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U. S. CRUISER TURNS TURTLE
FOUNDERS OFF ATLANTIC COASTThe American Warship Yankee Winds Up a Series of Mishaps
By Going to the Bottom—Officers and Crew
Make Their Escape.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.—The United States cruiser Yankee, which was floated yesterday, after having been aground on a reef at the entrance to Buzzard's Bay for several weeks, sank early today off Pinkie Island. The 150 members of the cruiser's crew were landed safely. Details are lacking but the vessel is reported to have turned turtle while proceeding under low speed to this city. Naval men say she can be raised again.

The cause of today's accident, the culmination of a series of misfortunes, was an unusually heavy sea kicked up by a high west gale. In the gale and heavy seas, the hawseers had parted

for the tenth time, and the tug John Harlan was trying to connect another towing line when she was lifted on a wave and slammed against the side of the cruiser. The impact smashed in a port in the compartment, where the three air compressors were at work. Water, which poured in through the open port, disabled the air pumps, after which the compartment rapidly filled. Before she could be beached, the cruiser sank in 42 feet of water. She went down in a sheltered position and took bottom on an even keel, resting on sand. Her forward deck, spars and the top of her funnel are above the surface of the water. It is believed she can be refloated.

Oil Fumes Kill Man and Bird
Strange Phenomena in Mexico

Noxious Gases Spread Destruction Over Leagues of Country.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Fumes so strong that all metals in a town sixty miles away are turning black, buzzards, parrots and other birds are dying in great numbers, and the eyesight of many people far away is affected, are announced as among the remarkable results of the great flow of the Mexican oil well at Dosobas, Mexico. Since the recent fierce conflagration there, which, as published at the time, consumed several million barrels of oil during its almost two months' continuance, the best engineering skill on both sides of the Mexican-United States boundary line has been engaged in the effort to control

the flow and conserve the oil. Immense earthen reservoirs and dikes have been built but the oil passed over these with ease, and spread over the Laguna for several miles. Men and animals, reports consul Griffith at Tampico, are dying from the effects of the noxious gases constantly thrown off in great quantities by the wells. Ozuama, a town in Vera Cruz state leagues distant, and Tampico, 65 miles distant, are experiencing the blackening of metal from this cause, and all ships entering Tampico from Vera Cruz, and passing the oil well, show the effects of the poisonous gas. Consul Griffith says it has been authoritatively reported that two laborers with ten miles, encountered a current of the deadly fumes at a distance from the well, and were instantly killed. The Diaz Government has sent to the well three hundred sappers to assist the company and protect the lives and property of the people living and working in that vicinity.

Warlike Movements of Austrians

Vienna, Dec. 4.—Two steamers of the Hungarian Croatian Line, with troops aboard, left Flume today under sealed orders. Two other steamers will follow tomorrow. It is supposed that their destination is Cattara, a seaport of Austria, on the Adriatic, contiguous to Montenegrin territory.

Warlike rumors continue in circulation, but on official denials today prices

on the bourse advanced considerably and an optimistic feeling prevails in official circles. With reference to a reported frontier fight between Hungarians and Montenegrins at Bilek, in which it was alleged that a Hungarian, Lieut. Trierler, had been killed, the Government tonight made absolute denial of the report. It explains that Trierler committed suicide owing to a love affair.

SIGNS OF WRECK
ON SUPERIOR

May Belong to Detroit Coal Vessel Commanded by Windsor Captain.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 5.—Boats arriving at the Canadian docks confirm the rumors of wreckage floating in Lake Superior, near Crisp Point, which locality is known as the graveyard of Lake Superior. So far efforts to obtain the name of the wrecked steamer have been unavailable.

The top of the vessel's pilot house was seen, and also hatches about four by eight feet and small timber. It is possible the boat is the Tampa, of Detroit, owned by Henry Wineman, with coal for Fort William. She is commanded by Captain Gordon, of Windsor, Ont., and carried a crew of seventeen men.

