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73 VESSELS
BUILT BY U. S.
IN LAST YEAR.

Record Has Been Exceeded
Only Twice in Country's
History.

GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Tonnage for the Year Was
401,285—Growth of Industry
Upon the Great Lakes—Schemes
Reaching the Limit of Size—
Many Steamers Built.

Washington, July 4.—Vessels built in the United States and officially numbered by the Bureau of Navigation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, number 1173 of 305,677 gross tons, compared with 1,038 of 265,677 gross tons for the previous fiscal year. Unrigged barges, canal-boats, etc., will add 88,331 tons to this total. Such construction the previous year aggregated 70,186 tons. The whole tonnage built has been exceeded only twice in our history, in 1854 and in 1855, when in the maximum, 389,450 tons, was attained. Excluding unrigged barges and canal-boats, three-fourths of the tonnage is comprised in 111 vessels, each of over a thousand gross tons. Of these large vessels the Great Lakes, where steel shipbuilding in the last few years has been highly developed, contributed forty steel steamers of 137,312 tons. This tonnage exceeds the steel steam product of the entire United States for any year before 1892. The industry of building small steel steamers for the seaboard has developed considerably during the year, but as the length of locks is only 270 feet, the maximum draft does not materially affect salt-water navigation.

The ocean steel steamers built on the seaboard were fifty-two in number, of 18,883 tons, all small, built on the Great Lakes for salt-water traffic. The principal ocean steamers were three Suez canal mail steamers of 18,495 tons for the San Francisco-Honolulu-Australian mail service, three New York and Cuba mail steamers of 15,406 tons and one Venezuela Red D steamers of 1713 tons, all built under the ocean mail act of 1891. The remaining ocean steel steamers are for coasting trade, including three Hawaiian-American steamers of 16,785 tons and four Chicago steamers of 8,628 tons temporarily in transatlantic trade. During the calendar year 1900 Great Britain launched 694 steel steamers of 1,432,900 tons and Germany completed sixty-three of 213,884 tons, nearly all of which were for ocean trade.

Wooden schooners, the third important item, numbered twenty-two of 49,773 tons. The limit of size for these vessels appears to have been attained, and large steel schooners will be built next year. Rigged barges, some of steel and some for the Cuban trade, numbered fifteen of 24,373 tons. Nine steel ferries and steam dredges of 13,907 tons were built, and six square-rigged vessels of 11,257 tons. Only four wooden steamers, aggregating 6,522 tons, exceed a thousand tons, although 460 wooden steamers of 37,921 tons were built. Wooden sail and steam vessels number 1,032 of 141,022 tons built as follows: Atlantic coast, 735 of 190,948 tons; Great Lakes, 105 of 153,138 tons; Pacific coast, 211 of 101,044 tons. Increase over last year on Great Lakes 53,362 tons, Atlantic coast 20,372 tons.

\$5,000 IN GOLD MISSING.

Shortage in San Francisco Branch of United States Mint.

San Francisco, July 4.—Concerning the report that a shortage has been discovered in the San Francisco branch mint, the Chronicle today says: Six bags of gold, each containing \$5,000 in \$20 gold pieces, have disappeared from the mint and no trace of the coin has been discovered.

CANADIANS ON ROSLYN CASTLE

Party of 81 Due at Southampton July 8—
Death on the Voyage.

Montreal, July 4.—(Special)—The Star's special cable from London says: The transport Roslyn Castle, due at Southampton at 6 p. m. July 8, has on board a party of Canadian soldiers—five officers and 76 men. No. 370, Sgt. Ellis, died on the voyage of malarial fever on June 28.

379. F. W. Ellis, enlisted as trooper in "C" Squadron, Strathcona's corps. He was an Englishman.

TRAPPED TO
LEPREAUX
IN TROUBLE.

Yankee Soldier Claimed He
Was Robbed in St. John
Boarding House.

COOK OF HIS REGIMENT.

Reached St. Stephen Thursday—
Had Started to Walk to Portland,
Me, But, With Blistered Feet, He
Halted at Lepreaux—Cared For
There and at Calais.

