

DISASTROUS FLOODS POURING DOWN MOUNTAIN SIDE WIPE OUT BRITANNIA BEACH, B. C.

Everything in its Path Was Carried Towards the Sea, Causing a Heavy Toll of Death, Injuries and Property Destruction—Many Bodies Washed Into Howe Sound—The Water in its Downward Journey Fell 2,000 Feet, Gaining a Momentum Which the Houses Could Not Resist.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 30.—Twenty-three are known to be dead, thirteen, and perhaps more, are missing, and fifteen severely injured as the result of one of the most disastrous floods in the history of the province which plunged out of the darkness on Friday night down a steep mountain side and transformed the model copper mining settlement of Britannia Beach into a scene of desolation and ruin.

Injured Will Recover. Despite the serious injury of some, it is thought that all will recover. Ten of the dead and all of the injured were brought to Vancouver last evening on the steamer Capitanio. Ambulances were waiting and the injured were rushed to hospitals while the bodies were taken to the morgue to await dissection.

Warnings Sent Out. Manager J. Demahy, of the Britannia Mines, describing the efforts made by those on duty at the mines proper, three miles back from the beach, to warn the village. When the accumulation of water in the hills gave way and released a roaring torrent of water, the mines' telephones were over the mines' telephones. This message was received by Miss Ellen Patterson, on duty at the explosives plant in the village. She instantly rang everybody connected by telephone, relaying the mines' message: "For God's sake get out of your homes; flood coming down the creek."

Newfoundland In The Grip of Heavy Wind Storm. Accompanied by Snow Blizzard Covering Higher Sections With Two Feet of Snow.

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Navigates Ship Under Difficulties. Halifax, N. S., Oct. 30.—With rudder unhung, outer jib broken away in a storm, motor engines broken down and with mauls, foremast and one jib to starboard and sail his vessel with Captain Abel Doucette, a Tusket, Yarmouth County skipper, worked the Gloucester fishing schooner Fannie E. Prescott, 360 miles into Halifax, arriving today. The vessel had four thousand pounds of ballast on board.

Truro Fire Does \$20,000 Damage. Truro, N. S., Oct. 30.—Fires here today caused \$20,000 damage to the business buildings of P. McG. Archibald, on Prince Street West, and of the Brookfield Creamery Company on Water Street.

PREMIER HAS READY REPLY FOR MR. KING

Took Up Liberal Leader's Charge That the Gov't was Linked With "Interests." SHOWS HYPOCRISY OF OPPOSITION

Points Out That Big Combines Were Organized Under Liberal Government.

Welland, Ont., Oct. 30.—Following his Toronto meeting on Friday night, Premier Meighen took the road again yesterday, addressing two meetings, the first at Milton, in Halton County, and the second at Welland. At both he was greeted by large audiences which listened attentively to his arguments in support of a protective tariff policy and his defence of the Government's record.

Net Earnings of C. N. R. In September Reach \$504,174.57

Statement Issued Shows the System Should Not Be Regarded Too Gloomily.

Toronto, Oct. 30.—Announcement was made from National Railway headquarters here on Saturday that the gross earnings of the system in September were more than sufficient to cover the expenses of operation, the margin to the good being slightly over half a million dollars, or ten times greater than the August margin.

Where Workmen Fit. We have seven hundred thousand employees, or, including these men and their families, two million persons in Canada are dependent on industry.

Re-establishment of Canada Wheat Board Requested. Premier Meighen Receives Petition from Grain Growers of Saskatchewan—Makes Reply.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 30.—Premier Meighen has received a letter from the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan, enclosing an appeal for the re-establishment of the Canadian Wheat Board, which is being circulated through the Prairie Provinces.

Liberals of York-Sunbury Hold Mock Convention. Cut and Dried Plans Carried Out and Wishes of Delegates Smothered.

Special To The Standard. Fredericton, Oct. 30.—The Liberals of York-Sunbury, Saturday afternoon, nominated an unknown man, as far as the city is concerned, as the candidate for the Federal seat in the general election of December 6.

Foch Will Observe Prohibition While In United States. Has Always Been Temperate—Drinks But Little Wine With His Meals.

