

AWFUL SHIPWRECK OFF NEW ZEALAND

PATHEPIC STORY OF SURVIVOR ON RAFT

Big Loss of Life in a Treacherous Surf—Further Details of Loss of the Ellingamite.

Details of the loss of the steamer Ellingamite on the Three Kings rocks, off New Zealand, last month, are contained in the Australian papers received by R. M. S. Moana, which arrived on Wednesday night. The story has already been published in brief in telegraphic dispatches received, but particulars of the terrible disaster were then referred to meagrely. It will be remembered that the disaster came without warning, the big steamer being up against the rocks almost before her terrible predicament was realized. A slight bump was followed by an awful crunching and breaking of timbers. Ashore the rocks towered high and alongside there was a seething and angry stretch of water breaking every few feet by rough and sharp pinnacles, which seem to suggest to the frightened ones aboard that certain death lay in any effort of escape. In half an hour the decks were awash, and before the passengers could get into the boats they were standing up to their waists in water. As a number of the boats were lowered they were dashed to pieces, and their occupants killed or drowned. Others, however, succeeded in getting clear of the vessel with good loads.

The first of those to arrive reached Hohoua with 37 passengers and 15 seamen and two dead bodies. The news being telegraphed from there the steamer Zealandia was dispatched to the scene of the disaster, and succeeded in picking up 80 of the survivors. Capt. Reid, one of the officers, tells of 20 survivors who landed in the boats and who spent the night on a rock swept by storm. They were drenched to the skin, and many of the women were in an exhausted condition. Next morning a search for the missing was instituted. A forecabin steward was rescued by the party from a rock which he had reached the previous night. All about in the waters dead bodies could be seen floating about on the surface. On Big King Island were many of the shipwrecked ones who were being provided for by the relief party when the Zealandia came along, and all were taken aboard by means of a line stretched ashore. Muchhead promised from this island the Zealandia went down to the island from where the relief party had started, and there picked up 70 more of the unfortunate. Captain Reid strongly condemned the conduct of the Australian passenger aboard, stating that they refused to assist in any way, while the womenfolk worked all the time, tending out the boats with their boots.

With H. M. S. Penguin, which had gone to seek survivors was about 60 miles northeast of the Three Kings, the bottom boards of a boat and other wreckage were seen in the water. Shortly afterwards one of the men stationed on the raft, three were kneeling down, and the remainder were crouched in sitting positions. The men and the raft were taken on board. The men were in a very feeble condition, and some of them were unable to give intelligible answers to questions.

Some of the men stated that some hours before they were rescued they saw a steamer approach, and that a boat had been lowered from the deck, but had come near them, but did not pick them up. Steven R. Neil, one of those on this raft, gave a detailed narrative of his terrible privations. He said: "There were 19 of us upon the raft, over which the waves were breaking. We were half submerged. The other raft which had left the vessel earlier was above us, and the men on it were on the cylinders appears to be built higher, and it was not so crowded. I called to this raft, and asked the men upon it to find room among them for the forecabin stewardess. Whether they thought there was a danger of swamping if they approached too close I don't know, but they did not take the poor woman. Some time later this raft came nearer, and three of our men jumped out to her, and were taken aboard. The jolly boat then came along, with the purser, Fred Chambers, in command. It was leaning and could hold no more. We had two sculls, but only one scull to propel us. Within a few minutes, Danielson, who was a quartermaster on the Ellingamite, improvised a rope rowlock. Using both oars we then struggled to get to leeward of the island, but the current was too strong for us, and we realized that we were at the mercy of the winds and waves. Plenty of fruit in cases was at the time floating amongst the wreckage, with which the sea was covered. Not expecting any such dreadful experiences as we were doomed to pass through, we did not make any great effort to secure the fruit, and it was by good fortune more than anything else that one of our number picked up two small apples. Instead of getting to the lee of the island we gradually drifted out into the ocean, and in the heavy fog that prevailed it was not long before we lost sight of everything.

