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OVER A HUNDRED PERISH IN A MARINE COLLISION

Steamer Larchmont Bound From Providence to New York Goes Down in Night.

SCORE OF BODIES HAVE BEEN WASHED ASHORE

Big Boat Had Nearly Two Hundred Passengers on Her List and It Is Feared the Majority of Them Have Perished.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—The Joy Line steamer Larchmont bound from Providence to New York collided with the schooner Knowlton in Block Island Sound last night and sank. Many bodies have been washed ashore, and it is feared a great marine disaster has occurred.

Captain George McVey of the steamer Larchmont said at noon today that he had on board between 150 and 200 passengers when the collision occurred, and only eight of these escaped with their lives. At the time he made the statement 18 bodies had been washed ashore, making only 26 out of the total passenger list accounted for.

The passengers met their death in various ways. Some of them attempted to launch lifeboats and were frozen to death on the decks of the foundering steamer. Others were drowned in the attempt to escape before the vessel went down, and still others, who were successful in launching a lifeboat, were frozen to death before the small craft reached shore.

Captain McVey said he could not estimate the exact loss of life. His estimate of the number of those on board agrees with that made by the Joy Line officials at Providence, who said that the Larchmont carried about 150 passengers, and a crew of 30.

The northwest gale continued, with zero, weather, throughout the forenoon.

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YEAR IN CENTRAL FOR PENNECOTT

Magistrate Tires of Leniency, and Sends Barber Down on an Old Charge.

John Pennecott, the well-known local barber, was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison when he appeared before the magistrate today.

It was not for being drunk and disorderly, the offense for which he was last arrested, that Pennecott was given the year, but for assaulting his wife, occasioning actual bodily harm, on which he had been allowed out on suspended sentence.

When Pennecott appeared on the assault charge some time ago, he made many promises that he would leave drink alone, and live a better life, if only he were given another chance. He was given the chance, but he has not been living up to his promises, and some time ago got on another spree.

His wife, as he has been making for years.

This morning he made a strong plea for mercy, but when he found that the court had grown weary of his good resolves, he became quite angry, and accused the court of numerous breaches of duty and transgressions against justice, one of which was that it had brought him into any amount of disgrace, where it could have avoided it all by simply leaving him alone and letting him do as he pleased.

Jeremiah McDonald, proprietor of the Iroquois Hotel, appeared for sentence on a charge of breach of the liquor license act, to which he pleaded guilty some time ago, but the court reserved judgment for another week. Mr. McDonald denied the charge of keeping two barrooms. The room in which the illegal selling took place, Mr. McDonald explained, was used for storage purposes.

Two first-time drunks were allowed to go on condition that they return to the cubs no more.

South Huron Liberals Have Stirring Meeting

The Annual Gathering Elects and Indorses Dominion Government.

Bracefield, Ont., Feb. 11.—The annual meeting of the Liberal Association for South Huron, as constituted for Dominion purposes, was held here today, and notwithstanding the storm was a representative and enthusiastic gathering. Mr. A. Mustard was re-elected president and Mr. J. G. Stanbury secretary. It was decided to hold a convention the second week in June for the nomination of a candidate. It was also decided to take steps to amalgamate with the association for the Local House.

A resolution of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier was passed, which also expressed approval of the fact that there had been no material changes in the tariff in favor of higher protection. A resolution endorsing the selection of Hon. George P. Graham as leader of the Ontario Opposition, was also passed. Short but stirring addresses were made by Thomas Fraser, the candidate at the last election; Dr. McEwen, ex-M.P.; D. Urquhart, Hensall, Will McLean, of the Seaforth Examiner, and R. Holmes, ex-M.P., Clinton.

RAILWAY MATTERS MUCH DISCUSSED

Rectory Street Promises To Be a Bone of Contention in Negotiations.

Railway committee matters are commencing to boom around the city, as the approach of spring people are beginning to take much interest in the reopening of the negotiations with the Grand Trunk for the elevation of the company's lines through the city, as it is said that the Grand Trunk is anxious to begin work as soon as the snow is off the ground.

It is altogether likely that Rectory street will prove a bone of contention when the final agreement is submitted to the people, as it must be submitted, before any exemption to the company can be carried.

