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The Most Deplorable Marine Calamity of Modern Times—French Steamship Went Down With Over 700 People—Less Than 200 Rescued.

FEARFUL MARINE CALAMITY.

The greatest marine disaster of modern times has to be chronicled this morning. Between 500 and 600 people went down to their death in the Atlantic in the early morning of July 4. The French liner *La Bourgoigne*, steaming at a rate of 17 knots an hour, crashed into the British steamer *Cromartyshire*, off Cape Sable, and shortly after the collision sank.

The *Bourgoigne* had on board 525 passengers and a crew of 220. Of these only 165 were rescued. The disaster to the *Victoria* in the Mediterranean some years ago, the wreck of the *Elbe* in Hamburg Harbor, and the wreck of the *Drummond Castle* off the coast of France in the Bay of Biscay, not to mention the loss of the *Boston* a good many years ago, and the loss of the *Eutopia* off Gibraltar, are all discounted by this great calamity. The speed of seventeen knots an hour, on the part of the *Bourgoigne*, looks like culpable carelessness under the circumstances. According to the reports, the *Bourgoigne*, *Cromartyshire*, was pursuing a cautious policy and had reduced speed to 5 miles an hour, owing to the dense fog. The *Bourgoigne*, however, appears to have been rushing head on full speed, and withstanding all the precautions usually taken in case of a fog, did not slacken in the slightest. Some of the incidents of the disaster are not creditable to manly chivalry. It is said that women and children were brutally brushed aside and not allowed to gain the lifeboats, and only one woman was saved out of 300 on board the ill-fated ship.

FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DISASTER.

It Would Seem From the Reports That La Bourgoigne Was Going at Reckless Speed.

Halifax, N.S., July 6.—The steamer *Green* towed into port at 9.30 o'clock this morning the British steamer *Cromartyshire*, which had been in collision with the big French liner *La Bourgoigne*, 60 miles south of Sable Island, on the morning of July 4. *La Bourgoigne* was sunk, and of the 600 passengers on board only 200 were saved. It is said that the crew of the *Green* has not been paralleled since the *Therapsia* Geyser disaster in 1887.

The catastrophe is appalling. The French liner, running at a terrific rate of speed, crashed into the port bow of the *Cromartyshire* in a dense fog, and sank almost before those on board knew what had happened. The steamer resounded from the shock as if struck by a thunderbolt and sank into the foaming deep. There was scarcely an instant given to escape from the fearful vortex which sucked down the trembling souls that managed to gain the deck. But in less than time it takes to tell it all was over. From the waters that closed about the foundering steamer hundreds of souls were hurled to the top of the waves. With wild despairing shrieks and screams they clung vainly to the life belts to save them from the awful and cruel torrent of waves that poured over them with the force of a hurricane. The only woman saved was Mrs. A. Lacasse of Plainfield, N.J., and it was mainly through the quick action of her husband, who was also one of the passengers, that she is not among the missing. Mrs. Lacasse is a good looking and good natured lady, and she and her husband have been residing at Plainfield, N.J., about seven years. They were on their way to France to spend a few months with relatives, but Mrs. Lacasse says he will give up the trip just now after his recent experience.

Mrs. Lacasse's late experience was indeed a severe one, and she witnessed sights that will never leave her memory. The collision occurred about 5 o'clock on Monday morning, at which time the lady was in her berth. The first she knew of the danger was when her husband rushed down into the cabin and told her to hasten on deck as the steamer had run into a ship and was damaged. Mrs. Lacasse hastily threw on a dress, and without waiting for hat or shoes, and leaving all her belongings in her stateroom, rushed on deck with her husband, where the passengers were in terror. It was thick fog at the time and they suddenly felt the steamer take a sort of list.

Captain Acted Like a Hero.

The echo, while in conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Lacasse, asked them how the officers and crew of *La Bourgoigne* acted, after they found she was in danger, but both husband and wife said they had no experience in such matters and were not prepared to pass an opinion, but they both agreed that the captain of the wrecked steamer acted like a hero. Said Mrs. Lacasse: "The poor man did everything he could possibly do up to the very last moment and stayed by his vessel in command as she sank."

Mr. and Mrs. Lacasse were saved on a raft. The lady was thrown into the water, but her husband's eyes were on her, and she was near a raft while in the water and he managed to get on the raft and put her on also. Soon the scene became a terrible one, with hundreds of lives in the balance. The people swam and floated about the surface of the water looking for chances to save themselves, but the majority of them found none, and clinging to the raft in which were Mr. and Mrs. Lacasse were about 18 others, and every moment the raft seemed in danger of sinking, so great was the weight. It would have been madness to allow any more weight on it, and succor had to be denied many a poor mortal struggling in the water. One poor man, who had been vainly trying to save the lives of his wife and two children, was pulled on the raft, and he, with the others, saved.