"At night the sea became choppy; it became very cold, too, and the fireman, the second steward and the forecabin stewardess, being very poorly clad for such weather, suffered greatly from exposure. We did our best to keep each other warm. I had the fireman's head pressed to my breast the whole of two nights. "It was, I think, about seven or half-past seven o'clock on Sunday evening that we decided to appoint one of our

number commander. There were 16 of us, you will remember, three, as I have already said, having joined the party on the other raft. We were unanimous in our selection of Mr. Wetherill. The new commander was given the two apples that had been picked up. These apples, I may say, were divided each into 16 parts, and we had one part apiece. I munched the rind of mine several times over. There was no water and no more eatables, and we had to go from Sunday night until Monday night before we got our next mouthful of an apple each.

"Dickson, one of the men who had been selected by the Auckland Electric Tramways Company to take up a position as driver, was the first man to die. When morning came two more of our little band lay dead alongside Dickson. When we found that three of our number were dead, and that there were already signs of putrefaction, we decided to put the bodies overboard, and did so. Mr. Wetherill, the fireman, Danielson, the quartermaster, and others, who shared the rowing, stuck manfully to their posts.

"Whilst pulling we broke the rope rowlock, and this had to be repeatedly repaired. When we looked up again towards the light we found we were no nearer than at the start. Just then a steamer was seen up from the crew. We could see the mast-head light of a steamer bearing down on us.

"A prayer of thankfulness went up to God from each one of us. We prayed as only men who were in despair could pray. Apparently the steamer heard us. She came to a full stop—our hearts beat fast with excitement—and lowered a boat. There was a light in the bows of the boat, and we watched it with anxious eyes. The big ship seemed to anchor there whilst the boat made an almost bee-line in our direction. Our salvation appeared to be at hand. We stood up and screamed in order to attract attention. 'Ship ahoy!' we cried. 'Help us for God's sake! We are starving.' Our voices sounded strange even to ourselves, as the cries went tremulously over the waters. We had no means of exhibiting a signal. The boat came, to all appearances, within 100 yards of 200 yards of us. It could not have been further away. Then the boat seemed to be encircling us. Her lights approached nearer to the first light we had seen. Then it became lost for a while and seemed to be returning to the ship. Our screams became frantic, but they were not heard, and 'God help us,' we cried, as the boat disappeared into the sea for a sight of her. But all we could see was the smoke of a vessel about ten miles off. It was a heart-breaking moment.

"One very pathetic death was that of Muirhead. I cheered him up as well as I knew how, reminding him of his friends and his good old mother out in New South Wales, and bidding him bear up for their sakes. Muirhead promised from this keep up the Zealandia went down to the island from where the relief party had started, and there picked up 70 more of the unfortunate. Captain Reid strongly condemned the conduct of the Australian passenger aboard, stating that they refused to assist in any way, while the womenfolk worked all the time, tending out the boats with their boots.

"Mrs. McGinik, the forecabin stewardess, bore up bravely till towards the last. Part of her outer clothing she had divided amongst the poor fellows who were worst clad, and in every way she displayed great endurance and a heroic spirit. She finally died from sheer exhaustion, and was placed in her watery grave.

"A little after noon we sighted the smoke of a steamer about 9 or 10 miles away. As far as we could make out the steamer was heading in our direction. We were a crew of praying men—penitent sinners every one of us—and we prayed with all the fervency we were capable of that we might be saved. One of our number fastened his shirt—a white garment—to one of the sculls, and hoisted it as a flag. We shouted, too, with what little lung power we had left, although we knew we could not be heard at so great a distance. Our feelings when the ship steamed nearer and nearer until she was level with us, and we saw her put out a boat, can hardly be described.