Ald. Rose and Ald. Gerry were talking the matter over this morning.

"What do you intend to do at Rectory street?" was asked.

"I see no reason why there should not be a subway there," Ald. Rose stated. "I'll never vote for that," Ald. Gerry said. "The line was pulled up once, and it had to be put back again."

"I'll never support any scheme to pull up the line," Ald. Rose also declared. "Why cannot the company build an overhead bridge or a subway at both Rectory and Egerton streets?"

It is understood that quite a number of shippers whose places of business lie west of Wellington street have been interviewed by the members of the committee, fearing that an attempt will be made to have a level line taken up west of Wellington street.

Ald. Gerry is of the opinion, however, that the danger to the people will be fairly great after the lines have been elevated as it is now, if the company is permitted to do so without the level.

Ald. Gerry also stated that he isn't in favor of exemptions to anyone.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Twelve States Today Will Officially Honor the Martyr-President.

New York, Feb. 12.—Twelve states of the Union will today officially honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's birthday is a legal holiday in this state, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming.

With the passing of each successive decade the observance of the natal day of the Civil War president is becoming more marked.

HIGGINS WORSE.

The Hague, Feb. 12.—At the opening of the sitting of the second chamber of the Netherlands Parliament today, Dr. DeMeester, the acting premier and minister of finance, announced that the ministers had tendered their resignations to the queen, owing to the rejection of the army estimates. The chamber then adjourned.

Edward Heads Pageant That Reopens Commons

Brilliant Ceremonial Ushers in Important Session—Speech From the Throne.

London, Feb. 11.—The second session of the second parliament of the present reign, which promises to be full of interest and importance as a consequence of the projected Liberal attack on the House of Lords, and the introduction of an installment of home rule for Ireland, was opened by King Edward this afternoon with all the imposing ceremonies which have attended these functions since his accession. The King and Queen, in the historic golden coach, participated in the usual state procession from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords.

Big Crowd Out.

The route was lined by troops and despite the drizzling rain and cold weather, considerable crowds occupied all the points of vantage and gave their majesties a hearty reception. The great officers of state awaited the King at the Victoria Tower entrance of the House of Lords, whence the robing-room was reached. The King, having donned the royal robes over his field marshal's uniform, a procession was formed and amid fanfares of trumpets, it slowly traversed the royal gallery and the princes' chamber, thence entering the upper house, which was brilliantly lit up by electric lights. As the heralds, pursuivants and other state officers heading the procession in the old garb entered the house, the whole brilliant gathering rose to greet their monarch.

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MR. GARRATT HOME FROM ENGLAND; FIGHT FOR SEAT ON IN EARNEST

Mr. Armstrong to Take Steps to Get Place—Another Election May Be Necessary.

Mr. Joshua Garratt, who claims he was elected an alderman on the 7th of January last, arrived in this city from England this morning. He looks well, and reports having had a splendid time across the pond.

Mr. Garratt is also full of fight, and declares that he is one of the chosen twelve, and will stand by his office of alderman while there is a shingle on the roof.

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Mr. Baker handed out the document and Mr. Garratt at once signed it. He says he will be on hand to take his seat at the council meeting next Monday night.

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Mr. Armstrong claims that Mr. Garratt was not legally a candidate, and that his name should not have gone on the ballot.

Some say that if the contention is found to be a good one, the county judge will be compelled to order a new election, and will not have it in his power to declare Mr. Armstrong, who was the thirteenth man, to have been properly elected to the council in the place of Mr. Garratt.

CHEF IS ARRESTED

Frank Hill Must Answer Charge of Assaulting a Waiter.

Today about noon Detectives Rider and Egerton arrested Frank Hill, a chef at the Teumseh House, on a charge of assaulting Herbert Fisher, a waiter in the same hotel. Hill was bailed in the sum of \$300 to appear on Friday next.

It is alleged that Hill assaulted Fisher during a quarrel which occurred over a mistake in an order. Fisher, who is a mere boy, was severely handled, and had to be put under a doctor's care. He is recovering rapidly, and is expected to be able to about again within a few days.

