

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS ALONG BRITISH COAST

A Number of Big Liners Meet
Trouble on Account of Fog.

ALMOST TRAGEDY LIKE
EMPRESS DISASTER.

North German Lloyd Steamer
Wilhelm II. Rammed by the
Incomore—Others of the
Company's Boats Suffer.

London, June 18.—Fog, which has been falling and lifting intermittently over different parts of the British coast during the past two days, has caused an unprecedented number of accidents to shipping. The North German Lloyd Company has been the principal sufferer. While the company's staffs at London and Southampton were busy docking the Kaiser Wilhelm II, which was badly ripped in a collision with the Incomore yesterday and debarking her passengers, they received a second shock in the news that the company's steamer the Bielow, from Yokohama, with more than 300 passengers, had struck her nose tightly into the rocks off Blacker Bay and was held fast there yesterday. Happily, this accident also was without loss of life, as in the case of the Kaiser Wilhelm, because the sea was perfectly smooth.

The imperator was reported ashore at Bembridge, Isle of Wight, but soon discovered this report by steaming late Southampton. Her departure from that port was delayed for several hours by the embarkation of most of the Kaiser Wilhelm II's passengers. The American yacht Utowana, belonging to Addison V. Armour, of the Southampton after an extensive tour, went ashore at Chapman's Pool, between Worbarrow and St. Alban's Heads.

The divers' examinations of the Kaiser Wilhelm II and the passengers' stories show that good management as well as good management and fair weather saved her from a tragic end. She lies at her Southampton dock with two rents in her side, twenty-four and eighteen feet long, below the water line, with two compartments flooded.

The Incomore, which cut into the Kaiser Wilhelm Wednesday afternoon has also been docked, with bows badly damaged. The collision almost duplicated that between the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland and the Storstad and promises a similar case to settle.

The Kaiser Wilhelm's boats were swung out and lifebelts were distributed to the passengers, so great was the force of the blow.

"DRY" DINNER THIS YEAR
FOR GRADUATES OF
MILITARY COLLEGE

Kingston, Ont., June 18.—For many years it has been customary to serve liquor at the annual dinner of graduates of the Royal Military College. This year, however, dinner must be a dry one as orders have been issued stating that no intoxicating drinks must be served.

STEAMSHIP LANES FREE OF ICE.

Halifax, June 18.—Captain Johnston of the United States ice patrol Seneca, which arrived here tonight, reports that the North Atlantic steamship lanes are now practically clear of icebergs. No ice has been sighted to the further south of lat 42.20 north and long 48.40 west.

Hindus at Vancouver
Beginning to Get Ugly

Crew of Vessel on Which They are Detained, Under Displeasure of Party—Japanese Cruisers to Arrive Today.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 18.—The arrival of the two Japanese cruisers at Vancouver is awaited by the government with no small degree of anxious expectancy. The government is firmly resolved that the Hindus on the steamer Komagata Maru shall not be allowed to land, and also that there be no violence or disorder if it can be avoided. The fact that the Hindus, however, have got into an ugly mood not only towards the immigration officials but also towards the Japanese captain and crew of the ship, and, to some extent, towards Gandhi Singh, the character of the vessel, and even the physician who engaged to come only as far as Vancouver, and now refuse to attend any of the Hindus, makes a serious situation. The government cannot very well do anything but will be very glad if the arrival of the Japanese cruisers leads to some arrangement by which the troublesome ship will leave Canadian shores.

"WHITE WOLF'S" BANDITS KILL THOUSANDS

Ten Thousand Slain in One
Town Alone—Missions Plundered and Bandits Terrorizing Country.

Peking, June 18.—On a telegraphic request from the Lanchow missionaries the American legation today asked the Chinese foreign office to give the missionaries in Southern Kan-Su protection from the notorious bandits "White Wolf." Great alarm has been created by the burning and plundering of several missions by the brigands.

An expedition sent out by the Standard Oil Company for the drilling of oil fields is unable to proceed from Shensi because the brigands under White Wolf continue their wholesale devastation.

It is reported that the single town of Taechu has lost 10,000 inhabitants who were shot or burned or committed suicide to escape the clutches of the bandits.

GENERAL LEVEL OF
WAGES FOR UNSKILLED
LABOR LOWER THIS YEAR

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Labor Department reports that as a result of the industrial quiet and the ample supply of labor for all work that is in progress the general level of wages in the less skilled branches is somewhat lower than at this time last year. In manufacturing there has been a downward tendency with reductions of 5 to 10 per cent. in the wages paid by some of the larger establishments. In the first quarter of 1913 there were 55 increases in wage scales. This year there were only 17, the principal increases being to the G. T. R. employees belonging to unions have been benefited by wage increases, while last year those benefiting numbered 16,000.