BURNED AT THE ALTAR

The Greek Oriental church at Tohat, in Transvaal, was the scene of a terrible fatal fire, whilst a clergyman, Silvius Bied, was being married to Sidonie Bratau. Just as the ceremony was closing, the bride's mantle dress caught fire from a taper, and in an instant she was in flames. Two bridesmaids, rushing to her help, shared a similar fate. Finally the bridegroom succeeded in putting out the fire, but the bride and the happy girl expired very soon afterwards. The other two, though badly burned, will recover.

Forty-four muscels are called into play in the production of the human voice.

IMPRESSED WITH WESTERN FRUITS

EASTERN DELEGATES TO VISIT PROVINCE

R. M. Palmer's Trip to Ontario Establishes Faith in Methods Adopted in British Columbia.

The visit to Ontario of R. M. Palmer, freight commissioner, promises to be attended with excellent results as far as the province is concerned. In consequence of the good work done by the freight commissioner in the Eastern Provinces, it is expected that a deputation of Eastern fruit growers will visit this province next year and look into the conditions here. The introduction to the attention of the Eastern horticulturists of the resources of British Columbia could not have been confined to a better than Mr. Palmer, who understands the fruit conditions better than any other in the province.

Mr. Palmer's trip to the East will not extend as far as the Maritime provinces. He confined his visit to Ontario, attending the annual gathering of the Fruit Growers' Association at Walkerton and the fat stock show in Quebec. He was enabled to place before the most prominent fruit growers and agriculturists the possibilities of this Western province as a fruit producer. Not only was this made possible in the addresses with which he was given during these meetings, but in each case got the samples of fruit which he had taken from here placed on the tables. This later gave the proof to the words of Mr. Palmer, the Eastern growers were wonderfully impressed with the samples placed before them. So astonished were they with the quality that it is altogether probable that a deputation of perhaps a dozen or more of the most prominent fruit growers will come to British Columbia next year, at a time when they can see for themselves the fruit on the trees. The results of that visit will be very difficult to estimate. With conditions such as exist in Ontario it is quite likely that in consequence of this trip of Freight Commissioner Palmer to the East that this province may have an influx of experienced horticulturists who see in the conditions existing here much better opportunities than they have to expect in the East.

The apple crop in Ontario has not been a good one this past year. The failure has been due largely to the scab, the cedarling moth and other fruit pests which have got a firm foothold in the orchards of that province. By means of spraying these troubles are abated, but where man does not adopt these modern methods the pests are continued. Walkerton, where the fruit growers met, lies in the centre of the fruit growing section, which, while not the largest producer of apples in the province, is famous for the quality of fruit unexcelled in any part of Ontario. That the fruit from British Columbia should thus eclipse that produced there could not fail to have its effect upon the horticulturists gathered together.

Another feature of the fruit conditions in Ontario is the prevalence of the antiquated methods of packing in barrels. The result is that apples of mixed quality are put in the same barrel, which, when packed in boxes, a price is obtained of \$1 for a box of forty pounds, the Ontario fruit grower gets but \$1 for a barrel. This is not confined to Ontario and Eastern Canada, but the same states labor under the same disadvantage compared with the western states of the Union. In consequence Oregon apples packed in the well known boxes and carefully graded, as is a necessity when so put up, are sold on the New York market for \$2 a box, while Eastern apples only bring that price per barrel.

These disadvantages will continue to exist until the modern method of grading their fruit carefully and putting them up in the box used by Western horticulturists. Profiting by the lessons afforded in the older parts of the Dominion, British Columbia has been enabled to enforce regulations for the keeping of their orchards free of the pests which have been attended with such disastrous results in the East.

On his visit to Ontario Mr. Palmer was accompanied by Mr. Petersen, who represented the Northwest Territories in a somewhat similar capacity.

EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER. Mr. Kruger's health has slightly improved since he arrived at Menton, France, but it is plain to anyone that the old man's worst ailment is not physical. He looks the picture of misery. When one meets him driving with his daughter and grandchildren he appears to be oblivious to everything around him. He never smiles, but looks lost in bitter recollection of the evils which have befallen him and his country.

