

CANNIBALISM.

SHIPWRECKED SAILORS' KILL AND EAT THEIR COMPANIONS.

Two Survivors Taken From a Raft on Which There Had Been Six—Lots Were Cast to See Which Should Die—The Victims Made No Demur.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 2.—The British steamship "Woodruff," from Hamburg, Captain Milburn, arrived here this morning, having on board Morris Andersen and Goodman Thomas, two Swedes, who had been seen on the shipwrecked Norwegian barque "Drot."

The "Drot" was caught in the recent hurricane off the Florida straits, and went down in the storm. Of the crew of 17 men only eight were saved, and of these a part of the vessel's deck, while the others went down with their ship.

After toasting for a day and night at the mercy of the waves, the raft split in two places. Six men clung to the larger portion of it, two remaining on the other part. One of these latter was lost, while the other one was picked up some days ago by the German steamer "Columbia" and taken to Baltimore.

When the "Woodruff" sighted the larger part of the raft, just before daylight on Thursday, only two of the six men who had originally clung to it were still alive. These were Andersen and Thomas, and they were in a half-crazed, half-famished condition. The men do not speak English. They are mentally and physically in a terrible condition.

They are at the City Hospital here and the physicians of that institution will not allow them to be seen and talked to, but while being brought here by the "Woodruff" they told a terrible story of what happened on the raft.

The "Drot" they said, went down on August 11. It was the next day that their raft split in halves, and their only hope of sustenance came from a fishing line and hook that one of the men had with him.

He caught many small fish, and these kept him in the six men, but as day followed day and they had no water the men were cursed with thirst. The owner of the fishing line lost his mind and jumped into the ocean, crying that he was saved.

The five men left then began a fight against hunger as well as thirst. One of them died, and before the death of the last man the three survivors decided that one of their number must die that the others might live.

They agreed to cast lots and to abide by the decision of chance. Luck was against the German, and it is asserted that he met his death without a murmur. He even tore the clothing away from his chest that a blow from the knife might reach a vital spot. He was surely, he was stabbed to the heart, and the blood was drunk by Andersen and Thomas as it gushed from the wound.

They also cut strips of flesh from the body and devoured it. When discovered by the "Woodruff" they presented a terrible spectacle. The two crossed-seamen sat beside the three bodies. Thomas was throwing bits of human flesh to sharks. Two of the dead bodies, bare, stripped of flesh, were decaying. The men were emaciated, covered with sores and stains of blood and nearly mad.

He told the men of the "Woodruff" that he had agreed between them to cast lots to see which should kill the other. If the steamer had arrived a few hours later there would have been but one live man on the raft. Andersen is suffering from the effects of a blow, which injured his eye. The "Woodruff" saw Captain Milburn, of the "Woodruff," and asked him about the story told by the men of the ship. He is said to wish to discuss the matter, but admitted the truth of all the facts that had been given him. He said that the raft presented a spectacle too horrible for words when he found it.

The York Convention.

York county Sunday school convention was held in the Nashua Village Methodist church on August 31 and September 1. Sessions opened at 2 p. m. Rev. E. Peirce leading the devotional service. Dr. F. W. Barber, of Fredericton, presided. The president's address reviewed the year and foreboded the good for this convention.

After a brief address of welcome by J. W. Smith and response by Rev. M. L. Gregg, Adam parish work was made the subject of the session. There were many parish officers present. The field secretary said that the river parishes being without railway accommodation two other parishes reaching out to state of Maine thus a difficult county to get a convention where all could attend unless subsidized as not all are. After a few reports, Mr. Sharp, of Montreal, formerly secretary for this county, gave a very impressive address on parish work, using the blackboard. Mr. Sharp very strongly emphasized training by home and school in high honest principle, so that our future method shall redeem our country from bribery and corruption, by which it is now so much degraded.

The field secretary followed with some remarks on parishes in this county. Committees were appointed. The evening session opened at 7.30. Rev. M. L. Gregg leading the devotion. After minutes being read the nominating committee made a partial report, asking leave to sit again.

Mr. Horace Eastman read a clear, forcible paper on What a Secretary may do for the Sunday School. This was well discussed and was of much interest. County Secretary McFarlane read his

report and many questions were asked. The statistics were not complete, but will be made so in September. Rev. J. D. Freeman gave an address on Church as a Model Teacher. His points were clear and forcible and received the closest attention.

On Friday morning the new president, Mr. Charles Sampson took his place, and made a few remarks on the honor placed upon, also the sense of responsibility in such office.