Her owners think she is sheltered somewhere.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The statement of public revenue and expenditures for the first eight months of the present fiscal year, as reported to the finance department up to the end of the month, shows a total revenue of \$55,115,227, a total expenditure of \$55,376,857, and a total expenditure on capital account of \$22,155,294. The great bulk of the latter was, of course, on the National Transcontinental Railway. As compared with the corresponding period of last year there is a decrease of \$11,547,200 in revenue, an increase of \$3,323,501 in expenditure on consolidated fund account, and an increase of \$5,501,907 in capital expenditure. The decrease in revenue is accounted for mainly by the falling off of \$10,175,378 in the customs receipts and \$480,756 in excise. The postoffice revenue increased by \$77,900.

THE "SOO" IS HAPPY
STEEL MILLS REOPEN

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 5.—An unexpected rush of orders has brought the announcement from the Lake Superior Company that the rail mills of the Algoma Steel Company will resume on Monday with prospects of continuous operation. Prospects of a gloomy Christmas for a thousand men are thus banished, and there is general rejoicing here in consequence.

PROTESTS IN QUEBEC

Four in the Montreal Districts and Four in Quebec.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 5.—There is a difference of opinion in the legal fraternity as to whether yesterday or today is the last legal date for the filing of election protests, but so far as known all the protests which are to be entered in the province of Quebec have been filed with the proper authorities. These recorded protests, of which four are in the Montreal district and four in the Quebec district.

No protests have been entered in the city of Montreal. All the seats contested on the usual grounds are Liberals with the exception of the Montreal district where Brown, in Chateaugay, Robb in Huntingdon, Fortier in Lotbiniere, and Hodgins in Montcalm.

In the Quebec district are: Turcotte in Quebec County, Roy in Montmagny, Talbot in Bellechasse, and Ross in Rimouski. The election of Mr. William Price in Quebec West is contested. The petition was filed this morning. It is signed by a man named Neville, hotelkeeper. The petitioner asks that the election of Mr. Price be declared null and void, because of corruption, and that Mr. Price be disqualified. It is stated on good authority that the election of Mr. Forget in the county of Charlevoix, and the election of the Conservative candidate in the district of the Saguenay will also be contested.

SUICIDE IN A CELL

Lindsay, Dec. 5.—Wm. Brooks, the young man who escaped jail last week and who was captured Sunday at Pefferlaw, committed suicide in his cell this morning by hanging himself with a towel. He was serving a term for horse-stealing.

A NATURE STUDY



This lady is not really carrying a young Polar bear—it is only one of the new muffs.

Collegiate Will Not Open on Monday

The Collegiate Institute will not open on Monday next. "The school will open, perhaps, Wednesday next," said Dr. Niven, chairman of the board of health. "The regulations call for a 12-days' quarantine of any building in which smallpox has been discovered, and as that term is not up until next Wednesday, the school will not open until then." Dr. Hutchinson said the same thing, and as a consequence Collegiate Institute pupils need not worry about attending school on Monday morning next.

\$5,000 For Tuberculosis Hospital
Finance Committee Will Ask It

Action Decided Upon at Meeting Held Yesterday—Will Be for Poor Patients.

At a meeting of No. 1 committee yesterday afternoon, it was decided to submit a bylaw calling for the issuing of \$5,000 debentures for the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital in the city. That was the only matter discussed at the committee meeting and it was soon disposed of. Ald. Beattie, in bringing the question up said that all were agreed that something should be done. The difficulty was where such a hospital should be. He had talked the matter over with a number of

people, and the best way was to submit a bylaw to the people setting aside a certain sum of money for a consumptive hospital for the indigent patients in the city.

In answer to a question by Ald. Ferguson, he thought that \$5,000 would be sufficient.

Ald. Ferguson then moved that the council be recommended to submit such a bylaw and it carried.

The Legislature will be asked shortly to grant legislation to enable the city to make use of the Blair grant for consumptives.