QUEBEC'S TRICENTENARY.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has promised to place before the Governor-General the request of a Quebec deputation that aid be granted by the Government fittingly to celebrate the coming tricentenary.

WITNESSES STRONG FOR VAN ZANT

The Ex-Prisoners Flatly Deny Charges of Immorality Made by Some Guards.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 12.—At the Van Zant investigation this morning before Commissioner Judd, of London, several ex-prisoners of the jail swore that they had often done repairs on boots for guards with material belonging to the jail. There were also three female witnesses, who all denied statements made by previous witnesses as to the conduct of the governor with them when in jail.

Mrs. Perry, of Kingston, especially denied statements made by several of the guards. Another witness said a man named Hood had offered money to give evidence that Van Zant had patronized an East Elgin hotel, where alleged immorality was going on, but he refused, as he knew Van Zant was respectable.

LOOKING FOR POSITION.

A rumor to the effect that Assistant Relief Inspector James Lutman intends to resign has let loose a vanload of applicants for the position, despite the fact that Mr. Lutman denies that there is anything in the story. Poor is the alderman indeed who has not been far from being interviewed by several candidates for the position. And Mayor Judd yesterday hazarded the guess that about 50 men had been to see him.

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STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO BE ABSORBED BY BIG POWER COMPANY?

Rumor to That Effect, But the Railway Management Knows Nothing of Negotiations.

A rather startling rumor was going the rounds today to the effect that the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, which, it is announced, has absorbed the Hamilton Electric Company, has been reaching out its tentacles in the direction of the London street railway.

It was announced yesterday that the giant merger, which has a capitalization of \$25,000,000, and which is said to have been launched by the men behind the Cataract Power Company of Hamilton, has secured control of the following concerns:

The Cataract Power Company.
The Hamilton Electric Light Company.
The Radial Electric Railway.
The Hamilton and Dundas Electric Railway.
The Hamilton Street Railway.
The Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway.
The Brantford and Hamilton Railway.
The Western Counties Electric Light and Power Company.
The Hamilton Terminal Station Company.

It is said in Hamilton that it is the intention of the company to secure control of all the electric light, power and transportation companies in Ontario within a reachable power distance of Niagara Falls.

Manager King, of the London street railway, was asked if there was anything in the rumor that the merger has been after his company, but he denied having heard of any such negotiations. Vice-President Smallman could not be seen by The Advertiser today.

It is quite true that the Dominion Power and Transmission Company has applied for a charter to construct an electrical line between Brantford and Windsor, but according to the route now mentioned, the line will probably go through St. Thomas and not through London.

In the application power is asked to construct a line of railway "from Brantford, through the counties of Brant, Oxford, Elgin, Kent and Essex, to the Detroit River, at or near Windsor; and to build and operate ferry steamers and to conduct a ferry system across the Detroit River."

So far as known, the Toronto Electric Railway, which controls the London Electric Company, has no connection with the big merger.

The Hamilton Herald says: "Of course, the formation of the merger has given rise to all sorts of rumors. Some of the business men of the city figure that the Cataract magnates are simply acting for some other bigger power in the financial world. The theory which meets the greatest favor is that the Cataract people are acting for the Canadian Northern Company, and that when everything has been put in shape the Canadian Northern will step in and take it over."

It appears rather strange that if the merger was after the London street railway it would apply for a charter for a radial line which will not touch London.

IMPERIAL UNION

Col. Sam Hughes Has Resolution to Make Ties Closer.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The House of Commons gave itself up this afternoon and evening to the discussion of one of its perennial topics, that of imperial federation. As usual, it was Col. Sam Hughes who sounded the first note with his familiar resolution affirming the necessity of a full partnership union between Great Britain and the colonies. The Prime Minister, while welcoming the discussion, thought the idea of a full partnership union was premature, contending that it could not be realized until they had free trade within the Empire. The leader of the Opposition replied that imperial free trade was not essential. He believed that the establishment of closer relations between the mother country and the dependencies would be a gradual process, and admitted that there were difficulties in the way of the formation of an imperial parliament.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 11. Reported at. From.
Finland.....New York.....Antwerp
Bohemian.....Liverpool.....Boston
Ionian.....Liverpool.....St. John, N.B.
Minnetonka.....Southampton.....New York
Zealand.....Antwerp.....New York
Deutschland.....Gibraltar.....New York
Molke.....Gibraltar.....New York
Republic.....Gibraltar.....New York
Kaiser Wilhelm
Alexander.....New York
Dominion.....Liverpool.....Portland
Lake Manitoba.....St. John, N.B.....Liverpool

KEROSENE GOES UP.