Rev. Mr. Freeman led the devotion, using a few verses of John XV, giving a few chief points in exposition. After the minutes, by Mr. Goodspeed and some unfinished business, Mr. Lucas showed how the home department could be used in rural districts. This formed a subject of interesting conference.

For 40 minutes Miss Lucas set forth The Needs and Methods of Teacher Training. This was followed by conference and was a strong educational portion of the session. It would have done president expressed gratitude for this helpful hour.

The afternoon session was given to primary work. It was of a high class, seldom excelled. A verbatim report would do good to primary teachers who were absent.

The field secretary led the devotion. Primary songs, suitable passages of Scripture, prayers by primary teachers, made a serious half hour.

Miss Ella Collier read the report of primary work in the county. This included much correspondence and the beginning of a circulating library for primary teachers. Mr. Turner, of Gibson, read a paper on the success of the primary superintendent at York county and Miss Collier will assist for part of the year.

Miss Lucas conducted a conference on primary work, giving much instruction in question and answer. After certain reports and hymns she gave an address illustrated by the blackboard. Some said, "oh that more primary teachers would come to hear these things."

Thanks were offered, minutes read and York county convention closed its last session.

SPORTING EVENTS.

Athletic.

The twelfth annual games of the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association were held on the grounds of the Moncton Amateur Athletic Association Saturday afternoon before a thousand spectators. The weather, although threatening rain, was satisfactory. There was little wind.

All of the contests were interesting, many of them produced hard struggles and in some instances, but at no time during the day was a record in danger. There was only one high class performer on the card, and he had no designs on records but was content with adding two more medals to his collection.

Most of the contestants in all the games, constituted a good, healthy, hard-working medley. Signs of promise were shown by some of the young contestants, and signs of falling by some of the veterans.

St. John was conspicuous in the games by its lack of representation. Merrill, who took part in some of the bicycle races was the only man among the 57 contestants hailing from this city. Halifax had nine men in all the games, the Wanderers Athletic Club. The Moncton club had 11 men wearing its colors. From Charlottetown there were thirteen athletes. One of these represented no club; four of them represented the Charlottetown B. & A. Club, and eight the Charlottetown Athletic Club. There was one man from Antigonish, one from Truro, one from Fredericton, and one from Sackville.

As usual the Wanderers carried off the honors in the field events. The A. O. C. of Charlottetown was next with 27 points. In this best Thomas was put back three yards and Hills one yard for attempts to beat the pistol. Thomas would probably have secured a place but for this as he finished close up. The second that brought out F. L. Stephen, O. M. Pasa, H. B. Williston, all W. A. C. men.

Stephen won, Pasa was second, and Williston third. Time 11.5. In the final Stephen won easily from Ritchie by two yards. Pasa secured third. Time 10.2.5.

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or twelve yards, in 4m. 57s. Murphy, a boy from Halifax, had secured second place on the last lap. He was very shaky and as if he would have gone down. He braced up, however, and held his position about eight yards ahead of Duffy. Two yards from the finish line he fell into the arms of a Halifax man on the edge of the track. In some way he got over. One of the finish judges, Mr. Torrie, of Moncton, claimed he was pushed across the line. This opinion was held by several spectators. The Halifax men protested loudly in favor of Murphy, and Mr. W. C. Power said, "H. B. Aye, the other judges overruled Mr. Torrie. It is certain that Murphy would never have crossed the line if the Halifax man had not been standing there."

One mile run—1st, D. A. McKinnon, (Abegweit-Crescent); 2nd, M. J. Murphy, (Wanderers); 3rd, F. Duffy, (Abegweit-Crescent). Time, 4m. 57s. 130 hurdles—1st, H. L. Ruggles, (Wanderers); 2nd, J. E. McDuffy, (Antigonish); 3rd, A. Donohoe, (Abegweit-Crescent). Time, 18m. 18s. At the start Ruggles and McDuffy were each put back three yards and Donohoe one yard for false starts. The Donohoe started from the scratch.

High jump—1st, R. A. Donohoe, (Abegweit-Crescent), 5 ft. 6 in.; 2nd, R. Ruggles, (Wanderers), 5 ft. 6 in.; 3rd, J. E. McDuffy, (Antigonish), 5 ft. 6 in.; 4th, W. L. Hall, (Wanderers), 5 ft. 6 in.

Broad jump—1st, Ruggles (Wanderers), 18 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Donohoe (Abegweit-Crescent), 17 ft. 1 in.; 3rd, A. Henderson, 17 ft. 9 in.

