

STORY OF THE BIG STORM.

It Covered the Whole Atlantic Coast.

GATHERED STRENGTH AS IT CAME NORTH.

New York was Overwhelmed Saturday and Shortly Afterward Everything was Tied Up in Boston—State of Maine Covered and Then the Maritime Provinces—Everywhere Heavy Snow and Violent Wind—Wrecks at Lunenburg.

The weather clerk, in his evident desire to please all tastes, has caused a variety of conditions during the past few weeks. The changes have been rung from hot to cold, from wet to dry, from stormy to calm, from spring to winter, and last has brought us into the depths of winter once more.

Touraine is due tomorrow, and it is not expected she will reach port on time. The last ship out was the Etruria, which left her pier at 8 a. m. The Graf Waldersee, which attempted to pass out, went aground near Romer shoals. The thick snow prevented anything being seen to-night from Sandy Hook and it is not known whether or not the liner floated off with the high tide.

Director D. L. Hutchinson, of the local meteorological office, gave out the following last night: "The storm, which was reported off the Atlantic coast Saturday, by the meteorological office, developed considerably in its passage up the coast. It has been accompanied by heavy snow falls and high winds and gales from northeast to northwest. The storm reached this section yesterday morning, commencing with a heavy snow storm which, owing to the high northeast wind, was piled in drifts. Snow continued falling all day; the wind gradually increased and reached its maximum at 6 o'clock, when a very sharp anemometer recorded a velocity of 34 miles an hour, increasing to 42 miles at 7 p. m., with short gusts of 50 miles an hour. The wind dropped slightly, and at 7 o'clock had decreased to 27 miles an hour. The lowest barometer reading, 29.71, was recorded at 6 o'clock, when a very sharp fall followed, and the wind immediately shifted to the northwest, increasing in velocity again. The snow-fall is estimated at six inches, and is very heavy and unevenly distributed that accurate measurement is not possible. The lowest temperature during yesterday was 14, and the highest, 19."

On the railroads, traffic was suspended. Under ordinary conditions only freight trains at most would be moving, but these were cancelled yesterday. A heavy fall of snow between St. John and Westfield and heavy, yet somewhat lighter, between Westfield and Vancouver. They average the fall at about 10 inches. A very high wind prevailed all over the line. On the Woodstock branch 12 or 13 inches of snow fell. At 11 o'clock last night, the reports from Vancouver and Megantic were that the storm had about spent itself. Snow ploughs were kept going all day and traffic, it is expected, will be steadily on the go this morning.

On the I. C. R. no freight trains were moved until about 10 o'clock last night, when a special left Moncton for St. John, another following sometime later. It is intended to send out a special with a plough if necessary, this morning, in advance of the Halifax train from here. From various provincial points the following reports come: Moncton, Feb. 18.—It is snowing and drifting badly here, and between here and Campbellton, as far as Assonetanguish, Que., and above Megantic, there is a very heavy indication of a storm. Woodstock, Feb. 18, 4 p. m.—About 10 inches of snow have fallen and it is still snowing and blowing hard. Fredericton Junction, Feb. 18, 3 p. m.—A heavy wind storm is drifting the snow and it is snowing bad. Six inches have fallen. Campbellton, Feb. 18.—Has been snowing and blowing all day. Worst storm of the season. Bathurst, Feb. 18, 5 p. m.—Big snow storm; started this morning. Wind heavy. Chatham, Feb. 18.—Heavy wind is piling snow here into drifts. Still snowing; five inches have fallen. New York, Feb. 17.—With all the fury of a blizzard the first real snow storm of the winter descended upon New York today. For many hours it came down so heavily that buildings a block away were only dark blur. A wind out of the north-east, blowing from 25 to 30 miles an hour, whirled the snow about in thick, blinding clouds. About 10 inches fell.

On the heels of the snow was a cold wave to complete its work on sweeping among the port. The storm covered a wide area, extending as far south as Tennessee, as far west as the great lakes, as far north as Canada. The storm centre was at Hatteras, so it extended as far out at sea as it did at land, carrying with it great quantities of ice. The storm centre was at Hatteras, so it extended as far out at sea as it did at land, carrying with it great quantities of ice. The storm centre was at Hatteras, so it extended as far out at sea as it did at land, carrying with it great quantities of ice.

