged in the clearing of snow in Prince William's street met with an accident. The horses in turning pushed the driving pole through the window of the Imperial Oil Co. and broke a large sheet of plate glass.

In Fairville. Fairville this morning resembled nothing so much as a typical deserted village, with wires down, trees broken, no street car service and general demoralization everywhere.

There are said to be half a dozen telegraph poles broken off along the Pipe Line road as far as the Wilson Box Factory. At the C. P. R. station one of the largest poles supporting innumerable wires, cracked off and a crew of men were snipping wires for a couple of hours to clear away the debris.

A number of persons whose work calls them to the city waited until nearly ten o'clock for the Fredericton train and then went via the West End car service.

VICE-REGAL VISIT TO OFFICES OF CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND



Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire leaving the offices on King street, Toronto. They later visited the Library for the Blind and a broom factory operated by blind men, chatting with the workers and watching the various operations.

VON BUELOW IS DEFIANT

Says He Will Never Surrender to the Allied Nations

CALLS IT IGNOMINY

Army and Navy Commanders Are All of One Mind—Government Will Seek Modification of Treaty Regarding Them.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Field Marshal von Buelow today told the 100 members of the Reichstag that he would never place himself at the disposal of the Entente nations and expressed the belief that the national cabinet's attitude which is expected to reconvene next week, although it adjourned until the end of the month.

Persons well informed deny the existence of a governmental crisis and the despatch cabinet has unanimously agreed that no one must voluntarily surrender. Legal objections should be lodged against orders for the arrest of any of the commanders. It was decided at these meetings.

FOR MARITIME HOCKEY HONORS

Halifax, Feb. 6.—With the University of New Brunswick team as likely winners of the national inter-collegiate hockey league, it is almost certain that St. F. X. and Dalhousie will challenge the title.

WILL BE HERE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Allen Logan of McAdam Junction, formerly of this city, has sent in his entry for the maritime championships, which are to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. He is said to be in great condition and skating faster than ever.

ASQUITH BELIEVES GERMANY'S POWER TO PAY LIMITED

London, Feb. 6.—In a speech at Palace tonight, former Premier Asquith, who is contesting the seat in parliament for that district, said: "Speaking with a full sense of my responsibility, I am disposed to believe after making proper allowances for what is needed to sustain Germany's industrial life again, that £2,000,000,000 is the outside indemnity obtainable from Germany. If I were the chancellor of the exchequer I would write off anything beyond this as a bad and doubtful asset."

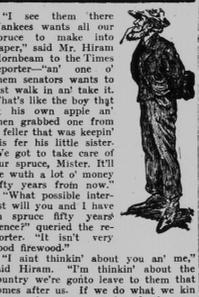
RESTRICTIONS OFF

Word received by W. E. Anderson, Imperial trade correspondent in this district through the senior trade commissioner in Montreal, is to the effect that restrictions on imports to Great Britain have been taken off except in the case of firearms, ammunition and explosives, and certain articles prohibited by the customs act of 1876.

Adopts Daylight Saving.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The senate today adopted a bill for daylight saving which will become operative February 15 at midnight.

As Hiram Sees It



"I see them there Yankees wants all our spruce to make into paper," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter—"an' one of them senators wants to just walk in an' take it. That's like the boy that to his new spruce he then grabbed one from a feller that was keepin' his for his little sister. We got to take care of our spruce, Mister. I'll be with a lot of money in spruce fifty years hence" queried the reporter.

LOCAL NEWS

IT'S A BOY. The happy smile worn by W. M. Ryan of Richmond street today was occasioned by the arrival of a little stranger this morning at the Evangeline Home—a boy. Congratulations.

TWELVE MARRIAGES. NINETEEN BIRTHS. Twelve marriages were reported to the sub-registrar of vital statistics during the week. Nineteen children, fourteen boys and five girls, were also reported.

EIGHTEEN DEATHS. The recent outbreak of influenza, although slightly increasing from time to time, is of a mild type and no deaths from the disease have yet been reported. However, a total of eighteen deaths from various other causes were reported during the week. They are as follows: Senility, four; broncho-pneumonia; three; diabetes, laryngitis, apoplexy, cholera, diphtheria, albumin, peritonitis, lobar pneumonia, embolism, birth, pyo nephritis and cerebral hemorrhage, one each.