10 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, M. W. Henderson (Moncton), 10 ft. 1 in.; 3rd, Ruggles (Wanderers), 9 ft. 6 in.

Weights. Throwing hammer—1st, M. W. Henderson (Moncton), 90 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, G. Stanley (Moncton), 87 ft. 1 in.; 3rd, J. R. Darke (Abegweit-Crescent), 79 ft. 1 in.

Putting shot—1st, J. R. Darke (Abegweit-Crescent), 33 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, G. W. O. Henderson (Moncton), 33 ft. 1 in.; 3rd, A. Henderson, 32 ft. 1 in.

WHEEL RACES. Half mile, first heat—1st, H. B. Ritchie, (Moncton), 3rd, P. O. Brown, (Charlottetown B. & A. C.), Time, 1:12.5.

Second heat—1st, R. W. Nesbome, (Moncton), 3rd, J. E. Howes, (Sackville B. C.), Time, 1:12.5. Third heat—1st, L. R. Unsworth, (Abegweit-Crescent), 2nd, L. Large, (Charlottetown B. & A. C.), Time, 1:16.

Final heat—1st, L. R. Unsworth, (Abegweit-Crescent), 2nd, L. Large, (Charlottetown B. & A. C.), 3rd, W. S. Davidson, (Moncton), Time, 1:19. Three mile—1st, L. R. Unsworth, (Abegweit-Crescent), 3rd, G. H. Merrill, (Moncton), Time, 5:34.

The one mile bicycle was run in three heats. Loading had been done so the officials put a time limit of 2:40 on the final.

The men raced four times without getting to the time limit and the race was declared off. Byron Brown, a 16-year old boy, from Truro, was injured and was unable to cross the line first on the other occasion.

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Instructions for Sunday Observance.

Rev. J. Read presided at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance Monday morning. The alliance was invited to send a delegate to a convention at Montreal on October 5 of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, as a committee from the alliance, had written Attorney General White on the Sunday law and received a reply, which was read in part. The attorney general wrote—

In reply to your first question, "Is a railway company or steamboat corporation acting within its rights when it carries excursionists to religious services?" If you examine section 5 of the act you will see that no boat or train is allowed to carry excursionists to religious services, but that it is lawful to carry excursionists to religious services for amusement or pleasure only. In the case of the railway company, the principal object of the railway or steamboat company was the carriage of Sunday passengers for amusement or pleasure only.

It is a pity that the railway and steamboat companies should be so much interested in the carrying of Sunday passengers for amusement or pleasure only, and not in the carrying of Sunday passengers for religious services. It is a pity that the railway and steamboat companies should be so much interested in the carrying of Sunday passengers for amusement or pleasure only, and not in the carrying of Sunday passengers for religious services.

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other way, and if the act was sustained the convictions could be enforced. If this were done, or if the cigar men were given to understand, as they have, I believe, been given to understand, that this would be done, they would have as much interest in having the question of the validity of the act determined speedily as could those in favor of the act.

The alliance decided to draw up a letter to the attorney general stating that in the opinion of the alliance the test of the validity of the law does not rest with the alliance, but rather with those who object to its enforcement, and also that the alliance considers that its validity should be tested.

On motion of Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, a committee was appointed to draw up a respectful memorial to the Reformed Baptist Alliance asking that they disavow connection with Sabbath observance committee in place of Rev. J. A. Gordon.

Rev. Dr. Gates introduced Mr. David, a Persian gentleman, who spoke briefly on the condition of the Mohammedans and of their relation to the Greek church. Rev. Dr. Pope, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham and Rev. M. C. Higgins were appointed a committee to procure papers for the alliance meeting during the fall and winter months.

The secretary was appointed to express regret at the departure of Rev. J. A. Gordon. Accordingly, Rev. George Steel will represent the alliance at the farewell meeting to Dr. Gordon on Tuesday evening in Main street church.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, on behalf of the alliance, congratulated Dr. Gates on his honor conferred upon him by Acadia College.

GROWING WHEAT.

Farmers About Stanley are Raising Lots of It—Politics in Municipal Election.

STANLEY, Sept. 4.—Although polling day for the municipal election is quite distant, yet the prospects of the probable candidates are being freely discussed. It is rumored that there will be five candidates in the field; if so, a rather exciting contest may be expected, as it is understood that the candidates will be introduced in the field.

Deer are very plentiful and the farmers' crops are suffering as a result. The merchants report a falling off in their sale of deer. The price for the deer is now about \$1.00 per head. The deer are being sold in the city and are being used for food.

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