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STORM STRICKEN SCHOONER IN NEW ENGLAND.

New London, Conn., Feb. 18.—The schooner Rebecca A. Maulane, Captain Smith, lumber laden, from Jacksonville, for Boston, has put here in a snowed condition after 28 days out. When six days out she broke her rudder head and drifted for two days until repaired. She lost her foremast and light during severe storms and also part of her deck load. Will probably two to destination.

STORM IN HALIFAX.

Halifax, Feb. 18.—One of the severest storms of the season has been raging here since daylight this morning. The wind was from the northeast, veering to southeast and blew at times with hurricane force, accompanied with hail and snow. Shipping in port at the wharves suffered considerably, quite a number of schooners being badly broken, and one small steamer from the coast was driven ashore. The steamer Truma, loaded and ready to proceed to the West Indies, was unable to get out of the harbor and was damaged with great difficulty she was prevented from doing herself serious injury. The steamer Halifax, which left Boston Saturday night, was driven ashore at midnight, although due early in the evening. She doubtless felt the force of the gale crossing the Bay of Fundy. Lunenburg the storm was very serious. Several vessels were driven ashore, one of them, the Howard Young, was dashed on the rocks at the entrance of that port and has since broken up. The crew barely escaped with their lives. The vessel has completely broken up.

THE STRATHCONA HORSE.

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Sir.—The citizens will be interested in reading the enclosed letter from the minister of railways and canals. Whatever opinions one may have on the decision the government has arrived at, we all must admit that our own representatives in parliament voted faithfully for St. John in regard to securing the chartering of the Strathcona contract from our port. We congratulate Halifax on having the honor we were unable to secure for ourselves. EDWARD SEARS, Mayor.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14, 1900.

Dear Mr. Mayor: Everything which it has been possible for me to do, zealously supported by the members of the city and county, had been done to secure the sailing of the Strathcona Horse from St. John, but without avail. The general situation here is being understood by our friends in order that there may be no misapprehension in their minds as to the attitude and wishes of the government. The horse which was received from Lord Strathcona since the wishes of the St. John people had been communicated to the minister of the interior, that the matter was practically in the hands of the minister of militia, but that he was inclined to the view that Halifax should undertake the horse for the purpose of "would it not be better that no change should be made" and so on, all of which was reported to me by the minister of militia, but by every member of the government, myself included, and also by the members of the city and county, that the horse should sail from Halifax.

FROM MAINE.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 18.—A snow blizzard of great force descended on Bangor at about 7 o'clock this morning and continued all day with unabated force. The temperature was low throughout the day and the driving snow and cutting wind made it almost impossible to travel any distance. No attempt to run cars was made by the street railway in town, though the Oldtown line managed to get a car through over their line two or three times during the day. The Maine Central, which was here from Boston at 11.30 in the forenoon did not arrive until 4.35 tonight, and the other trains over the road were also late. The snow was comparatively light, but the wind was so severe, as the Washington County train tonight arrived nearly on time. No casualties from exposure have yet been reported.

WATERVILLE, Me., Feb. 18.—The worst storm of the season has been raging here since a few minutes past midnight and has continued with unabated force.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 18.—The worst storm of the season broke over the city Saturday night. There was a heavy fall of snow accompanied by high gales. The snow ceased falling about noon today, but it continued to drift until night. The Maine Central trains were a little late, and the suburban trolley lines were discontinued somewhat, but not seriously.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 17.—A northeast-erly snow storm, which the members of the life saving crew say is the most severe of the season, prevails tonight, with the wind blowing from 40 to 45 miles an hour and the snow drifting badly. The tug Mercury towing a four-masted schooner, made an effort to get up by here today but was driven back by the head wind and was lost sight of in the blinding snow storm. The tug will have great difficulty in finding an anchorage ground anywhere. A large fleet of schooners is anchored near Bass River, where they are partially sheltered and are not receiving the full fury of the storm.

VESSELS ARE ALSO ANCHORED along the coast as far as Wood's Hole, awaiting the abatement of the gale and clearing of the weather before proceeding.

A large fleet of vessels was anchored to the northwest of the Handkerchief Shoal, under the lee of Monomoy, and will probably be able to weather the gale. Among the fleet were the following schooners: Rodney Parker, John S. Winslow, Fortunate, John B. Manning, Walter Colburn and W. R. Palmer, and the tugs Mars with one and Mercury with two barges.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 18.—The northeast-erly snow storm ended this afternoon with the wind shifting to the northwest and clearing weather. All the ships under the lee

SUDDEN DEATH SATURDAY.

