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SEVEN OF BEAR RIVER YACHTING PARTY DEAD.

Only One Was Rescued.

Yacht Ran on a Bar and All Hands Started in a Small Dory for Shore—Boat Was Overloaded and Capsized—Three Bodies Recovered, and Man Saved in Serious State.

Digby, N. S., Aug. 4.—(Special)—News reached Digby after 9 o'clock tonight of the drowning of seven people near Bear River.

The yacht Onida, owned by Commodore Irving, and in charge of Capt. Chas. Hersey, left here at 7 o'clock this morning for Pinky Point, at the mouth of Bear River, to take out a party of American tourists who were camping in that vicinity.

The boat was seen to leave the point about 10 a. m. with the party on board and a small tender in tow. Arrangements had been made to land the party at Smith's Cove, near Bear River station, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and Parry's boat, to take out a party of Driver Jackson to convey them to Bear River. In the meantime the party was enjoying a fishing trip on the basin.

Tender Bottom Up. About 5 o'clock Jackson saw the yacht approaching the cove. Later he noticed her aground on the Bear Island bar, the tender a short distance from the yacht and bottom up with people evidently clinging to it. He at once gave an alarm. S. Fitzsimon, the D. A. R. station agent at Bear River, and a number of other men for the nearest boat, a dory half a mile distant. Another crowd started for the Harbor View House, a mile away. The dory was reached first but was 200 yards from the shore.

Heard. Hatfield acted for the boat, and the rescuing party was seen at the scene of the disaster. They found three bodies floating on the water head downwards and dead. One man named Vidito still showed signs of life and he was hauled to the shore in Bear River and it is thought he will recover. It was impossible to get an interview with him tonight.

The Victims. The party as near as can be learned consisted of: Captain Chas. Hersey, of Digby, master of the yacht; Geo. Lenz, aged 45 years, manager of a wooden mill in Nascoville (R. I.); Mrs. Vidito, aged about 30 years; body not recovered. A young child; body not recovered. Geo. Lenz, aged about 45 years, manager of a wooden mill in Nascoville (R. I.); body recovered. Mrs. O'Riley, supposed to be a New York lady, aged about 40 years; body recovered. Mrs. O'Riley's son, aged about 13 years; body recovered. Another son or daughter of Mrs. O'Riley; body not recovered. There were seven drowned, one saved and three bodies recovered.

Party Overloaded Dory. It appears that when the yacht grounded on the bar about half a mile from land all the occupants of the yacht got into a ten-foot tender and began to row towards shore. The water is deep between the bar and the landing opposite the Bear River station. The little boat swamped with her heavy load and then turned bottom up. Captain Hersey was considered one of Digby's most careful boatmen and had been in charge of Commodore Irving's cabin along for two seasons. No one can understand why he would allow the tender to be overloaded. The party must have been over-zealous to reach land in time to connect with the backboard and thus prevailed on the captain to take them all on one trip.

Little Known About the Victims. Hersey was married and leaves a wife, six sons and two daughters, the eldest of whom is 21 and the youngest only 18 months old. He leaves three brothers and three sisters. Mrs. O'Riley is a nice looking lady. She had on her fingers expensive diamond and gold rings. Her watch was stopped at 5.15. The boy is a bright looking lad of about 13 years. It is impossible to learn the address of their relatives tonight to communicate the sad news to them. Governor Lovatt arrived from Bear River during the evening and empaneled a jury with Edward Winchester as foreman. An inquest will be commenced tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A boat from a schooner lying at the mouth of Bear River also proceeded to the scene of the accident but arrived too late to tender assistance. A gratifying party will leave Digby in the morning and everything will be done to recover the other four bodies if possible. The accident occurred about one hour after high water, and it is feared the

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RUMOR THAT ANOTHER BIG BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS.

Kuropatkin Fighting for Existence Between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang—Russian General Sends Details of Fight of July 31—Stakelberg's Army Thought to Be Cut Off—Jap Troops, Maddened by Thirst, Rush Into River Under Fire.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—A rumor is current here that a battle is in progress north of Hai Cheng.