On Board Marshal Foch's Special Train, Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—(By The Associated Press)—Marshal Foch will observe the letter and spirit of the prohibition law while in the United States.

Lumber Valued At \$150,000 Destroyed. Windsor, N. S., Oct. 30.—Lumber valued at \$150,000 and two dwellings were destroyed by fire today at Clarksville, twenty miles from here.

TWENTY PERSONS DROWNED WITH CAPSIZING OF STMR. IN THE SCHELDT

Antwerp, Oct. 30.—Twenty persons were drowned by the capsizing of the steamer August in the Scheldt yesterday. Owing to the shifting of the cargo when the wheel jammed hard, port the vessel took on a heavy list, went over quickly and sank within a minute or two.

PREMIER NEEDED STRONG ENOUGH TO RULE HIS CABINET AND GIVE COUNTRY STABLE ADMINISTRATION

Of 24,351,676 Homes In U. S. 54 p.c. Rented. Washington, Oct. 30.—Census Bureau enumerators have found that 54.4 per cent of the homes occupied in the United States are rented. Only 28.2 per cent of the occupants own their homes with the property free from encumbrance.

Canada Needs Policy of Protection. Policies of King or Crerar Mean Ruination of Canadian Industry and Agriculture.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 30.—Sir George E. Foster closed his speaking tour of the island last night when he addressed a crowded meeting in the Strand Theatre. In Charlottetown, as at Summerside and St. John's, where he also spoke, he met with a most enthusiastic reception, being greeted with applause and cheers.

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Question of Debt. The Opposition had much to say about the debt, but that is a fixed question. Returning King or Crerar to power will not reduce the debt by one half a cent.

Fears Entertained For Recovery Of Lady Laurier. Last Sacraments of the Church Administered Sunday to the Venerable Lady.

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—Lady Laurier is very seriously ill and fears are entertained for her recovery. The last sacraments of the church were administered today.

The Farmers' Share. Our opponents contend that Meighen is making the rich richer and the poor poorer. This is not true. Out of \$22,000,000 raised in direct taxation, the farmer paid only a million and a half.

Liberals Copied. The Liberals copied their tariff policy from the farmers of the West in the hope of getting their support, but

PEACE WITH AMERICA IS JAPAN'S WISH

Co-operation With United States to be Aim of Tokio's Representatives. MISUNDERSTANDINGS MUST BE REMOVED

If Not They Might Lead to Unfortunate Circumstances, Even War.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30.—The desirability of peaceful cooperation with the United States was the fundamental point made by the Prince of Tokugawa, of the Japanese delegation to the Washington Conference on armament limitation, in an interview with the Associated Press during the voyage from Japan. The delegation arrived here Saturday aboard the steamship Kishima Maru.

Keep Hands Off. The Prince proposed that the questions between China and Japan should be kept out of the Washington Conference as it is better to solve these questions directly between the countries concerned.

Japan To Abandon Policing of Siberia. Exodus of Troops Called Prelude to Far East Parley at Washington.

Reval, via London, Oct. 29.—"White" Russian newspapers lament the complete change that has taken place in Japan's policy towards Siberia and the steady exodus of Japanese troops from Vladivostok for home.

Long Term Escapes From St. Vincent De Paul Penitentiary. Saws Bars, Slides Down to Ground, Leaving Dummy in Bed.

Montreal, Oct. 30.—Harry Bryson, alias Preston, alias Black, who was serving a twenty year term for attempted murder, escaped from the St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary last night. He sawed the iron bars of his cell through and slid down a rope made with portions of his bed clothes.

At a late hour tonight no information concerning the fugitive had been obtained.

The farmers refuse their invitation to come under the Liberal umbrella. King would have given 35 years of his life to have retraced the false step made with regard to the tariff.

In a powerful oration Sir George appealed to the people to return a party that would be strong enough to administer the Government without the support of either of the other groups, otherwise there would be log rolling, wobbling, compromise and its decision at a time when the country needs a safe, sane and stable Government free from fads and experiments.

Sir George and Lady Foster leave tomorrow for Ashcroft.