St. Stephen, N. B., July 4.—(Special)—Among the passengers who arrived here today on the Shore Line express was John McDevora, a young Frenchman, who claims to be a member of the Fourth Regiment U. S. A., who are garrisoned at Portland, Me. McDevora was in hard luck and had a private tale to tell. In the company of Privates McDonald and Donovan, also of the Fourth Regiment, he left Portland, Me., last Monday on the International liner for a furlough in the maritime provinces. The trio arrived in St. John, N. B., on Tuesday night, and were quartered in a room in a boarding house near the steamship pier.

Tuesday night, the soldiers visited the Opera House to witness a performance of the Castle Square Stock Company. After the show they started in drinking, with the result that McDevora was taken to a hospital in the morning. He had a severe headache and was unable to get up. He was taken to a boarding house and cared for at a farm house and yesterday morning, when the Shore Line express arrived at the station, he was placed on board the train and his fare paid to St. Stephen by Capt. O. Craft, formerly of St. John, N. B., and now commander of an American vessel.

MISCREANTS SET FIRE
AT BONNY RIVER.

18,000 Shingles Destroyed, Property
of Bonny River Lumber Co.—
Other Vandalism.

St. Stephen, N. B., July 4.—(Special)—Some person or persons with evil designs caused considerable damage to property of the Bonny River Lumber Company at Bonny River station of the Shore Line railway last Friday night. A large pile of shingles which were piled near the station were set on fire and the fire was not discovered until about 18,000 shingles had been destroyed. The Shore Line station would have undoubtedly been burned if there had been a high wind blowing at the time.

THIEF GOT AWAY
WITH \$250,000.

Fourteen Arrests in Connection
With Bank Robbery.

Victoria, B. C., July 4.—(Special)—A despatch from Singapore to the North China Daily News says: "Fourteen arrests have been made in connection with the recent robbery at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and a portion of the money has been recovered. The prisoners are bank tamperers and money changers, including two women. All have been remanded for a week. It is supposed the theft was effected by the means of a duplicate key stolen from the Chinese Bank of India. The principal thief has sailed for Madras with \$250,000 but news of his arrest is expected."

WEDDED AT TRURO.

Truro, N. S., July 4.—(Special)—Edward White, driver of the I. C. R., Moncton, and Mrs. Carter, of the Grand Central Hotel, were married tonight, and left for the Pan-American on their wedding trip.

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH.

The Great Day Across the Border Was Made Lively as Usual—No
Accidents Reported—Some Continental Observances.

Boston, July 4.—Beginning at the moment of midnight Boston has been a veritable incubator of firecracker patriotism. There were few accidents and no damage of extent was caused. The exodus of people to the beaches was remarkably large, but the breakdown of the heat period kept many in town to attend the various celebrations.

For the stay at home the main attractions were the band concerts and the fireworks. So far as the sports under city patronage were concerned, the celebration of the Fourth really began with the track games on the common. There were a number of close finishes in these events which all had a large number of entries. In the popular 100 yards dash the winner was G. Watkins, of Phillips Andover Academy.

Perhaps the greatest attraction of the day was the observance of the 125 anniversary of the declaration of independence. This was held in Faneuil Hall and the orator was General Curtis Guild, jr. Mayor Hart presided.

The chief individual celebration in the city districts was by the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association, held as customary around Jamaica Pond in the Park system. The guest and orator was Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson. He was well received and given attention although his oration was long. He spoke of the early development of the country, its struggles, its wars.

THE MEDICOS AT
HALIFAX THURSDAY.

Approve Establishment of a Medical
Defence Union—Its Meaning.

Halifax, July 4.—(Special)—At this morning's session of the Maritime Medical Association's annual meeting, officers were elected as follows:

President—Dr. Taylor, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Vice-president for Nova Scotia—Dr. E. A. Siraguet.
Vice-president for New Brunswick—Dr. J. R. McIntosh.
Treasurer—Dr. T. D. Walker, St. John, N. B.
Vice-president for P. E. Island—Dr. J. P. Loomis.

Saraguet—Dr. G. M. Campbell.
Assistant secretary—Dr. H. D. Johnson, Charlottetown.