Dr. John D. Wilson pointed out the grant of \$5,000 would be increased by \$4,000 from the Government, giving the city \$9,000 for such an institution. Those present were Ald. Beattie, chairman, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Parsons, Mayor Stevely and Secretary Baker.

Members Promise To Aid Western
To Develop Into Strong University

Board of Governors Hear Excellent and Encouraging Reports.

The future of the Western University was discussed at some length at the meeting of the board of governors last night.

Several letters were read from prominent members of the Legislature in Western Ontario, promising that they would do all in their power to further interests of the Western.

Among these were communications from Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition, who promised to do what he could to develop a strong university here; Mr. A. H. Musgrave, M. P., East Huron; W. Proudfoot, M. P., West Huron; P. H. Bowyer, M. P., Markdale, and others.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—5-8 a.m.

Moderate winds; fair and decidedly colder today and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	22	29
Calgary	24	34
Winnipeg	20	16
Port Arthur	12	10
Perry Sound	2	16
Toronto	18	20
Montreal	20	22
Quebec	8	4
Father Point	20	20
Lewiston	22	22
Atlin	18	38
Victoria	22	20
Kamloops	10	20
Edmonton	4	22
Battleford	20	20
Prince Albert	20	20
Qu'Appelle	16	6
St. John	12	22
Halifax	12	40
Minus (—) means below zero.		

WEATHER NOTES.
A severe cold wave is centred to the northward of Lake Superior, indicating decidedly cold conditions from the lakes to the Atlantic.

CANADA IRON
PLANTS ABSORBED

Montreal, Dec. 5.—A Hamilton industry, the Canadian Iron and Foundry Company, has just been brought into a large concern, known as the Canada Iron Corporation, Limited. The new company has a capital of \$8,000,000, and has taken over a number of iron plants in Canada, including the Canada Car Wheel Works in Montreal, and works at Three Rivers, Que., Fort William, St. Thomas and Hamilton, Ont., and London, N. S.

Formal transfer of the properties was made on Wednesday, the consideration being \$1,957,000. The financing is done chiefly in London, Thos. J. Drummond, of Montreal, is president, and the directors include George Cudewill, of New York.

THEFT MYSTERY
IN QUAKER CITY

Member of Exclusive Set Found Dead in Her Home.

AND FORTUNE IN JEWELS GONE

Death of Eccentric Wealthy Widow and Disappearance of Valuable Cause of Great Sensation.

New York, Dec. 5.—A Philadelphia dispatch to the World says:

Jewels valued at \$75,000, costly furs, a copy of an old masterpiece valued at \$15,000, Paris gowns and hats and opera cloaks are included in the inventory of valuables reported missing from the residence of Mrs. George Wood, who was found dead Oct. 13, in her home, 1229 North Broad street.

The death of Mrs. Wood and the disappearance of her valuables are surrounded by mystery. Mrs. Wood, who was conspicuous in society, numbered among her friends some of Philadelphia's exclusive set, and among the beneficiaries of her will, were titled foreigners and distinguished Americans. She was the widow of George Wood, former American manager of the Royal Insurance Company.

Owner Found Dead.

Mrs. Wood had been dead possibly 12 hours when the body was discovered. An employee of the American District Telegraph Company made the discovery. Several hours later Dr. Thomas Morton, coroner's physician, after examination of the body, reported death was due to valvular heart disease. The coroner's deputy and another attaché, Frank Kitt, took possession of the premises. Valuable jewels were found littered about in profusion.

Mrs. Wood lived alone, and it is supposed she died alone. She was considered eccentric. Though she had friends and acquaintances, she spent her days and nights in the big house unaccompanied and unattended.

Valuables Carried Off.

After finding of the body, the house, so Mrs. Wood's friends say, was the scene of confusion. Strangers tramped through the rooms, valuables were piled up and taken away. Police sergeants, city hall detectives, coroner's officials were present, but in spite of these, Mrs. Wood's friends say, robbery was committed. There was great surprise when it was known that the trustees under the will of the Girard Trust Company, and two women members of an old family, Miss Sophie Borie and Miss Catharine Craig Biddle, had been unable to find many of the valuables enumerated in the will. The trustees have confirmed the report regarding the disappearance of jewels and works of art.

