

STEAMER RAN INTO.

While Star Republic Ramm'd by Unknown Vessel. No Lives Lost, But Engine Room Full of Water.

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Boston, Jan. 23.—The White Star steamer Republic, rammed by an unknown vessel, is in distress off Nantucket. The Republic sailed from New York yesterday for Mediterranean ports with 200 first-class passengers on board.

New York, Jan. 23.—The White Star Line officials in this city have received the following message from Capt. Sealby, of the steamer Republic, off Nantucket:

"When 200 miles south of Nantucket lightship this morning was run into by an unknown vessel; engine room full of water. Can remain afloat, no danger; no lives lost."

Officials of the White Star Line also received a message by wireless from the Captain of the steamer Republic, saying that the Baltic would proceed to the assistance of the public. The Baltic was bound from Liverpool for New York and had reached a point off the easterly end of Long Island, about 115 miles from New York, when she received word of the collision.

Among the 220 first-class passengers on board the Republic are General Brayton Ives, Prof. John M. Coulter, Rev. Thaddeus A. Snively, Capt. Dr. E. A. Ehrenfeld, Samuel P. McGovern, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Cowles and family, Dr. John A. Caven, Alexander S. Bell, Count Raymond, Rev. J. W. Ward, Dr. A. G. Wagers and Dr. Martin E. Waldstein.

IS VERY ILL.

Lynden Woman Stricken With Paralysis on James Street

Mrs. George Kitchen, a well-known resident of Lynden, was the victim of a paralytic stroke this morning. Mrs. Kitchen came to town on the early G. T. R. train and boarded a street car to go to the market. Just as she stepped off the car in front of the City Hall she collapsed and fell to the ground unconscious. Constables Gibbs and Birch were called and carried her to the sidewalk and the ambulance was summoned. She was taken to the City Hospital where it was discovered that she was suffering from a severe stroke. Mrs. Kitchen is in a critical condition, but Dr. McNichol, who is attending her, has hopes that she will recover.

DUKE DE ABRUZZI.

The Only One Who Has Ascended Mount St. Elias.

Washington, Jan. 23.—That the Duke De Abruzzi is the only man who has succeeded in reaching the top of Mount St. Elias in Alaska, was brought out in the consideration by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs of the appropriation asked for marking the Alaska boundary. This mountain is one of the peaks which are crossed by the boundary line and is an evidence of the difficulties attending the work of marking the boundary between Alaska and Canada. The State Department has asked for \$25,000 for this work, in addition to the regular appropriation of \$75,000.

REUNION

Of the Boys of the Y. M. C. A. Summer Camp.

The social committee of the junior department of the Y. M. C. A. held a camp reunion last night. About 75 boys gathered and spent one of the most delightful evenings they have had since the camp broke up in the fall. A very unique programme was run off in the boys' room after which they all retired to the main lecture room down stairs, where they indulged in an outdoor camp breakfast. While the boys were making merry upstairs, the old cook was busy down in the kitchen making the skilley, and preparing the Cosy Island redouts. Mr. Ed. Smith, chairman of the social committee, was responsible for the evening, and much credit is due him for his success. Mr. Roy Cousins stood at his post all evening, and deserves congratulation for his faithful service. Some of the committee forgot themselves and went off to watch the ladies play basketball. Messrs. W. Smith and Wallace Lees did some good impersonating, and Mr. John Bainbridge quite excelled himself in his issue of the noted "Smooter." When the National Anthem was sung the boys felt that the evening had gone all too soon, and hope that the social committee will get busy again before long.

WANT MORE WAGES.

Manila, Jan. 23.—The launch men and lighter men of Manila Harbor have struck for higher wages and shorter hours. They also demand various other concessions from ship owners.

Fine English Briar Pipes.

B. B. English briar pipes are guaranteed perfect in material and workmanship. Every pipe that bears this stamp is the best quality. They are sold in this city at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

2 BOYS DROWNED WHILE SKATING

Fatality in Rear of Grant-Spring Brewery at Noon To-day.