He again expressed a few days ago a strong desire to be permitted to visit the Transvaal and end his days near Pretoria. Some sympathizers undertook to plead his cause with British Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. Two wealthy friends have offered to bail for \$50,000 a guarantee for Kruger's good behavior in South Africa.

Foul Breath, Catarrh, Headache.

ARE BANISHED BY DR. AGNEW'S CATHARTIC POWDER. IT RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES. P. Bottom, druggist, Goodknight, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from Catarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything, but it did me no good. In almost all instances I had to proclaim them to be good. It was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it." Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder is sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—14

VICTORIANS IN WELLINGTON.

H. E. Levy Visiting Land of His Birth Beneath the Southern Cross. A recent issue of the Evening Post of Wellington, New Zealand, says: "A visitor to Wellington at the present time is H. Emanuel Levy, a son of the late Benjamin Levy, one of the first Wellington settlers. As a matter of fact, Benjamin Levy and his brother accompanied Colonel Wakefield's survey party to the colony, leaving it with him in 1839, and landing at Petone in 1840. H. E. Levy, who is only on a short visit here, was the first Jewish boy born in Wellington, and his father and uncle were the first Jewish people to land here. He left the city in his early childhood, and has since been settled for 43 years in Victoria, British Columbia, one of the most progressive cities of modern times. He has little or no recollection of Wellington as it was when he left it, but thinks we have established a fine little city in the interim. Still he sees room for improvement with regard to the city, and it is his wish to see it with his own progressive eye. He was astonished to find the horse-tram system still in vogue, and the bedroom candlestick still figuring prominently in the modern hotel. He considers, also, that this colony made a mistake in dropping the subsidy to the Vancouver service, believing that there was a profitable trade to be worked up with his part of the world, especially in meat, butter and woolen goods. So impressed is he still with the idea that he intends on his return to recommend to the British Columbian Board of Trade to dispatch a trade commissioner to the colonies to get more information as to products with which they could do trade. There would, he thinks, be modification about the establishment of a steam service to take up the trade. Mr. Levy has brought with him a collection of Columbian-grown fruit, and also a collection of photographs illustrating the progress of the country, and these he intends exhibiting in this city during the next few days. He is accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Levy and intends going north by way of the Wanganui river."

WRECKED AT LYTON.

Cobbledick Dredge Lies at Bottom of Fraser River. The Cobbledick dredge lies at the bottom of the Fraser river, near Lyton. The dredge was built in 1898, and has experienced varying successes and failures in delving for gold in the sands and gravels of the river on whose bed it now lies a wreck. It was constructed at Lyton and has been operated sporadically in that district since being built. The cost of first construction, combined with the many changes and improvements made since, had brought the total cost to the sum of \$100,000. In 1901 Mr. H. Graham took over the active management of the operations on behalf of the English company. Recently reports have received to the effect that, owing to the improvements effected in the dredge, and the rich nature of the gravels it was operating in, there was a prospect of it making a good return this year.

On Wednesday, however, the news was received that it had foundered. The exact cause of the accident could not be ascertained. The report stated that it is improbable that the dredge can be raised, as the flow of water in the flow of a very rapid current. The position of the wreck is on the east bank of the Fraser, above Lyton, between the South ranch and the Van Winkle bar, or about opposite T. Earl's ranch.

FOR BRAVERY.

Young Victorian Awarded Royal Humane Association's Mark of Distinction. The Royal Humane Association's bronze medal for bravery has been awarded to Edward Francis Nason, a pupil of the Victoria High school, who saved the lives of two children, a boy and a girl, from drowning in Poul Bay last August a little girl, Mary McInnes. The attention of the Humane Society was drawn to the lad's heroic act with the aid of the Rev. J. H. G. Brown, physical instructor in the public school, who received the following letter from the president, Adam Brown: "Dear Sir:—By this mail I send you the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Association, which has been unanimously awarded to Edward Francis Nason for prompt and conspicuous saving of the lives of Mary McInnes from drowning at Poul Bay, B. C., on August 9th, 1902. We usually send the medal to the parents of the child, but in this case I send it to you, as you are the person who may think proper for as public a presentation as possible, making the occasion an object lesson for the boys."