MORE INCONVENIENCE. Because of no address being obtainable as to what time the early Montreal train would arrive today no hackmen were present to meet the passengers. This cannot be considered the fault of the conductor, however, and because of the wires being down cannot be laid at the door of the railway people but must be blamed to the storm conditions. The train was due at 6:45 a. m. and did not pull in until about noon.

THE BREAK IN WATER MAIN. The water and sewerage department has a new crew engaged in digging a trench where the break was located in the water main in Brussels street. At 11 o'clock the trench was about 100 feet deep and had penetrated in the ground for a depth of seven feet. This makes the work of excavating a most arduous task.

BURIED TODAY. A very large gathering of friends attended the funeral of Francis McCafferty held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his son, F. I. McCafferty, 68 Elliott row, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Simon Oram. Relatives acted as pallbearers. There were many beautiful floral and spiritual remembrances. Interment was in the New Catholic cemetery.

JUNIOR OFFICER; NOW IN COMMAND. Amherst, N. S., Feb. 7.—Colonel C. E. Bent has received word of his appointment as commanding officer of the 99th Cumberland Regiment, of which he was a junior officer before the outbreak of the war. The relieving commander is Lieut. Col. D. Murray, Springfield.

HALIFAX PUTS ONE OVER. Now and then Halifax does put one over on St. John. In a letter which was sent to St. John today, the commanding officer of the 99th Cumberland Regiment, of which he was a junior officer before the outbreak of the war, the relieving commander is Lieut. Col. D. Murray, Springfield.

NO ARRESTS FOR TWO DAYS. Magistrate Ritchie was somewhat surprised this morning when it was again announced in the police court that the police sheet was marked "nil." There were no arrests made last night in the city, making the second consecutive night that no lawlessness has been detected.

Faculty of Kings Decide To "Carry On"

THE ALLIES AND SOVIET RUSSIA

No Definite Policy Yet, Says Premier Millerand—France and Poland.

Paris, Feb. 7.—(Havas)—Premier Millerand declared yesterday that France did not intend to pursue a policy of conquest in Syria, did not intend to menace the population's independence, but desired to establish a good administration in the country and see that justice was done.

Referring to Russia, M. Millerand said none of the allies had adopted a definite policy toward Soviet Russia. Concerning the plan for renewing commercial relations with the Russian cooperative unions, the premier asserted that the exports would be under control and if it were found they were being used to revictual the Red armies they would be immediately stopped. He found fault with the Soviet government but expressed gratitude to the Russian people and hoped that they would assume the place reserved for them at the peace conference. He declared that France would spare nothing to reach an accord without interfering with the internal policy of Russia. The premier insisted on French-Polish friendship, so that if Poland were attacked she could depend upon the complete co-operation of France.

DUTCH AND SWISS SHOW GRATITUDE

Little Nations, Saved by Allies, Now Side with Germany—Allied Premiers Will Meet.

The Hague, Feb. 6.—Virtually without exception, the Dutch press characterizes the allied demand for the surrender of Germany as being "impossible."

Geneva, Feb. 6.—Swiss federal authorities in a report, will follow the precedent set by Holland in dealing with demands from the allies for the extradition during the week. Nineteen children, fourteen boys and five girls, were also reported.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The allied premiers at the meeting in London next week are expected to examine minutely the question of the extradition of the German accused of war crimes and the consequences of German resistance to the allied demands.

It is not expected in official quarters that the German government will appoint a successor to Baron Kurt von Lersner, former head of the peace delegation. It is pointed out that there is no reason for such a functionalist resignation in Paris after the arrival of the German charge d'affaires, as the remaining peace negotiations are now being conducted by the diplomatic representatives of the allies.

WASHOUT AT SHUBENACADIE

(Special to Times.)

Truro, Feb. 7.—Traffic on the Canadian National Railway is held up today by a washout at Shubenacadie, twenty-three miles south of here. The washout is near the bridge over the Shubenacadie River where the ice jammed and forced back on the water tearing a hole in the bridge. The water is rushing like a race horse. Men have been sent to make repairs but it is not yet known if traffic can be resumed before night, in the meantime passengers will probably be transferred to the Shubenacadie Hotel and the northbound ocean limited are on the Halifax side of the washout.

Traffic Resumed. Truro, N. S., Feb. 7.—The track was repaired and traffic resumed three hours later.