\$10,000 Gem Gone.

The man who found Mrs. Wood dead, said that when he discovered her she had on two bracelets, one a circle of diamonds, which is accounted for. The other valued at \$10,000, a gold chain set alternately with rubies and diamonds, cannot be found.

A copy of Leonardo Da Vinci's famous "Mona Lisa," a picture not more than ten inches long, is missing. This painting, done by one of the master's pupils, was the rarest and best in the wealthy widow's collection. She has placed a valuation of \$15,000 on it.

Among the clauses in the will of Mrs. Wood are several leaving personal belongings to prominent society women, and to two of her friends abroad, the Countess Antoinette Arco Valley, to whom she left \$10,000, and the Countess Sormani-Moretto, of Venice, to whom she bequeathed a pearl ring, a diamond crescent pin, and her royal ermine coat.

DENNA DIES OF WOUNDS

Milroy, Who Ran Amuck in Kenora, Faces Murder Charge.

Kenora, Dec. 5.—Richard Denna, one of the four men shot in a shanty, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. A murder charge will now be made against Milroy, who showed not the slightest emotion on being told of the death.

ROUSING MEETING OF LIBERALS
GREETED HUGH GUTHRIE, M. P.Hyman Hall Filled to Overflowing at Reopening Last Night—A
Splendid Address by a Brilliant Liberal Member
From Guelph.

There was a great crowd of Liberals at the opening meeting in Hyman Hall last night, when Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M. P., of Guelph, delivered a splendid address on the history of the Liberal party. It was a very lucid speech, full of facts and principles, and a decided treat to the Liberals present. After the speeches, refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

President's Address.

Mr. F. G. Rumball, president of the Liberal Association, was in the chair. He was delighted to see so many Liberals present. It was a certain sign that the Liberal party was not dead in London. (Cheers.) He declared that it was the intention of the party to hold meetings at intervals all winter, and to secure a noted speaker for each meeting. Hyman Hall was the home of the Liberals of London, and he wanted them to feel that it was their home. It would be open at all times, and every Liberal would be welcomed. It was necessary to prepare for the elections to be held four years hence, and the best time to prepare was now. He was glad to announce that Mr. Hugh Guthrie was present, and would address the meeting. Mr. Guthrie was one of the coming young men, and he was sure his speech would be interesting and profitable.

Ovation for Mr. Guthrie.

On rising, Mr. Guthrie was given a magnificent ovation. He declared that he was proud to be a Liberal. He was indeed honored in being invited to address the Liberals of London. The history of the party in London had been an inspiration to Liberals everywhere. Their splendid fighting spirit generally against heavy odds, made them admired everywhere. London had been the hotbed of political strife and opinion, and its influence had gone abroad. Referring to the recent campaign, he declared that it had been most satisfactory to the Liberal party, and would, indeed, also be most satisfactory to the country.

Miss Mr. Hyman.

"In the battle a few men have gone down," said the speaker. "The one who was missed was Mr. C. S. Hyman, one of the best and most popular members of the House had ever had. (Cheers.) Few men were held in as high regard or esteem as Charlie Hyman. From the back benches to the front row

his absence was regretted. Canada was never better served in its largest spending department than when Charlie Hyman was minister of public works. I hope that his absence is only temporary, and that he will soon be back in his place in the House." (Cheers.)

Laurier's Victory.

The Laurier Government was returned by practically its old majority. It had gone to the country on its record, and the people had believed that their interests had been served. It was the boast of Conservatives that in Ontario the Liberal party would be practically annihilated, but when the returns were in Ontario had held its own. (Cheers.) The Liberal Government owed a record of twelve years' good government. The Conservatives offered nothing but alleged scandal and mudslinging, in which the people took little or no stock.

Standards for Principles.