On a small pond in rear of the property of the Grant Spring Brewery on Bay street, two small boys lost their lives this morning. One of the boys was named Taylor, his mother living at 32 Mill street. He is 9 or 10 years of age.

Taylor and a companion about the same age, an Italian whose name the police could not learn, went skating on the pond, which is near the corner of Caroline and Mulberry streets. The ice was soft, and both boys got in. Just how the accident happened is not known.

As soon as the alarm was given men from the brewery and others went to the scene and secured the body of Taylor, but up to press time the other had not been recovered, but the men were still searching.

The police and Dr. Griffin were notified and Crown Attorney Washington issued a precept for an inquest, to be opened this afternoon.

At 1 o'clock it was reported that two bodies had been recovered, and that search was being made for a third.

LONDON MAY TAKE CATARACT POWER.

Looks Like a Fight With Hydro in Beck's Home—City Hall News.

Cataract power, it is said, will be used by the London Electric Company in competition there with the Hydro-Electric scheme. It is reported that the London company has offered to sell out to the city at par, accepting city bonds as payment, to simplify the financing, but Hon. Mr. Beck has declared that the plant would be of no use to London, and it looks like a fight. Some of the aldermen there believe that competition of this sort would be ruinous to the city or the company, because the field is not large enough. C. B. Hunt, manager of the company, declares it is in the field to stay. The cataract power is at Brentford, and might easily be persuaded to come to London, was his rather significant comment.

The question, Mayor McLaren thinks that a ventilation system can be placed in the cells at little cost, and he believes that is what is most needed. Chairman Gardiner was a strong advocate of this last year.

The move to get another expert opinion on the power question will probably meet with strong opposition in the Council on Monday. Some of the aldermen who were through the power fight last year say that the city has the judge's ruling now that the contract is good, and the opinion of its solicitors, and should be able to deal with the question. They point out that there is no guarantee that another opinion would simplify matters, and they say it certainly would carry no weight in court if the company goes to law. They object to phoning the city into any more expense.

The opening of the new smallpox hospital, announced for this afternoon, has been postponed on account of the weather and the bad condition of the roads leading to the new building.

The Board of Health will hold its inaugural meeting at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, when Thomas Crooks will likely be elected chairman. The hospital Board meets on Tuesday afternoon.

City Engineer Barrow has taken measurements of the ice on the lake shore from the filtering basins, and notwithstanding the comparatively mild weather of this week, he found that the ice was piled up almost twenty feet high for a distance of 227 feet from the shore. He says this has little effect on the filtration.

The health report for the week shows five cases of scarlet fever, three of chickenpox and one each of diphtheria and smallpox.

The Markets Committee yesterday afternoon made an inspection of the property under its control, including the markets, weigh scales and police stations. The aldermen seemed to think that No. 3 police station should be replaced with a new building, but serious talk on this subject with an overdraft of \$112,000 facing the council is out of the question.

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The city engineer is preparing a statement showing the total value of the waterworks system.

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THREE KILLED.

Farmer, Wife and Stepdaughter Assassinated.

Amite City, Iowa, Jan. 23.—B. Bieland, a farmer, his wife and stepdaughter, were assassinated near Tickawau, yesterday. They were fired on from ambush while driving in a buggy.

BADLY BURNED.

London Woman's Feet and Legs Burned at Stove.

London, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mary Weaver, an old lady, living alone, was found last night lying against her stove fearfully burned. It is supposed that she came in from the cold, and sitting beside the hot fire, caused her to faint. Both feet and legs lay against the stove for a long time, and if she recovers Mrs. Weaver will be a cripple for life.

THE CAKE IS HERE.

The gigantic wedding cake for the McColm-Davis wedding here next Wednesday, arrived from Chicago to-day. It weighs about 700 pounds. As there is 35 cents per cent duty on pastry, the Customs people will take place. The groom-to-be is in the city and a large number of invited guests will arrive here to-morrow night.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Canadian Club will hold an open discussion in the museum of the Public Library on Monday the 25th, at 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to put the question of technical education in a tangible form, to bring before the Ontario Legislature. Those interested in obtaining a training school for teachers in the City of Hamilton are cordially invited to be present.