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FOUGHT WITH STRIKERS.

Women Assisted Men in Repeating Cossacks—Three Hundred Lives Lost. The Arbeiter Zeitung, Vienna, describes a pitched battle between strikers and troops at Rostoff, Russia. The director of the works recently decried that he would drive the strikers back to work with knouts, and this stirred up the population, and 30,000 collected for demonstration. Cossacks attacked the demonstrators, killing and wounding recklessly. After the first surprise of the attack the strikers rallied and attacked the Cossacks. Some were killed and others were wounded and stoned, and beaten to death. The strikers pulled trees up by the roots, and with them constructed barricades. Many of the stones were covered with oil, and with these the troops were assailed, being driven from the barricades and the hospitals.

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ROBERT DOWNING IN ROLE OF GLADIATOR

The Tragedian Gave Powerful Interpretation of the Part—Shows on Board Next Week. Victorians last night had an opportunity of seeing the splendid tragedian Robert Downing enact a role in which he is much at home as James O'Neill in the celebrated part of Monte Cristo. Both are reputed to have played these characters three thousand times, and in each instance previous triumphs have been overshadowed by the success achieved in what must necessarily be considered a specialty. Downing possesses the superb presence—physique, voice and manner—which one naturally associates with those athletic barbarians whose wonderful physical attainments were exploited to grace a Roman holiday, and it would seem that he has been wedded to the part just as his famous colleagues, O'Neill and Joseph Jefferson, are bound to the roles of Monte Cristo and Rip Van Winkle.

It takes but one big success to make a man in the realm of Thespis, and yet critics have said that O'Neill's interpretation of Virgilus was the most masterly since the Boots of the two hemispheres. But whether Victorians ever see Downing in the role of the Gladiator again or not, last night's performance proved to the limited number present that the enlogium of critics were centrally justified. A heroic role, such as this require a figure cast in heroic mould. Downing certainly has this requisite. His personation was strong throughout, and at times thrilling, especially in the fourth and last acts, the scene in the arena being a masterly exhibition of powerful acting. The supporting company was a fair one, some of the players giving evidence of considerable promise.

"Sandy Bottom." The distinctively American play depends to a great extent on its portrayal of character and scenes, which are to a degree of a local nature. Thus "Arizona" deals with the citizens of the far western state of that name, and "Sandy Bottom," which is shortly to be seen here, with the peaceful lives of those who live in the picturesque Arkansas hills. Admitting as it does of elaborate scenic effects, this advantage, it is said, Managers Hampton and Hopkins have eagerly seized to supply their patrons with something out of the ordinary in the way of stage illusion. It is also stated that they have secured the services of an exceptionally good company for the portrayal of the characters. "Sandy Bottom" is announced at the Victoria theatre for Monday evening.

"The Telephone Girl." The musical comedy success, "The Telephone Girl," comes here next week. In all the large cities, beginning with New York, it fairly coined money in its fortunate owners. In the metropolis it enjoyed a run of something like 200 nights, and in Paris, acted a pride differently, it made a record of 350 performances. With a good and if not better cast than ever, it will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening. Joe Kane, Edith Valmasada, Alf Holt, Arthur Conrad, Geo. Ebner, Mamma Keogh, Jethro Warner, Valori sisters, Ruth Jordan, are the principals in the new cast. The play is in two acts and abounds in pretty and original musical numbers and the latest specialties.

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Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated on the north side of San Juan Harbor, Port Bentzow, British Columbia, viz: Commencing at the southwest corner post of H. E. Newton's claim, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to post of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Dated 6th November, 1902. W. McDONALD.

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