As the ship settled and went down the captain remained gallantly at his post on the bridge, accompanied by one of his officers. As the ship sank beneath the surface some minutes after she created a sort of whirlpool, which sucked down every-

SAVED FROM THE WRECK.

New York, July 6.—The officials of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique tonight gave out the following list of passengers saved from the *La Bourgoigne* wreck, as follows:

Second-class: Albert Gadoit, Mme. A. D. Lacasse, Antoine Achard, Oswald Kirner, Charles Lebre, Jacques Baccarat, Otto Zager, Lucien Verland, Patrick McKeown, Bro. Germain.

Third-class: Nicolas Combeau, Awoulo Stiffano, Susi Combarot, Antoine Bonich, Louis Yvan, Antoine Voponio, Neglis Matkoff, Jacob Sisk, Joseph Richman, Joseph Boratto, Eugene Barroil, Eugene Pionard, Christopher Brunin, Antoine Kucko, Ernest Delmotte, Joseph Rollier, Touat Graf, Thomas Manostoff, Isaac Sarguis, Edouard Georges, August Boss, Berguin Hyteler, Cerri Fred, Henri Adriano, Clement Bertoni, Franz Saffro, August Gasparin, Charles Antonio, Carlos Kessel, Mathee Jurish, John Nicolas, Gustavo Bian-

GEN. GASCOIGNE'S SUCCESSOR

Col. Hutton Named for the Place—C. P. B. and Fast Lane—Mr. Blake Made a Hit.

Montreal, July 6.—(Star special cable from London.)—There is good ground for the belief that Colonel Hutton will be General Gascoigne's successor in the command of the Canadian Militia, though it is premature to say that he has accepted the position. It is quite erroneous to state, as Hon. Mr. Blair recently stated, that the Canadian Pacific Railway show anxiety to take up the fast Atlantic mail project. It is generally believed that efforts have been made on behalf of the Canadian Government to induce the contract on existing conditions, but the natural reply of the Canadian Pacific, as any other business house, is that the hands of the Government must first be free from the Petersen contract, by which the Government is bound to the Petersen till May 31, 1899.

Hon. Edward Blake's speech in the House of Commons on Irish financial claims is the subject of general talk in the lobby. It was, in fact, Mr. Blake's greatest parliamentary hit. The Westminster Gazette says Mr. Blake the following tribute: "Mr. Blake followed the Chancellor of the Exchequer and analyzed his arguments with great skill, proving himself an expert in Irish financial statistics and an adroit and vigorous opponent in controversy. The House of Commons showed its admiration of his abilities by frequent applause. Subsequently in the lobby, some of the most generous tributes to Mr. Blake's powers were offered by his political opponents."

JEWISH FARMERS FOR CANADA

A Million Dollars to be Expended if the Idea of the Jewish Colonization Society Goes Through.

Montreal, July 6.—(Special.)—The sum of \$1,000,000 for Jewish immigration to Canada is what is now being discussed by the Jewish Colonization Association, which has just held a meeting in Paris. Mr. D. A. Assel, consul general for Mexico, who attended the meeting, is back home again. He stated to "The World" today that the fruition of a great scheme, entailing the expenditure of a round million to aid Hebrew farmers from England, in the Canadian Northwest, now depends on the report of the association's confidential agent, who is now sojourning in western Canada, but who is expected in Montreal in a very short time. The idea is to advance a farmer \$500 to start with, in the way of stock and outbuilding. He pays interest on this amount at 2 per cent for six years, and at the end of this term he is supposed to return the principal to the association. Mr. Assel says that only farmers will be sent to Canada.

A. W. Ross, ex-M.P. for Lisgar, is in the city.

Mr. C. P. Hebert, of the wholesale firm of Hudson, Hebert & Co., has been appointed director in the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, replacing Sir Adolphe Chapleau, deceased.

KINGSTON NEWS.

Eight-Year-Old Boy Drowned—Ex-County Councilor Dead.

Kingston, July 6.—Ralph Winder, 8 years old, while playing, fell off Craig & Co's Dock and was drowned this afternoon. His mother, a widow, lives on Gore-street.

Chester H. Godfrey, Hinchinbrook father-in-law of Mr. J. Harvey, died on Sunday as the result of an operation. He was buried on Tuesday. Mr. Godfrey was an ex-County Councilor.

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Tournament Week.

Next week will be one of great interest and festivity at the Queen's Royal Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake, for the famous Canadian tennis championships begin on Tuesday and continue for the remainder of the week. There will be special concerts and dances during the week, and the players will begin to gather on Saturday of this week, when the usual weekly hop will take place. Visitors to Niagara Falls will find the Queen's Royal the pleasantest point from which to visit the glories of the great cataract.

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NO SURRENDER AS YET.