Nice, France, Feb. 12.—Harold S. Vanburen, the United States consul here, died last night. Mr. Vanburen, who was born in New York, was appointed consul at Nice in June, 1897.

U. S. CONSUL DEAD.

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Dr. Hibbard, the attending physician, said this morning that there had been no improvement in the condition of ex-Governor Higgins, but that he had lost ground and was worse. In his opinion the case was a hopeless one.

ONE FOR GEN. PAREDES.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 11.—Gen. Antonio Paredes, who for some time past has been preparing a revolution against President Castro, is said to have captured a number of coast-guardsmen and to have impressed them into his service.

Later he is said to have proceeded towards Maturing.

HIT BY FLY WHEEL

Engineer in Gananoque Factory Meets Death While Oiling Up.

Gananoque, Feb. 12.—When the employees of the Toronto Bolt and Forging Company factory here, went to work this morning John Booth, engineer and oiler, was found dead under the fly wheel with his brains scattered on the floor. It is supposed Booth was hit on the head by the fly wheel while oiling up. He was about 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and two small children.

BARBER-ELLIS CO. OWED COMMISSION

Mr. O'Gorman Says He Thinks Attempt Was Made to Do Him Out of Payment.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Before the public accounts today, Mr. O'Gorman was examined in regard to the Barber-Ellis account for envelopes. He said that Mr. Munro was not very well and was not able to be present. Mr. Munro was not familiar with the subject before the commission, and Mr. O'Gorman thought he could explain the matter. If not, Mr. Munro would attend the next meeting.

Mr. O'Gorman explained how he obtained the order for envelopes from Mr. Ogilvie, of the transcontinental order to Mr. Ellis after having obtained a price from him. Mr. Ellis was going to ship the order direct to the transcontinental. This was done, but Mr. Ellis withdrew from the arrangement to pay the commission to him.

Mr. O'Gorman said that he was supplying envelopes to some of the other departments cheaper, and he (Ellis) did not want to have another investigation, as he had had one already, and did not want to jeopardize some \$20,000 a year. O'Gorman said that he believed this at the time, but it looked now as if he wanted to do him out of this commission. It was Ellis and not the Government that owed him his commission. In reply to Mr. McLean (Laurier), O'Gorman said that it was Ellis who gave evidence in the London election case.

LIBERAL MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT

Mr. C. N. Smith and Mr. W. S. Calvert to Address Electors at Napier.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. Duncan C. Ross, the Liberal candidate in the West Middlesex by-election, will be held at the village of Napier, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The gathering will be addressed by Mr. C. N. Smith, the Liberal member of the Legislature for Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P. for West Middlesex. Mr. Ross, the candidate, will also be in attendance. Other meetings may yet be arranged for Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week.

The nominations take place in the town hall at Mount Brydges tomorrow at 11 o'clock when Hon. A. G. McKay, of Owen Sound, will speak in behalf of Mr. Ross. Hon. George P. Graham speaks in Strathroy on Friday evening, while Mr. McKay will address a meeting of the electors on the same evening at Newbury. On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock Mr. McKay speaks at Glencoe.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE

A Two Months Session to Begin About Middle of June.

London, Feb. 12.—Prof. De Martens, who has arrived here in pursuance of his mission to canvass the sentiment of the powers relative to the programme of the coming session of The Hague conference, conferred yesterday with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary. This will be followed by conferences with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and it is expected also with Mr. Reid, the United States ambassador.

Prof. De Martens told the Associated Press that a result of his inquiries was the date of the meeting of The Hague conference will probably be fixed for June 15, with sessions lasting two months.

DEAN MASSEY DEAD.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Rev. Rural Dean Massey, late of Hamilton, died today in the Protestant Hospital, aged 72 years.

EXAGGERATED EGO THAW'S TROUBLE

Another Expert Alienist on the Stand for Defense.