Daniel Higgins Met His End in a Most Peculiar Way.

HAD A FIT ON THE STREET.

The Police Thought He Was Intoxicated and He Resisted Violently—Was Then Removed to the Public Hospital by Order of Dr. Berryman.

Daniel Higgins, aged 21, son of Edward Higgins, keeper of a small grocery store on St. Patrick street, died under peculiar and sad conditions at the General Public Hospital Saturday afternoon. Though young he has been steadily and lately has been drinking considerably. Shortly before 1 o'clock Police Sergeant Hipwell was returning to duty after dinner and noticed a crowd at the corner of Brussels street and Middle street, or Macaulay's Alley. He went down and found Higgins lying on the sidewalk, apparently unconscious, as he and others thought from liquor.

The sergeant decided the best thing to do was to take the man to the police station, so he called the ambulance. Higgins was removed to a store while the vehicle was being ordered. When it came he was carried in, but struggled and fought against going, so much so that the officer got two men to ride with him and keep Higgins on the cot. Arriving at the police station Higgins again struggled with the officers and men who carried him into the station. He was placed in a cell and his condition reported to Captain Jenkins, who went down to investigate. He found Higgins lying on the floor of the cell insensible and breathing. He put him in another cell where more light could be had to attend to him and then summoned Dr. D. E. Berryman, who came immediately to the station.

THE PHYSICIAN DECIDED Higgins' condition was bad, but did not think it was from immediate excessive drinking. He recommended that he be sent to the hospital. The ambulance was called by Chief Clark and the unfortunate man was taken there, his boots being taken off and his condition worse as they proceeded and the captain feared the man would die before the hospital was reached. When they arrived Dr. Macaulay, the house physician said there was no chance for the man's life. He had him conveyed to a ward, however, his boots being taken off and while he was being put to bed the end came. He died without regaining consciousness.

Dr. Berryman, in his capacity of coroner, viewed the body and is making enquiries into the case as to whether or not inquest is necessary.

It has been learned by the police that, on Friday night, Higgins was at the corner of Brussels and Brunswick streets and fell in a fit of some kind. He was taken into a store and revived. Two friends accompanied him to his home on St. Patrick street and it is said by one that Mrs. Higgins, who is the deceased's step-mother, refused him admittance saying to his companions to take him to the police station.

They returned to Brunswick street with him and he left them with a bad headache and he struck his head hard against the sidewalk. There is a scalp wound on the back of his head.

The body of the young man was taken yesterday evening from the hospital to his home on St. Patrick street and his funeral will probably be held this afternoon.

DEATH OF A CAPTAIN.

Yellow Fever Claimed the Captain of the Asiatic Prince.

New York, Feb. 18.—When the Prince line steamer, Asiatic Prince, arrived at quarantine this morning, from Santos, Chief Officer Camp reported the death of Captain Woodhouse, from yellow fever, on Feb. 14. The captain was buried at sea the same day. Chief Officer Camp then took command and brought the Asiatic Prince safely to port. Captain Woodhouse was 52 years of age and left a family at Liverpool. He was well known at this port, and was formerly captain of one of the steamers of the Anchor Line Mediterranean fleet. The Asiatic Prince will be detained at quarantine for disinfection.

CHARLES F. BROWN OF YARMOUTH DEAD.

Yarmouth, Feb. 18.—Charles F. Brown, president of the Bank of Yarmouth, dropped dead at his home in Milton Saturday afternoon. He leaves a widow and ten children. He was one of Yarmouth's most prominent citizens. He was elected president of the Bank of Yarmouth on the death of L. E. Baker. The funeral will be Wednesday.

WOMAN DECLARED NO COUNTERFEITER.

Woodstock, Feb. 17.—Decker, wife of Anthony Decker, head of a gang of alleged counterfeiters now on trial here, was acquitted today of the charge of being an accomplice of her husband, and of having counterfeiting apparatus in her possession. The other prisoners were remanded until Tuesday.

ST. JOHN MEN IN SYDNEY.

A Number of Our Citizens Helping on the Boom.