Late on Every Division. Washington, D. C., February 7.—Operation of railroads over practically entire eastern half of the United States has been seriously handicapped by the recent storms, the railroad administration announced last night. Trains were running late on nearly every division east of the Mississippi river. Coastwise shipping was also demoralized, traffic being tied up in some instances.

Spread of influenza among railroad workers has added to the complications. Today the New York Central lines alone reported more than 2,000 employees ill with the disease.

ON SAID MISSION. Matron Edith McCafferty, of the Manitoba Military Hospital, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Win. G. Burrill, of Bangor, Me., arrived in the city today, having been called home by the news of the death of their father, Francis McCafferty. Their brother, Gerald McCafferty, started home from Virginia, but on account of the weather was storm-stayed at Lowell, Mass. He is expected to get a train in time to get here for the funeral.

WATER INTERFERS WITH MINE WORK. Glace Bay, N. S., Feb. 7.—(Chronicle Special)—Although Nos. 5 and 10 mines at Reserve started this morning, the miners at both had to knock off at 9:45 on account of lack of water. It is hoped to be able to work tomorrow, as it is expected to have the Lerway dam in operation this evening. In an effort to procure water to keep the colliery going a large gang of workmen were engaged all last night in connecting up the pump at Lerway dam from which the much needed water will be pumped to the colliery reservoir, thence to the boilers at the mine.

Will Complete This College Year

Board of Trade and People of Windsor Will Assist in Looking After Homeless Students.

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 7.—The president and faculty of Kings College met this morning and decided to "carry on" until the end of the collegiate year.

Many telegrams of sympathy and offers of assistance have come to Dr. Boyle, the president, today, among them one from the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia. The governors are meeting at Halifax to consider the situation.

The Windsor board of trade has offered "Clifton," the historic "Sam Slick" house, as a residence for the homeless students. The reference building, with its equipment, was not destroyed by the fire; the lectures will be conducted there. The reference building, also the memorial chapel are unharmed, also the homes of the professors and Alexandra Hall, the residence of the co-heads.

The new council has offered any assistance in its power and the people of the town have opened their homes to the students until new quarters can be made ready.

The board of trade is making an appeal for household furnishings for "Clifton," either to loan or present, to make the place comfortable as a habitation for the students who have lost many of their belongings.

The utmost courage to face the situation has been displayed by President Boyle and the staff and on a much more in the face of such a tremendous reverse at a time when the fruits of the present administration was beginning to show live results.

PREPARING FOR THE EXHIBITION

Association Awaiting Settlement With Military—Delegation to Ottawa.

The members of the St. John Exhibition Association are anxiously awaiting a settlement with the military authorities and the arrangements for the big exhibition in the fall are still in abeyance. Commissioners Thorton and the members of the St. John Exhibition Association are anxiously awaiting a settlement with the military authorities, but owing to conditions arising it was decided to cancel the trip to the present.

The city's bill against the military authority is \$124,760 and the Exhibition Association's bill is \$100,000. The Commissioner Thorton said that they were anxious to get the matter settled as it would be necessary to start advertising the exhibition in the near future in order to give breeders ample opportunity to get their stock ready.

SICILIAN SNEAKS IN UNANNOUNCED

C. P. O. S. Boat Come in Unexpectedly Today—Has Thousand Coolies.

The C. P. O. S. liner Sicilian arrived in port rather unexpectedly this morning from Havre and London. She has on board 1,025 coolies and 120 cabin passengers in addition to a fair sized cargo of freight. She docked this afternoon at No. 3 berth, Sand Point, and arrangements were made to send the Chinese across the continent on two special trains. The cabin passengers will go west on the regular train this evening.

The feat of coming up the bay during the storm is considered a good one and it was a surprise to the C. P. O. S. officials as well as to shipping men along the harbor front when she appeared off the island. One shipping man remarked that "some of these old sea dogs like to put one over on us once in a while."

RAILWAY MAN IS KILLED AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 7.—Peter Bourgeois, a C. N. R. section man, was killed this morning near Hall's Creek bridge, between Moncton and Sunny Beach. He was patrolling the double track on that section. In getting out of the way of an incoming special he stepped directly in front of a snow plow that was leaving the city and was killed instantly. He was thirty-eight years of age and is survived by his wife and four small children.

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Weather Report. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.