Negotiations to That End Said To Be Under Consideration—President's Appeal for Special Thanksgiving.

WAR NEWS PARAPHRASED.

Cable communication with Santiago has been restored. An American ship renewed the attack on Tunas, but were "victoriously repulsed" by the battery.

It is now definitely known that Pando with 6000 men has formed a junction with the Spanish forces at Santiago.

The Spanish Government think that to make peace now would throw the balance of power in Spain into the hands of the Carlists.

It is rumored that the Pope has telegraphed the Queen Regent, begging her not to compromise the future of the Monarchy by refusing to treat for peace.

The topographical destroyers *Audaz*, *Osado* and *Proserpine* have received orders from Madrid to proceed to Messina, Sicily.

Trouble is apprehended in Madrid. Police and military precautions around the palace and the ministers' houses have been doubled.

The exchange of Lieut. Hobson has been effected.

It is reported that the Spanish warship *Alfonso XIII* attempted to run the Havana blockade, but was destroyed by an American cruiser.

A report from Suez says that Camara's fleet has arrived there, and has been notified to leave within 24 hours without coaling.

A cable from Siboney, Cuba, says that 800 wounded have arrived there from the front since Friday, and the four since Friday are lying on the soaked ground on account of inadequate hospital accommodation.

The enthusiasm aroused in Madrid by the misleading dispatches has changed into wailings of the families of the victims and lamentations for the national disaster. A crisis is imminent.

WILL SANTIAGO SURRENDER?

Despatch From Washington Says There is a Reasonable Prospect of It.

New York, July 6.—(Special to The World.)—A Washington special to The Journal says: From information which reached the State Department late this evening through foreign consuls, it was gathered that there is every indication that Santiago will surrender without being bombarded, if a little additional time is granted to complete negotiations. The Navy and War Departments have also been made aware of certain propositions on this matter that have been submitted to the Government. The officials, however, refused, for the present, to give out anything for publication.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

President McKinley Calls on the American People for an Expression of Gratitude.

Washington, D.C., July 6.—President McKinley at 11.40 to-night issued the following proclamation to the American people: To the People of the United States of America:



COMMANDER WINFIELD B. SCHLEY.

The man who, on May 20, seeing Cervera's fleet in Santiago harbor, declared: "I've got them and they'll never get home." His promise was kept. Though under Admiral Cervera's once again, squandered the reports show that it was Schley who commanded in the chase and capture of the *Cape Verde* squadron.

bow resting on the base of the beach under El Morro. Part of the hull is above water, and her masts and two stacks are entirely out of water.

It is not yet known whether she attempted to escape from the harbor or whether the Spaniards tried to sink her near the entrance of the harbor, and thus block the entrance to prevent the American fleet from getting in.

Her sinking was most dramatic. Just after midnight she was seen drifting slowly out of the narrow entrance by one of the American scouts. In a moment the fleet was abuzz with signals, and almost instantly an awful hail of shells was hammering down upon her.

It is not known whether she returned the fire, but the shore batteries opened, and one six-inch shell fell on the *Indiana's* forward deck, exploding below.

The explosion occurred in the men's sleeping rooms, but all were at quarters, and none were hurt.

No other American ship was hit during the engagement or incident, which lasted only a few minutes.

Significant Audiences.

Madrid, July 6.—(6 p.m.)—Senor Gamazo, Minister of Public Instruction and Public Works, had a large audience with the Queen Regent this afternoon, and subsequently conferred with the Duke Almodovar de Rio, the Foreign Minister. These interviews have caused much comment.

The Queen Regent has signed a decree, promoting Col. Ordonez and Col. Escario to the rank of General.

The Government will transmit to the powers the protest of the Cuban Colonial Chambers against the American invasion of Cuba, which the protest describes as "a brutal attempt to seize territory."

PERSONAL.

Miss M. Green called for the Old Country this morning on the *Numidian*.

Mr. Alfred Smith left for England this morning on the steamship *Numidian*, where he goes in search of better health.

Mrs. J. G. Day and Miss Mabel Day, wife and daughter of Purser Day of the *White Star*, have arrived from their home in Montreal, and are now residing for the summer at Grimsby Park.

Fine and Warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 54-70; Calgary, 42-72; Qu'Appelle, 46-72; Winnipeg, 68-78; Port Arthur, 58-84; Parry Sound, 48-80; Toronto, 45-78; Ottawa, 44-82; Montreal, 50-74; Quebec, 42-74; Halifax, 50-72.

PIOBES: Fine and warm.

Spanish Dash for Liberty.

Headquarters of General Shafter, Tuesday, July 6, per Associated Press despatch boat *Dandy*, via Port Antonio and Kingston, July 6.—(5 p.m.)—About 50 of the Spanish prisoners on the United States auxiliary cruiser *Harvard* attempted to escape

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