SOME ST. JOHN HOUSES TO OPEN BRANCHES THERE AT ONCE--LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE PLACES WITH THE DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY--MANY IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE.

Sydney, C. B., Feb. 16.—The large brick building, known as the Ross block, will be completed about April 1, and Harry Magee, of St. John, and J. B. Pattillo, of Halifax, will occupy the large store. They will have it divided into two shops and Magee will open up with a first-class line of hats, caps, etc., and Pattillo will have books, stationery, and fancy goods. Messrs. A. W. Redden & Co., of Halifax, have their store ready now in the block also, and have opened up a nice line of boots and shoes. It is a branch of their Halifax business.

Mr. Fischer Grant, of New Glasgow, N. S., will have the other store and will have 80 new rooms in his new addition, which will be used as law offices, etc. Magee & Pattillo will have a room above their stores, which will be used as show rooms. E. La Roi Willis' hotel is filled up all the time and is doing a rushing business, and will have 80 new rooms in his new part, which Mr. Willis intends having as a barber shop, drug store and haberdashery. These are the lines he would like to have in these stores, if possible.

The main street here, (South Charlotte street) will present a beautiful appearance about next fall, as the Merchants' Bank, of Halifax, will have a new bank on the corner next to the Sydney hotel addition, and opposite is the present post office, (brick) and on the other corner the Bank of Montreal will have a beautiful building, and opposite that again, on the other corner, the Bank of British North America will have their new building. Thus the four corners will have fine buildings on them.

George L. Hamming, the former proprietor of the Sydney hotel, has a building under construction, which will be used as a billiard room and cigar store. It is on South Charlotte street. Besides the Ross block and Hamming's building and the banks, we will have several other new buildings in the spring on this street, besides on the corner of Pitt and South Charlotte street, the Commercial Bank, of Windsor is erecting a large brick bank, which will soon be completed, and make a vast difference to the main street.

The branch of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company, Ltd., are making an addition to their store, and Messrs. Gordon Keith, of Halifax, are having a large store and show rooms built down this street further, so that when all the buildings that are contemplated to be erected in the spring, South Charlotte street will look "out of sight."

T. T. Lantulum, of St. John, is here, and is going to open up a store, as he can get a store. John E. Wilson is doing the galvanizing work on the Commercial Bank of Windsor, and contemplates opening up here in the spring. Thomas P. Mason has an office here and is selling McEvity's goods. St. John is fairly well represented in the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, as Archie Cook, Stanley Elkin and Frank Dunbrack are working for them and have good positions.

The steel company employ about 2500 men at present, and the work is going along rapidly. The blast furnaces are in position and the concrete foundations for the works are nearly all laid, and the Metropolitan Contracting Company, of Boston, have a contract of about \$200,000 for leveling off all the grounds. The Steel Company have a fence all around their works now, and have ten policemen employed around the works to maintain peace among the men, who are Newfoundlanders and Italians. They need the policemen for the evenings when the men are off work especially. They are erecting a jail also at the works.

MR. I. C. BOWMAN DEAD.

The very many friends of Mr. I. C. Bowman will be deeply grieved to learn of his death, which occurred Wednesday at midnight at his residence, 115 Leinster street. Mr. Bowman has been ailing for the last few years but was able to be around his residence until last Tuesday when he was taken to his bed. He was in the 57th year of his age and was one of St. John's most popular business men. He was a native of Waterloo, Ont., and came to this city about 30 years ago and since has been a prosperous broker and commission merchant with a place of business on the North Market wharf. He leaves a wife, five sons and one daughter. The sons are Messrs. Arthur, William, Harry, Ernest, Frederick, all residing home with the exception of Ernest who is in the employ of Swift & Co., of Boston. By the death of Mr. Bowman St. John loses one of its best citizens.

FLEESING FROM THE CZAR.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Six hundred Finlanders sailed from here today for Canada, making about 8,000 who have emigrated during the past six months.

MOLINEUX SENTENCED.

Condemned to Die on March Twenty-Sixth.

TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

The Prisoner Affirmed His Innocence of the Crime and Says Yellow Journalism Put a Price Upon His Head--Motion Made For New Trial--Taken to Sing Sing.

New York, Feb. 16.—Roland Burnham Molineux was sentenced today to die by the electric chair during the week of March 26. The prisoner was brought into court this morning and after the usual formalities was asked by Recorder Goff if he had any reason to give why sentence should not be pronounced.