Attacks the Teeth.

Tartar attacks the enamel of the teeth and quickly destroys it, thereby leaving the tooth without its protection and it soon decays. Parke's Thymol Tooth Paste is the natural enemy of tartar. It cleans it from the teeth and arrests decay. It is antiseptic and keeps the teeth and gums in a healthy, natural condition. 15 and 25c. per tube. Parke & Parke, druggists.

A Working Passenger.

A persistent lawyer who had been trying to establish a witness suspicious connection with an offending railroad was at last elated by the witness' admission that he had worked on the railroad.

BIG WHARF FIRE.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 23.—Originating with the explosion of a lantern of a watchman on Pier 12, the most extensive wharf fire in the history of this port raged for three hours last night, practically burning itself out shortly before midnight, after destroying the entire wharf and wharf sheds, entailing an estimated loss of \$425,000.

"Ah," said the attorney, with a satisfied smile. "You say you have worked on the P. T. & X."

Bibbs—Some doctors order consumptives to drink whiskey. Slobbs—Which proves that a fellow may develop a strong breath in spite of weak lungs. "A good name is more to be desired than great riches," quoted the Wise Guy. "Perhaps," assented the Simple Mug, "but it doesn't carry so much weight at the bank."

EIGHTEEN IN CENTRAL.

Bogus Good Samaritan Who Stole Watch Goes Down.

David Graham Gets Another Chance to Do Right.

Two Wages Cases Before the Police Magistrate.

"Eighteen months in Central Prison," said Magistrate Jelfs at Police Court this morning when Crown Attorney Washington asked for the sentence of the court on Charles Heller, found guilty at the beginning of the week of robbing George Blair of his watch at Mary and King William streets on Monday night while the latter was under the influence of liquor, and Heller was acting the good Samaritan in taking him home. Heller took his sentence calmly. "You will be released this morning for sentence. The meeting to the worlds of the Magistrate is that if Dave gets out of town before Wednesday and stays out he will escape."

Judgment was entered against the Baynes Co. for \$8.40 wages due Thos. Colborne. T. H. Greer, for the defendant, entered notice of an appeal to the Division Court, as the firm had a counter claim which could not be dealt with in the Police Court.

Mrs. McNair sued W. H. Stewart for \$2 wages for cleaning up the defendant's kitchen. Stewart disputed the claim, which was \$1 a day for two days' work, and said that the woman worked only three hours one day, and at so much that she could not finish the work next day. When the Magistrate asked Mrs. McNair how she fixed the rate of \$1 a day when no agreement was made, she could not answer him.

"Do you belong to the Kitchen Cleaners' Union?" asked his Worship, and Mrs. McNair said she did not believe in unions. The case was dismissed, as the defendant had a set off against the wages claimed of the price of a certain year ago. Mrs. McNair had bought a year ago.

Samuel Casey, Wood Market, was fined \$2 for being drunk.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

In cutting off liquor licenses there are not a few people who think there should be some compensation for the men who lose. What's your idea?

The man who is cruel to his horse ranks next to the wife-beater. Both should get the lash.

Here's a chance now for some charitable person to come forward and pay off the overdraft.

Fifty thousand dollars would be needed by the city to carry the cataract fight to the foot of the throne, with ten chances to one that we would lose the battle. Are you willing to throw that money away?

Fewer licenses does not necessarily mean fewer hotels.

I believe that three-fifths of the people are opposed to the three-fifths clause.

John Knox, I notice, is a pretty good substitute for our Chicago friend, Mr. Blanchard. John is reasonable and sensible, if nothing else.

I see that two of the city choirs are to exchange places to-morrow. I have a dim recollection of recommending such an exchange a few months ago.

Now, if you would just take the weather as it comes and ask no questions, you would get along just as well. Keep your overcoat and your umbrella handy.

Yet ex-Mayor Stewart two years ago told the Legislative Committee that the city would have no more overdrafts, and would not again ask for permission to issue such debentures.