PRISONER ACTS QUEER IN COURT

Doctor Says Millionaire Murderer Was Bothered With Delusions of a Persecutory Character.

New York, Feb. 12.—The fact that today was Lincoln's birthday anniversary, and a legal holiday, had no effect on the Thaw trial, which went ahead at the usual hour this morning. When Thaw was taking his place he seemed to fix District Attorney Jerome with his gaze, and kept his eyes upon the prosecuting officials, who were removing his ulster coat, and for some moments after taking his seat. Mr. Jerome was busy with his papers and did not notice Thaw's somewhat unusual action.

The first witness called by Mr. Delmas was Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the State Insane Hospital at Morris Plains, N. J. Dr. Evans said he was born in 1858, and graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1885, and afterwards did post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University.

"Exaggerated Ego."

He further qualified as an expert on insanity, after which he testified that he had visited Thaw eight times, beginning Aug. 4, 1906. Twice he was alone and at other times he was accompanied by Dr. Charles G. Wagner.

Dr. Evans declared he noticed that Thaw suffered from forms of insanity, characterized as "an exaggerated ego, including adolescent insanity, due to heredity."

Dr. Evans said Thaw also exhibited symptoms of having recently undergone an explosion of fulminating condition of mental unsoundness.

Believed Himself Persecuted.

Dr. Evans continued: "On the first visit on Aug. 4 Thaw exhibited a peculiar facial expression, glaring of the eyes, restlessness of the eye, suspicion of his surroundings and of me, nervous agitation and restlessness, as comes from a severe brain storm, common in those who have recently gone through an explosive or fulminating condition of mental unsoundness. He exhibited delusions of a personal character, an exaggerated ego, and along with them delusions of a persecutory character. He thought himself of exaggerated importance, and believed himself persecuted by several persons."

Adolescent Insanity.

One of the mental diseases indicated by Thaw's actions, Dr. Evans declared, is known as adolescent insanity, is characteristic of the development period of life—from 19 to 40 years. The person thus afflicted is known as having a psychopathic taint, showing a predisposition to mental unsoundness the result of heredity.

"Another form of insanity indicated," he said, "is known as paranoia or fixed insanity on some subject. The third is maniacal, where the patient jumps from one idea to another. These forms and others are characterized by the exaggerated ego."

"Is there any specific name, doctor," he said, "known as paranoia or fixed insanity on some subject. The third is maniacal, where the patient jumps from one idea to another. These forms and others are characterized by the exaggerated ego."

Brain Explosions.

"That is included in the forms of insanity to which I have referred. Both adolescent insanity and paranoia insanity are characterized by delusions as to the self importance and exaggerated ego. In adolescent insanity the patient exhibits no marked symptoms. But when the process comes the man does not break down as the ordinary normal man would. There is a complete loss of mental balance, an explosive condition of the brain, the reason becomes delirious, the will power is lost, and the brain is operating as a ship does in the wind when it is a rudder—the balance wheel is gone."

The acts of such a man are not the acts of a normal man, but show him to be guided by disease and stress. His mind has left its moorings, and yielded to diseased conditions.

"On my first visit I also noticed that Mr. Thaw suffered from a rapid flow of words, not characteristic of the normal mind. He showed a condition of abnormal excitement, a diseased condition of the brain."

"In the diseased conditions you name how do the conditions differ from those in a normal man, who speaks rapidly?"

"An ordinary normal man speaks more or less deliberately on all matters of grave importance. He talks slowly, and his ideas come logically and connectedly. In a man of unsound mind the ideas come rapidly, tumbling over each other, jumping from one subject to another, that at once leads to a rapid observer to suspect unsoundness of mind. To me it means that the mind has recently come through, or is just going into, a severe mental storm—in other words, it is either the twilight dawn of a state of mental unsoundness or explosion. By delusions, I mean false ideas out of which a man cannot be argued by logical and ordinary arguments. Mr. Thaw exhibited what I believe were false ideas, which my arguments could not shake."

When Dr. Evans visited Thaw on August 19 he observed Mr. Thaw was still nervous and agitated, had the peculiar glaring eye so well recognized by all persons familiar with mental diseases, and exhibited delusions of

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