A resolution of hearty approval of the proposed establishment of a medical defence union was adopted. The object of the union is to supply funds for employment of counsel and use of means necessary for defence of members of the profession who may be involved in suits for malpractice.

THE EARL RUSSELL
BIGAMY CASE.

The Application for Postponement
Granted—The Countess Present
at Proceedings.

London, July 4.—The petition of Earl Russell for a postponement of his trial was presented at a special session of the House of Lords this morning. The petition for postponement was granted and the hearing was adjourned until August 6.

THE NORTHERN WATER WAY.

Mr. Tarte Amazed at Depth and Volume of
French River.

Toronto, July 4.—(Special)—Hon. J. I. Tarte, just returned from the French river, says he was amazed at the depth and volume of water in the river. From North Bay to the outlet on Georgian Bay there are but four rapids that would render necessary the construction of dams and locks, giving 20 feet of water throughout the stream.

The engineers who accompanied the minister estimate that \$4,000,000 would be sufficient to make a great route to the north. From the latter point to the Ottawa river would be the second stage.

ing royally entertained by his worship the mayor.

Copenhagen, July 4.—The Fourth of July was celebrated here by the dressing with flags of all the Danish ships in the harbor. Salutes were fired from the forts and a reception given on board the United States training ship Hartford was attended by the Danish authorities.

Paris, July 4.—The United States consulate and embassy and a majority of the American business houses and stores here were decorated today with the stars and stripes and French tri-color being together. Most of the American residents and visitors attended the opening reception of the United States ambassador, General Horace Porter, in the afternoon. The annual banquet of the American Chamber of Commerce will take place tonight at the Hotel Du Quai D'Orsay.

Monteagle, Tenn., July 4.—Hon. William Bryan, who spoke here this afternoon, declared the constitution and the declaration of independence inseparable and said the constitution without it would be dead.

SHOOTING AFFRAY
IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Hants County the Scene of Revolver
Play—Man Badly Injured.

Gore, Hants Co., July 4.—(Special)—The coroner was shocked this morning to learn that a shooting affray had occurred here last night in which one man nearly lost his life and is now lying in a most precarious condition.

DICKIE'S MILL AT
STEWIACKE BURNED.

Reduced to Ashes Thursday Afternoon—Fourth Fire in Ten Years.

Truro, July 4.—(Special)—The large lumber mill of Alfred Dickie at Dickie's Mills, Stewiacke, was reduced to ashes this afternoon. It was the fourth fire in 10 years. The flames were discovered spreading from a refuse pile about 4:30 o'clock and in a short time were beyond all control.

HELD UP A TRAIN.

Posse Surrounds Bandits but Capture Not
Yet Effected.

St. Paul, Minn., July 4.—A special from Great Falls, Mont., says: The three men who held up the Great Northern train-continental west-bound express near Wagner, 100 miles east, Wednesday afternoon, will probably be captured before morning.

HALIFAX OFFICER DROPS DEAD.

Halifax, July 4.—(Special)—Quartermaster Sgt. Harrison, of the Royal Artillery, dropped dead while crossing the town square this evening. He leaves a wife and several children.

FISHING SCHONER CUT IN TWO.

Sunk by Steamer Which Reached Chatham, N. B., Thursday—One
Sailor Drowned as He Slept in His Bunk—Others Saved.

Chatham, N. B., July 4.—(Special)—The steamer Eppingham, which arrived here today from Hull, England, reports being in collision with the American fishing schooner Wenonah, of Gloucester, about 35 miles off Cape Royal, Nfld. The accident occurred about 1 o'clock in the day. There was a heavy fog at the time. The schooner, which was about 78 tons register, was struck aft, her stern was completely cut off, and she sank almost immediately. The life boats were launched and the crew—19 in number—with one exception escaped from the doomed vessel. A sailor named Bushie, who was in his berth at the time, was drowned while he slept.

The steamer was stopped as quickly as possible and, by sounding her whistle, the men in the life boats were able to locate her after some time. They were all well cared for and brought into this port.

CRITZINGER'S
FORCE IS 276
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Commandant Barend Venter
Surrenders to the British
With His Sons.