The Industrial Committee, however, won't be able to do much without an appropriation. That, of course, will have to come out of the overdraft.

Congratulations to John Milne, who is old enough to know better.

The caretaker will have to be careful in winding up the church furnace to-morrow not to overdo it.

How the aldermen vote on Monday night next will be almost certain to determine their fate at the polls next January. I suppose they know that.

If you are in good health, you are lucky and ought to be thankful. But I suppose you never give a thought to it, you are so absurdly healthy.

Is it to be the boy or the bar on Monday?

Then \$20,000 will have to be put in the estimates for the Children's Home, sweet home.

Don't forget gentlemen, to scatter a few of those new electric lights on Mount Hamilton. They're badly needed.

No, Maude, I don't think there are any political workers among the firemen. Why do you ask?

The worst of it is, none of the hotel men know which of them is to get it in the neck.

Don't worry. It might be worse. Many a man's fortune can be estimated in round numbers, thus—\$900,000.

QUEEN IS NOT SERIOUSLY ILL

False Report Comes by Way of Chicago ---Princess Victoria Sick.



QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 23.—A special cable to the Daily News from London says: "Queen Alexandra is seriously ill. She has been confined to her room for a fortnight and to her bed for a week. At first the trouble was merely a cold in the head, but it later developed into a severe case of influenza. The Queen is constantly attended by two physicians, and most of the time her fever has been high. Her suffering is said to be extreme. Her Majesty's immediate entourage is deeply concerned."

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Sandringham, Eng., Jan. 23.—Reports that Queen Alexandra was seriously ill and had been confined to her bed for a week are untrue. Her Majesty has been suffering from a slight cold for several days, but it did not confine her even to her room. She has practically recovered and expects to join King Edward at Windsor early next week. Her Majesty has been detained at Sandringham, not so much on her own account as on account of the Princess Victoria, who is suffering from a serious cold.

JURY DECIDED IN FAVOR OF BANNER

Cyrus Nawn's Action Against Dundas Newspaper Was Dismissed With Costs.

At the Assizes yesterday afternoon the libel action of Nawn vs. Dundas Banner was gone on with. Evidence was given by Henry Bertram, a former Mayor of the town, to the effect that Nawn had been before him on a charge of disorderly conduct, and had spent a term in Mimico School.

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Police constable Fraire, of Dundas, said that Nawn had given the police of the town a lot of trouble at different times, and there had been many complaints about him. He said he was not a good citizen.

William McPherson was called and gave important evidence. He said he was employed in the Banner printing office, setting type. He admitted setting up the head on the article complained of, on the machine, although it was not his regular line of work. The foreman had asked for the head to cover the stuff, and he also said that he had made a mistake in the heading, but that was not his regular line of work.

Mr. Smith, a relative of the plaintiff, gave evidence as to the character of Nawn, but was not able to proceed very far, before Mr. King, counsel for the defence, ascertained from the witness that Nawn has been a source of worry and anxiety to his friends and relatives for some time back.

This closed the case, and Mr. King thought the case ought to stop at this point without going to the jury. It had been clearly shown in the evidence that the defamatory matter, if there was any, had been inserted in the paper without the knowledge or consent of the editor, Mr. Robertson, and there was nothing to show that there was any malice against the plaintiff, and Mr. King submitted that the case should be decided without going to the jury.

His lordship decided, however, to let the case go to the jury, and he would reserve till after his decision his ruling as to liability.

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The fifteen-year-old son of Constable Duncan, 10 Elgin street, narrowly escaped a serious injury yesterday afternoon. He, with another lad, was sitting on the back of one of Mr. George Nichol's wagons, which was proceeding up Cannon, near Elgin street. The boys were watching a cow which was being driven up the street when the wagon struck something on the road and Duncan lost his balance and fell out on his head. He got up and walked to the sidewalk and then began to stagger around as if very dizzy. He was about to fall when Mr. Jack Leith, who happened to be in that vicinity, caught him and carried him into Cummer's office and telephoned for Dr. Hopkins. Restoratives were applied and the lad was soon able to walk home.