Jap Advance Continues. London, Aug. 4.—A despatch to a news company from Amushan (half way between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang) says: "The Japanese advance is being continued with great energy against the southern army. The Russian main forces continue their retirement northward, but the supposition here that their forces to the southward may have had their communications cut by General Nodzu's army."

Russian Forces Thought to Be Cut Off. St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—2.10 a. m.—The fact that General Kurapatkin's recent despatches have not mentioned General Stakelberg or General Zorotoff leads to the supposition here that their forces to the southward may have had their communications cut by General Nodzu's army.

Japs Troops Maddened by Thirst. London, Aug. 5.—The war news in the London newspapers this morning is again restricted to official despatches. A few very brief despatches from General Kurapatkin's headquarters in the field are printed, but they give no additional information to that already known.

The Daily Mail's correspondent with General Kurapatkin describes the sufferings of the men from the heat. He says that one regiment, maddened by thirst, rushed into a river under the full Russian fire and drank of the peril of their lives. The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces, has issued a proclamation announcing strict regulations to prevent the Chinese straggling coal to Port Arthur, as it has become known that the Russians are offering a high premium for coal deliveries and because of the fact that China desires to preserve neutrality.

Russians Improving in Rifle Fire. London, Aug. 5.—A correspondent of the Times with General Kurapatkin's army, in a despatch dated Aug. 2, says that the fighting of last Sunday (presumably at Simou-cheng) demonstrated that improvement had been obtained in the Russian methods of rifle fire, and in the concealment of trenches. There was, however, the correspondent says, no effort made to screen the artillery, which had a conspicuous advantage over the Japanese guns, both in range and weight, but which advantage the Russians failed to employ in direct fire. The Russian infantry in triple trenches defended their right tenaciously, making a Japanese advance impossible and causing 400 casualties.

The correspondent adds that the Russian losses in this part of the engagement were small.

Oku Reports Russians Fleeing North. Washington, Aug. 4.—The Japanese legation today received the following cable gram from Tokio: "General Oku reports that the enemy is retreating northward continuously since Aug. 2. On Aug. 3 our army occupied Hai Cheng, and New Chung situated 30 miles northeast of the open port of the same name.

Hai Cheng Captured Without a Blow. Tokio, Aug. 4.—2 p. m.—"The Russians began abandoning Hai Cheng Aug. 2, the Japanese entering Hai Cheng without resistance at noon yesterday, and the Japanese occupied New Chung the same day.

Russian Report of Their Defeat. St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—The emperor has received the following despatch from Lieutenant-General Zasslitsh, dated Aug. 3: "Lieut.-General Salzaroff reports the following details: "In the fighting of July 31, the operations were not decisive. The action of the Japanese on our east front on July 30 continued so that they were making an attack with their main forces on our south front near Oushoumontou towards Dapoutzua and Pkhalantoum.

"From dawn of July 31 we heard something on our right flank which obliged me to hurry down to the south front where at first from a battery and later from a range of hills, I directed the course of the fight. The battle began under the most favorable auspices for us. The first report I received was from Lieut.-Colonel Scholmer, who informed me that he was tenaciously holding his position, although he had only four guns. I ordered at first two companies and then a battalion to reinforce him, although he did not ask for support.

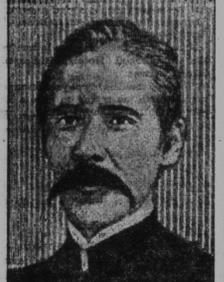
"Simultaneously with the attack on the heights, the centre of our position, the Japanese directed an attack against Major-General Miskelen's detachment and against our right flank.

"The beginning of the fighting showed the superiority of our artillery over that of the Japanese. Not only did our batteries silence the Japanese guns previously in position in absolute to prevent them leaving their positions, but the batteries

THE OPPOSING COMMANDERS.



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sustained no loss and were able to develop their fire at their leisure.

"At 10 o'clock I received the following note from Lieut.-Col. Solomky: "The Japanese turning movement has been stopped, the enemy sustaining enormous losses. We have many wounded. Captain Golitsinsky was killed. The wounded include two officers and a surgeon. I am making a first aid bandage."