For the month of May there was a drop of \$300,000 in the excise duties, showing that the falling off in the manufacture and consumption of liquors and tobacco. The excise revenue was \$1,641,375, as against \$1,748,500 last year.

SHOOTING HIMSELF WHEN
WIFE REFUSES TO
LIVE WITH HIM AGAIN

Kingston, Ont., June 18.—When Wesleyington Babcock, farmer, aged forty-one, was refused in his attempt to get his wife to come to live with him again after being separated for over a year, he drew a revolver and shot himself in the chest. Death was almost instantaneous. Before shooting himself he fired several shots and two of them came within an inch of hitting his wife.

made trouble from the start during the examination by the immigration authorities. The latest hitch occurred when \$50 who had come here for the first time were asked to show the \$200 which each is required to possess when entering the country. They replied that Gandhi Singh had the money for them all. This would have meant \$70,000, and the money was not forthcoming from Gandhi Singh. They have sent out cable dispatches costing \$80 telling of their grievances and their starving condition. At the same time they refused a supply of good food that was offered them by the government. Hon. W. J. Roche, minister of the interior, who is delaying his departure for the west waiting the passing of the trouble, was quite hopeful today that the affair would soon clear up. He expressed confidence in Mr. Reid, immigration officer at Vancouver, and remarked that the harbor master had shown every desire to aid the immigration officers.

WILL WELCOME CARDINAL CROCHER'S REPLY

Public Reception and Banquet
at Quebec in Honor of Cardinal
Begin—Members of
Parliament to Attend.

Ottawa, June 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Bruno Naudet, C. J. Doherty and possibly Louis Coderre, if the latter returns in time, from his western trip, will go to Quebec to participate in the ceremonies connected with the return of Cardinal Begin.

Cardinal Begin will be accorded a public reception in Quebec on Tuesday, the 23rd, while on Thursday, he will be banqueted. The leader of the opposition and the cabinet ministers named will go in their capacity as private citizens, while a number of members of parliament will also attend.

Conditions vary somewhat in the various provinces, Mr. Crothers said, in discussing the matter, and it is quite possible that the scheme which he hopes to submit to parliament next session will provide general conditions, but will differ in detail with regard to the different provinces. There will be one condition, which will apply to all provinces, and that will be that the contribution which the government will make for the advancement of technical education will be for that purpose and for nothing else.

The total contribution which the government will make has not been decided upon, the basis upon which the Minister of Labor has been working is \$25,000 to each of the provinces with an additional payment accorded to population. With this arrangement, such a small province as Prince Edward Island would be sure of getting a sum worth while.

LESS DRINKING
OF LIQUOR IN
DOMINION

The Total Revenue from Liquors and Tobacco is Considerably Smaller than for May, 1913.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 18.—The decrease in inland revenue continues. It is evident that Canadians are drinking less than formerly. During May last the total revenue from the sale of liquors, tobacco, etc., was \$1,641,375. In May, 1913, the revenue was \$1,748,500.

The feature also shows an upward tendency in the volume of manufactured articles exported to Britain during the first two months of April and May, of the present fiscal year. These were \$10,252,000 compared with \$7,850,000 for the corresponding two months of the previous fiscal year. April and May also showed an increase on the volume of the products of the mine, the exports being \$6,988,000 compared with \$6,973,000 for the two corresponding months of 1913.

The exports of the products of the forest also show an upward tendency. The exports of agricultural products, showing a falling off in the volume for the two months ending May, 1913, as against \$24,832,000, Canadian trade for the two months ending May last was \$18,583,000 compared with \$18,430,000 for the corresponding two months of 1913. While the exports have maintained their volume the imports have fallen off considerably. The importation of dutiable and free for the first two months of the present fiscal year being \$82,014,000 compared with \$109,002,000 for the corresponding two months of 1913.

HORSE ARRIVED TOO
LATE TO RACE, OWNER
SUING STEAMSHIP CO.

Montreal, June 18.—Guy Dorgans, Paris, France, is suing the Allen Line Steamship Company for \$9,500 because the company failed to bring his horse "Hymnald" from Havre to St. John, N. B., in time to allow "Hymnald" to run at the races at Dorval track, near Montreal, last week.

MILITANT LEADER
IS RELEASED AGAIN

London, June 18.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was released late this evening from Holloway jail. She had been imprisoned since June 10 when she was arrested while participating in a procession from the East End of London to Westminster where she had intended to demand an interview with Premier Asquith.