Knox Church Young Men's Union had an exceptionally good debate at its regular meeting this week. The subject was, "Resolved, That Women Have More Influence Than Men in the Morals of the World." Mr. T. M. Wright led for the affirmative and was supported by Mr. Wilson. For the negative Mr. W. E. Knapman led and Mr. S. Lees was his supporter. The various speeches were all good and the debate one of the best ever held by the Union. The judges, with Rev. E. A. Mitchell as chairman, declared it a draw.

The Union has begun practice for the annual concert on Feb. 26th.

The programme at the Alexandra roller rink will consist of fifteen choice skating numbers. Several new pieces of music have arrived this week.

AVALANCHE OF SNOW.

Four Men Buried in the Mass of Snow, Rocks and Dirt.

Will be Midsummer Before Their Bodies Can be Got.

Many Narrow Escapes—Forty Horses Carried Away.

Grand Junction, Col., Jan. 23.—Four men were killed and more than a score had narrow escapes from death when a fifty-foot high avalanche of snow swept over the Camp Bird mine at Ouray last yesterday. The four men were talking in the cook house when, almost without warning, the thousands of tons of snow, rocks and dirt came upon them in its frenzied rush down the mountain side. They were buried into the snow and covered with snow. It will be mid-summer before their bodies can be recovered.

Caught in the steep mountain trails of the mine when a great big dog, six or eight years old, and one of the best of his kind, was in the Camp Bird mine at Ouray last yesterday, carrying \$4,000 in gold and many passengers. It is feared they were in the path of the slide, and great anxiety is felt for their safety.

The men who escaped narrowly were working in the mine. The slide building was not in the path of the slide, but was close enough to tremble as the avalanche rushed by.

A teamster saw the slide coming, and, unthinking one of his horses, escaped on its back, the slide missing him by only a few inches.

"Dad" Austin, hero of many a wild ride through the mountains, and one of the stage drivers in the west, heard the slide when it started. He was driving a six-horse stage filled with people, and the horses were plunging along at a gallop when he recognized the sound. Instantly he threw all his weight on the brake, and succeeded in stopping the stage on the very edge of the avalanche. Two of the leading horses were cut off by the mass of snow and debris and carried down the canon hundreds of feet below.

The camp of the Azusafer freight gang was completely wrecked and one of the horses were carried into the canyon and buried.

DISCHARGED.

Miss Lottie Teeter Able to Leave Hospital This Morning.

Miss Lottie Teeter, of Grimsby, one of the seven people who were in the flattened sleigh which was struck by the express at Grimsby crossing last Saturday morning, and one of the two who escaped death, was discharged from St. Joseph's Hospital this morning about 10 o'clock and went home in care of her relatives. Up to the time of her leaving the institution Miss Teeter had not been informed of the terrible result of the accident and to her friends will fall the task of informing her that her five relatives are dead and buried. Dr. R. J. Smith was able to bring her around without an operation.

ST. JAMES'

Membership Competition Closes With a Banquet.

The Bible class of St. James' Presbyterian Church held a very enjoyable banquet last evening. There were two competing teams in the class, the Red and the White. Both teams have been working hard for new members as the year with the smallest number of new members was to provide the banquet. It was a very closely contested fight, the Red team winning by two points. After partaking of the excellent supper, which the white team had provided, the president, Mr. J. W. Dobson, who occupied the chair, made a few appropriate remarks and then called on their teacher, Mr. R. S. Wallace, who gave a short, pithy address. Mr. W. J. Cunningham, the organizer of the class, gave some good advice to the members. The pastor, Rev. T. McLachlan, spoke on the progress the class had made since the organization, and said he was proud to be with such a bright class. The other speakers were Messrs. J. Cunningham, J. Currie, Mathie, Woodhouse, Smart, and Shanks, the Sunday School superintendent. The following officers were elected: Messrs. J. Cunningham, President; G. Long, Vice-President; C. Cook, Secretary. Miss Mathie was elected Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Dobson was elected Secretary. Mr. J. W. Dobson was elected Secretary. Mr. J. W. Dobson was elected Secretary.

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