"Simultaneously with the receipt of this report it was seen that our detachment had evacuated three crosses of the mountain range. It was evident that Solomky had too strong a force to cope with and had been obliged to give ground somewhat. He continued, however, to hold his position.

"After reinforcing Solomky with two battalions and afterwards with two and three-quarters battalions and desiring to centerize the command of those troops, I detached Colonel Potvotsh Levopatz with orders to take command of all troops engaged in that position.

"The fusillade continued on our right flank without becoming threatening. Our artillery continued to crush the enemy's artillery with its fire, although the Japanese had brought mountain and field guns into action.

Six Guns Abandoned. "At 3.40 p. m. I received a report that a regiment posted at the extreme right flank had retired from its position in the mountains, leaving behind its six guns. Six disabled guns were abandoned. Two officers were killed and two wounded. The commander of a battery was injured.

"Before this had happened the Japanese had placed two more batteries on the left of those which had previously taken up their position there and with their batteries on the extreme left they began to bombard our factory as well as to outflank the right flank of our formation. This was the cause of the destruction of our factory and the serious loss of troops of our right flank. The battery was completely shattered but at the beginning of the action we succeeded in saving four guns, while four others were left on the field, completely disabled. Of these four, however, two had to be spiked and abandoned owing to lack of horses.

"With the view of distracting the attention of the Japanese from our right flank I directed Colonel Levopatz at 4 o'clock, when the heat had diminished, to order that soldiers take off their equipment and assume the offensive.

"To suppress this offensive movement I ordered our batteries to open a hot fire on the ridge held by the Japanese. The fire of our guns which had previously been leaving their positions, but the batteries

YORK COUNTY HIGHWAY MEN.

Minister Held Up and Robbed of Valuables By Two Men.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Little Southampton Child Got in Front of His Father's Mowing Machine and Had Foot Cut Off at the Ankle—Young Englishman Drowned at St. Marys—U. N. B. Graduate Gets Good Position.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 4.—(Special)—There have been two daring hold ups within the past two days near Dumfries Ridge, parish of Douglas, that have got the residents of that section thoroughly terrorized and which demand the immediate attention of the authorities in order that the country may be free of the prowling highwaymen. A visitor to the city tells of the Rev. Mr. Stevens being held up yesterday, while going through the country on his bicycle. He was riding along the road near Jones' Forks when two men threw some stuff out on the road to stop him going along and when he jumped from his bicycle they grabbed him and made him hand over his money. He happened to have on his person.

This morning William Morris, of Caverhill, came very near being the victim of a similar holdup. He was driving to this city from his home behind his spirited team of driving horses when a man jumped out from the bushes and tried to grab his horses by the bridles.

Mr. Morris and his horses were summoned and made the little sufferer as comfortable as possible and it is hoped to save his life, although he is in a precarious condition. The parents, as can well be imagined, are prostrated with grief over the occurrence.

Gerard H. Woodward, a young Englishman, who came out from the old country recently, and located with Mr. Bowdler, at St. Marys, in the orchard business, was drowned last evening while swimming with a number of companions opposite St. Marys. Young Woodward was W. P. Taylor appeared for petitioner and T. M. Jones, A. J. Gregory, Havelock Coy, T. C. Hartley, H. P. McLeod and A. R. Slipp for various parties interested.

Chancellor Harrison received a letter today from Frank Allen at Cornell University saying in part: "I have received a telegram from Winnipeg stating that I have been appointed to the chair of physics at the University of Manitoba at a salary of \$2,500 per annum."

Mr. Allan graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1885 with first class honors in experimental physics and chemistry, also winning the alumni gold medal of that year. In 1887 he took the degree of M. A. and in 1890 he was given a fellowship in physics at Cornell University and at the time of the appointment he was the senior instructor in that department at Cornell University.

PRIVATE PERRY AT MONTREAL TONIGHT. Public Reception to Be Given Winner of King's Prize Saturday Night.

Montreal, Aug. 4.—(Special)—Private Perry, winner of the King's prize, will arrive here tomorrow night on the Bevanian. He will be met by Col. Gordon, D. O. C., and staff officers Saturday night. Arrangements have been made for a public reception at the drill hall.