Molineux rose, straightened himself up and began: "The defendant—I thank your honor of the crime for which I am convicted and for all other crimes with which I am charged. I am absolutely and entirely innocent. The court—you are not charged with any other crime. The defendant—I supposed that I might refer to it since the district attorney did in his opening and closing argument. The court—you counsel has attended to all that matter. The defendant—Very well, your honor. All of the evidence produced here does not point in the direction of the guilt of my part. I refer especially to the evidence of Miss Miller, in regard to the purchase of that silver bottle holder—she did not sell it to me. Also to the evidence of Mr. Cook respecting the letter box hired by a somebody in the name of Harry Corbett—it was not hired by me. Also to the evidence given by Mr. Kutnow respecting sample boxes sent around the country. I have never seen any of those boxes and have a murderous motive. As for the theories which the prosecution offers, I do not think I should be convicted upon the suppositions or the guesses they may indulge in. I cannot cooperate, your honor, how any honest man can believe the testimony of Nicholas Heckman, who convicted me upon a confession which was for sale. Yellow journalism put a price upon my head. It was an invitation to every blackmailer, every private investigator, every man without principle, fit with a price, and to that invitation Mr. Heckman responded. The handwriting experts who are now putting in their names to give their opinion, they may give their reasons, what they believe they think, but I know that they are simply putting in their names to get that poison package or to write the disputed letters. Your honor will not permit me to make mention of the great injustice which is a matter of history, but experts in handwriting have made mistakes before and they have repeated it here. Your honor, this is nothing to what is in my mind at this moment. Above and beyond everything else I denounce and deplore the action of the district attorney in allowing his ability and attack the character of his pure and lovely woman who bears my name. It was the act of a blackguard who was a damnable liar. Your honor, I am prepared to bear your sentence me. I am not afraid because I am not guilty."

Recorder Goff then adjusted the black cap and sentenced Molineux to death by electrocution on March 26. Counsel for Molineux served notice of appeal for a new trial. Sing Sing, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Roland I. Molineux is now in a condemned cell in the death house at Sing Sing prison. He arrived here on the express train from New York, due at 8:12. There was a curious crowd about the station. Molineux appeared cool and did not seem to notice the crowd. On the way up from the city car and during most of the trip smoked cigar and seemed to be interested in an afternoon paper. He occasionally glanced out of the car window and seemed in deep thought. During the trip he conversed for a short time with his father and Layton B. Battie.

When the braken called out "next stop Sing Sing," Molineux started up and his face assumed more expression than ever. "There was no delay in taking Molineux to the death house. He did not even stop in the chief clerk's office to give his post card, which was carried down the steps and at the big iron doors he took leave of his father, his brother and lawyer Battie. He maintained his wonderful nerve as he shook hands with each and in parting with his father said: "Good bye, governor." General Molineux bore up bravely, but showed that he was passing through a fearful ordeal.

New York, Feb. 17.—Roland I. Molineux spent his first night in the steel cage in the prison at Sing Sing just as he passed his nights in the Tombs—sleeping soundly. Today he arose early, had a half hour's exercise outside his cell and received a visit from his mother. After Mrs. Molineux he called for an arithmetic and passed several hours in looking it over.

WHY HE DID NOT MENTION IT.

Lance Corporal A. G. Clifford, of the Grenadier Guards, writes to his parents at Cheltenham: "When we had the first battle at Belmont I had my rifle broken to pieces in my hands where the bullet struck it. I had some of the splinters in one arm and leg and my face, but got it all out. I have pulled out nine splinters, and an arm all right again. I got on the same as if nothing had happened, only covered with blood on my face, and splinters in my hands where the bullet struck. I picked up a dead man's rifle, for my rifle was a good one, and I got it all right. I got my name stopped from the paper because of you and Mame."

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AS COOL AS ON PARADE. Corp. W. Woods, 1st Rifle Brigade, writes to a friend at Newport, N. W.: "I had a Mueser bullet through my canteen, and one struck the sole of my boot; but the shells were the most dangerous, as several dropped within a yard of my company—and one of our sergeants—Bugler Silby—was wounded. We had one officer and eight or nine men wounded, but hardly a one killed. It was a picture to see our battalion marching on to the attack, as cool as a cucumber, and set a splendid example to the men."

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