CONTRACT FOR SALVAGING
OF EMPRESS AWARDED

Quebec, June 18.—The contract to salvage the Empress of Ireland has been let to the Canadian Salvage Association. It is expected that the salvaging will take two months, and it is not yet decided whether attempts will be made to raise the hull after the valuables and bodies have been removed from her.

MUST BE USED FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Federal Grant Must Not Be
Used as Aid to General Education
Fund by the Provinces.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 18.—Before leaving for Prince Edward Island yesterday Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, wrote again to the provincial authorities directing their attention to the report of the technical education commission, and asking them to acquaint him at their earliest convenience with their proposals regarding technical education in the several provinces.

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TRAIN GOES
THROUGH BRIDGE
SEVERAL KILLED

London, June 18.—Three women were drowned and it is feared that a number of other persons were killed when a passenger train went through a culvert and into a torrent at Carr Bridge, 25 miles south of Inverness, Scotland.

A thunderstorm that ravaged the north of England and Scotland was responsible for the accident. The train from Perth was crossing the culvert and became derailed and the culvert, which had been undermined, collapsed and the passenger coaches fell into the water.

It is feared that besides the known drowned a dozen other persons were caught in a submerged coach.

Many persons on the train escaped from the cars but drifted about in the stream and were badly injured before being rescued. One of the passengers, a man from New York, saved himself by gripping a tree. The scene of the wreck is a desolate spot, where it was difficult to obtain assistance.

CANADA'S CHIEF
JUSTICE GETS
L.L.D. AT HARVARD

Cambridge, Mass., June 18.—At the Harvard commencement exercises today the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, member of the British Privy Council and Chief Justice of Canada.

BIG CONVENTION OF
ORANGEMEN PLANNED

London, Ont., June 18.—London Orangemen are preparing for one of the biggest Orange conventions ever held in this country, five thousand members of the order of the Black Knights will gather in this city August 12. It is expected some of the best orators of the order will be present, and an elaborate programme of entertainment is to be arranged.

HON. MR. FOSTER WILL
VISIT NEW BRUNSWICK

Ottawa, June 18.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster left today for New Brunswick, where he will spend a week or two. From the last week in July till the end of September he will be engaged with the dominion's royal commission on their tour of investigation through Canada.

SEASION SPRING IN THE EMPRESS INVESTIGATION

ASQUITH HAS
YIELDED TO
SUFFRAGETTES

Will Receive a Delegation—
Sylvia Pankhurst's Hunger
Strike Helped to Melt Him.

London, June 18.—Premier Asquith has capitulated to the suffragettes. He has consented to receive a delegation of east end workwomen in Downing street Saturday morning.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's attempt to carry out her threat of a hunger strike at the entrance to the House of Commons until the premier yielded to the demand that he listen to a delegation of women was largely responsible for the prime minister's decision. The efforts of James Kier Hardie, the Socialist independent member of parliament, and George Lansbury, an ex-member, with the premier, helped the militant suffragette leader to bring him to his knees.

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DEFENDS ACTION
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GOVERNMENT

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick Says
Stand Taken in Recent Labor Struggle Justified—
Signs of Great Progress.

London, June 19.—Earl Grey, who arrived in England a few days ago after an extended trip, presided at the luncheon of the Royal Colonial Institute yesterday, at which Sir Percy Fitzpatrick was a guest. Sir Percy, who is a well known writer, financier, politician and authority on South African affairs, took an optimistic survey of the present situation, claiming that the great industry of South Africa was expressed in the words: "We make history."

He showed that great progress had been made with regard to the raising and irrigation, and also held out good prospects for farming, pointing out that South African oranges could be put on the market when they were out of season in California.

Sir Percy defended the recent action of the South African government in the labor struggle on the ground that the mobilization of a citizen army entailed such heavy loss on the community that the government was bound to render its recurrence impossible.

Speaking on the subject of imperial defence, Sir Percy admitted that South Africa had not done its duty. The diffculty was to persuade certain sections of the population that the contribution proposals were based on the insurance idea rather than on the military one. In his opening remarks, he urged the Canadian Club idea, through which, when visiting the Dominion, he had been brought in contact with the leading men all across the continent.

THE KAISER WILHELM II.
DOCK WITH HOLE
IN STARBOARD SIDE

Southampton, England, June 18.—The Kaiser Wilhelm II. of the North German Lloyd Line, entered the docks here today.

Divers immediately began to examine her hull in order to ascertain the extent of the damage she sustained below the water line in her collision yesterday with the British steamer Incomore.

It was known on her arrival that the liner had a hole in her starboard side. The damage to her upper works was concealed by tarpaulins when she entered the dock but apparently it was only trifling.

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