ST. JOHN VALLEY ROAD MAY NOW BE BUILT.

TO CLIP THE WINGS OF TOBACCO TRUST.

Minister Brodeur Introduces Resolution to Aid Independent Concerns.

Resolution to Give Bounty to Oil Producers Passes—Anti-Cigarette Bill Slattered—Other News of Parliament.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—(Special)—On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it was decided this forenoon that the house should sit on Saturday.

The election act was read a third time. Mr. Alcorn moved an amendment that two weeks be given between nomination and polling in the constituencies of Chicoutimi, Saguenay and Gaspé, in Quebec, and Yale, Carleton, Kootenay and Comox-Adlin, in British Columbia, and that the election be held on the same day in these constituencies as in the other parts of Canada. This was lost, and the bill was read a third time.

To Stop Tobacco Monopoly. Mr. Brodeur proceeded with his resolution to cancel any license where a manufacturer in Canada, both east and west, makes a sale of his goods subject to the conditions that the purchaser shall not sell or deal in goods of a like kind produced by any other manufacturer or dealer. The license will also be cancelled to any manufacturer who had not or refuse a commission for the same reason.

All independent tobacco companies and dealers in Canada, both east and west, petitioned for this legislation, which was to prevent the Empire Tobacco Company and the American Tobacco Company making a contract with their customers which had for their object the crushing out of independent companies. These contracts created a monopoly for these tobacco companies. Judge McLaughlin, who investigated this matter, being appointed to do so. It was in accordance with that report that he (Brodeur) was now bringing in this legislation.

The same persons practically who controlled the Canadian company were in the American trusts. The capital stock of the company in 1890 was \$25,000,000, and it had now been increased by water and otherwise to \$30,000,000. The company controlled the cigarette business as well as the tobacco business. They are engaged in crushing out the Canadian independent companies. Of the five Canadian companies only three now remain. Two of them were crushed out by this monopoly.

The minister declared that the Canadian industry was not going to be crushed out by the American trusts. Canada was going to be a free country, and was not going to be controlled by foreign corporations. It was the duty of Canadians to see that this was not going to happen, and it was with that view that he proposed the legislation which was now before the house. He was simply asking parliament to make the company stop the exclusive contracts they were making. Mr. Brodeur also referred to the large sum which the company was spending in advertisements.

George Taylor (Conservative whip) opposed Brodeur's resolution.

Conservative Support Resolution. Mr. Spronle said that if they attacked the companies, they would be attacking the government every day. He attacked the leather combine, but the government did not do so. There was also the Standard Oil combine, there was the shipping trust, and the iron and steel combine, and the operations here. Remember he was not opposed to this resolution because if the government was attacking all the combines along the line it deserved credit for this measure. He would therefore support it. Mr. Gourley supported the bill.

Cigarette Bill Slattered. Mr. MacLaren, of Huntington, took the opportunity of referring to say a few words about his cigarette bill which was to go down among the slaughtered innocents, which to his mind did not get that hearty support which it deserved. He, however, supported the resolution of the minister of inland revenue, which was interfering with the Canadian tobacco trade. The resolution was passed and a bill would have been introduced but Taylor objected to it, and this could not be done without the consent of the house.

Reduction in Oil Duty Passed. Mr. Fielding moved his resolution providing that there shall be a bounty of one and one-half cents per gallon on all crude petroleum produced from wells in Canada after the 8th of June, 1904, and on crude petroleum produced from wells in Canada and held in store on that date. The minister of trade and commerce will make the necessary regulations to collect this.

Mr. Clancy (Liberal) criticized the resolution from the view point of oil industry. He wanted the duty on refined oil to remain at five cents and the duty on crude oil to be reduced to two and a half cents. The minister of finance, he said, was led by bad counsel.

Armstrong (Liberal) supported Clancy. Mr. Fielding charged that opposition to press his opinion to a vote on the reduction of the oil duty. The resolution was adopted and the bill put through all its stages.

A big delegation was here today from the Canadian manufacturers asking Mr. Lock to make modifications in connection with his alien labor bill.