Liberalism now, as always, stood for principles. These principles have abided for centuries. Today they are in the ascendant in Germany, with its monarchical government; in France with its Republican government; in the United States, and also in Canada and England. The Liberal party stood for the uplifting of the common people, and they had stood for those principles often at the point of the sword. (Cheers.) He spoke of the condition of England in the twelfth century. The people were enslaved. The government there was none. The poor man was oppressed, and held in abject slavery. After eight centuries of Liberal policy, England today stands in the proud position at the head of nations. That position was due alone to the adoption of Liberal principles, the policies of the people. (Applause.) The party took step by step, fighting for every inch of advantage, and today the battle must still go on. Every man should have equal rights, and an equal chance for life. That was Liberalism. (Cheers.)

Platform of 1896.

Those principles were avowed in 1896 and they have been adhered to ever since. Every man was dealt with justly, and when after 12 years of service the Government appealed to the people, on its record, the country said, "We still have confidence in you," and from the Atlantic to the Pacific they rallied to the support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. (Continued on Page Twelve.)

Asquith Drops Education Measure

London, Dec. 4.—"What will Mr. Asquith do now?" is the question on every tongue today when the announcement was made that the Government had decided to drop the education bill. With the licensing bill rejected by the House of Lords, and the education bill dropped because it pleased nobody, the Asquith cabinet remains with its old age pension act and nothing else worth speaking of to its credit. In some quarters it is suggested that the Government will drop the campaign against the Lords; in other words, that it will seek electoral safety by fresh radical and socialist legislation. But the best opinion tonight is that Mr. Asquith will take refuge in the traditional policy of filling up the cup. That the Lords' cup will be filled from the Atlantic to the Pacific the most sanguine Tory could have hoped for a few months ago is a pretty general impression.

Rebel Army Enters Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 5.—The revolutionary army, 8,000 men strong, marched into Port-au-Prince at 8 o'clock this morning. General Antoin

Simon was at its head, and he was given an ovation by the people of the city. The entrance of the soldiers was orderly, and discipline is being maintained.

Capt. Case Seems Assured of Position

There is no doubt that Capt. John Case will be appointed assistant chief of the fire department at the council meeting on Monday night.

A large number of aldermen have declared in favor of his promotion, and there is the feeling abroad that he should be given the place. The examination that he was asked to submit to he has refused to take, and his position is backed up by a majority of the aldermen on the board.

"I supported Assistant Chief Aitken for the position of chief because I thought it would give John Case a promotion," said Ald. Parsons. "Mr. Aitken told me at the time that he would be perfectly satisfied if Mr. Case were given the position. If he goes back on that position he breaks his word with me. I will certainly move that Capt. Case be given the place. He is worthy of it, and deserves promotion. I will insist on his getting the position."

A Bold Hold-Up on Grey Street

Bernard Boyle, an employee of the bridge building department of the Grand Trunk, who resides at 570 Grey street, was held up on Adelaide street near the Grand Trunk crossing, at 10:30 last evening, and relieved of about \$2 by Frank Call, it is alleged. Call was located by P. C. Noonan this morning, and is now at the Carling street station.

Boyle was walking on Adelaide street when, it is said, Call stepped out and struck him on the head, stunning him.

He then departed with the contents of his victims pockets, it is alleged. When Boyle recovered sufficiently he followed his assailant up Adelaide street to Dundas, where he saw him enter the Duke of York Hotel. He then notified the police by phone. P. C. Fowler got on the job and soon located Call, who reached the C. P. R. roundhouse in record time, the officer following. The chase ended there, Call succeeding in doing a disappearing act. He was arrested at noon in the city hall arcade by P. C. Noonan.

Honduras Governor Here For Hindus

Montreal, Que., Dec. 5.—Brigadier-General Eric Swayne, governor of British Honduras, who is in the city, leaves for Ottawa today to confer with the Government with reference to the col-

ony of which he is the ruler. He states that the Hindus can be employed in Honduras in such a manner and at such employment that there will be no objection from white labor or Europeans.