ESCAPED FROM BOERS.

They Had Kept Him a Prisoner for
Advising Surrender—Boers Ask
Medicine for Their Sick—De Wet
Revokes a Sentence of Death on
Piet Fourie.

London, July 2.—A despatch from Mid-Deer, Cape Colony, says that Critzinger's commando recently passed the house of a loyal farmer, who carefully counted the force, which consisted of 276 whites, 10 armed natives and 18 armed Hottentots. Forty of the Boers were riding without saddles. The horses were in a very poor condition; many were only 18 months old.

A despatch from Merino, Orange Colony, says that Commandant Barend Venter, with two sons, came to our camp and surrendered, having escaped from the Boers, by whom he had been kept a prisoner for several days.

COLLISION ON I. C. R.
WITH LITTLE DAMAGE.

Maritime Express and a Special
Came Together—Bad Driving Accident
Obstruction on Track.

Moncton, July 4.—(Special)—The Maritime express from Halifax tonight was delayed several hours east of Springhill Junction as the result of a collision with a special at Thompson's siding. Very little damage was done and no person was injured.

OIL FEVER GROWING
AT MEMRAMCOOK.

Well Flows Steady—No Torpedo
Work Yet—Decision on Operations.

Dorchester, July 4.—(Special)—The oil excitement in this section is increasing and today the well was visited by a number of our citizens. During their stay they witnessed the pumping of four barrels of crude petroleum of a quality that is said to be first class.

PRISONERS' MEETING
AT HAMILTON, ONT.

Said It Was Too Hot—Leader Ordered
to the Black Hole, Then
Row Started.

Hamilton, Ont., July 4.—(Special)—A number of men confined in the city jail for minor offences refused to work this morning, saying it was too hot. Captain Ogilvie threatened the prisoners with more punishment and ordered Edward Murphy, their leader, confined in the black hole for a few hours. Thereupon the other prisoners came to Murphy's aid. The police were notified and sent down a dozen officers, who overpowered the mutineers.

TO PETITION THE POPE.

Ottawa English-Speaking Catholics Want
University Made English Institution.

Ottawa, July 4.—(Special)—Ottawa English speaking Catholics are preparing to petition the pope to change Ottawa University from a French to an English institution. The parishioners of St. Joseph are also looking to Rome to secure the reinstatement of Father Fallon, recently transferred to Buffalo by the Obligate order.

Ruthen, Ex-Monk, Goes to Jail.
London, July 4.—Victor Ruthven, a former monk, who on March 4 drew a revolver to protect himself against an invading mob that attacked him at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, while he was delivering an anti-Catholic lecture and who was charged with shooting with intent to kill, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

4,000 PEOPLE
ATTRACTED TO
NEW BRIDGE.

Big Celebration in Hartland
Over Formal Opening of
the Big Span.

GRAND PROCESSION.

March Round the Village and Over
the New Bridge—Pretty Girls in
Bicycle Parade—Premier and
Colleagues Speak—The Bridge
Cost \$35,000.

Hartland, N. B., July 4.—(Special)—This has been a memorable day for Hartland. The grand public opening of the new bridge took place and nearly 4,000 people came in from surrounding villages and the country side. A grand procession was formed and, after marching around the village, crossed over the new bridge to Victoria and returned. The procession was headed by S. S. Miller, secretary-treasurer of the company, as master of ceremonies; following was a bicycle procession with 20 nice looking girls. Then came a band of marching Premier Freasie, members of the cabinet, the company's directors, local members and press representatives; also a long string of private carriages.

A platform had been erected at the end of the bridge and the visitors and friends seated themselves and gave interesting addresses. The bridge has already established itself as a necessity and people wonder how we ever got along without it. It increases trade 40 or 50 per cent. Tolls amounting to over \$8 are taken daily. The cost of the structure was \$35,000.

The bridge connects three of the best ranches in the country. It is a fine example for a large trade by the building of the new structure. The eastern or Hartland approach to the bridge is right off the main street of the village. There is a well built road with considerable elevation, which leads to the main road on the other side.

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