Plans Filed Yesterday by McKenzie & Mann With Railway Department.

It Will Be a Branch of Their Transcontinental Line, and Will Run from Fredericton to This City—Main Line Will Run Across the Province to Moncton, and Thence to Country Harbor, N. S.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—(Special)—The enterprising and energetic firm of Mackenzie & Mann, undaunted by the advent of the G. T. Pacific in the field of trans-continental transportation, continues steadily at work on their project for a line of railways across the province from the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific.

At the last session of parliament a bill introduced by H. J. Logan, Cumberland, was passed, chartering the Quebec, New Brunswick & Nova Scotia Railway. The plans of the route proposed to be traversed by the new company, which were filed today with the minister of railways, are signed by D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann.

The route located is from a point on the Great Northern railway near Quebec, across the new Quebec bridge and on the valley of the Hochelaim river to the international boundary.

A branch is laid down on the map from the main line down the valley of the St. John river to the city of St. John (N. B.). Mackenzie & Mann, it is understood, have already secured connections between Quebec and the great lakes via the Great Northern, which connects with the Canada Atlantic railway, affording a very direct route to Depot Harbor.

Crossing the state of Maine, an air line is taken with Woodstock (N. B.) as the objective point. From Woodstock the line will run to Fredericton, thence via Moncton through the northern portion of the counties of Westmorland and Cumberland to Pagnyville.

From Pagnyville the company proposes to utilize the short line of the Intercolonial to New Glasgow, where they will connect with the proposed line which Mackenzie & Mann are constructing to Country Harbor (N. S.), the proposed new Atlantic port.

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Some of His Clothing With a Photo of Toronto Girl and Letter Threatening to Kill Himself, in the Pockets.

New York, Aug. 4.—The finding of some clothing in which was a note threatening suicide, on the Speedway at 182nd street, and Harlem River, today leads the police to believe that a suicide has been committed at that point. Among other things found in the clothing was a letter addressed to Prof. A. J. Wirtz, piano soloist, 88 Clinton street, Buffalo, (N. Y.), and following note: "I have kept my word and made good, proving that I am no coward. A. J. Wirtz."

A cabinet photograph of a good looking young woman was also found in the pockets. On the back was written: "Miss Carrie Boyd, Toronto, Ontario."

A letter which was received at police headquarters signed "Albert J. Wirtz," said that the writer was about to kill himself, and added that if they would go to a hotel in East Fourteenth street, they would find his effects and other letters. The police went there and found in the room occupied by a man who registered that name, a trunk, other clothing and two football letters. One was a short note identical with that found in the clothing. The other which began by asking that it be published in the newspapers and theatrical journals, was signed "Brooklyn and Toronto," said that the writer was tired of living, being afflicted with an incurable disease.

ST. JOHN SCHOONER ASHORE AT GRAND MANAN. The Three Sisters Grounds in a Fog—Was Bound to New York With Cargo of Laths.

St. Andrews, N. B., Aug. 4.—(Special)—The tern schooner Three Sisters, Capt. John for New York with a cargo of laths went ashore on Sand Beach on the north side of Grand Manan during a thick fog at 6 o'clock this morning. She was resting easy this afternoon and would probably come off. Captain Price reports the fore-foot tarried away.

The Three Sisters is owned by Captain James Price and others and is a fine schooner of about 300 tons. She sailed from St. John on Tuesday.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AT TORONTO, SEPT. 3.

Toronto, Aug. 4.—(Special)—Dates have been fixed for the visit of the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury to Toronto. He will arrive Saturday, September 3, and spend that day and the following one here. There will be special services in St. James' cathedral Sunday in honor of his visit.

NOT ENOUGH WIND FOR SEAWANHAKA CUP RACE.

Montreal, Aug. 4.—(Special)—The first race between the American challenger White Bear and Canadian defender Voornaa, for the Seawanhaka Cup, was prevented today by the absence of wind. The yachts were at the starting point, but it was so calm no attempt was made to send them off.

Russell Says 88 Years Old.

New York, Aug. 4.—Russell Sage, the financier, was 88 years of age today and observed the anniversary by attending to business as usual.