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"Corsican" Hit Iceberg Hidden in Dense Fog But Continues Voyage

Captain Cook of Allan Liner Sends Reassuring Message That Steamer Was Going Slowly and Sustained Slight Injury—Accident Occurred Some Hundred Miles Off Belle Isle.

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—Word came to Montreal to-night from Capt. E. Cook of the Allan liner Corsican that his vessel struck an iceberg this afternoon in the vicinity of Belle Isle. The Corsican was proceeding slowly, and the damage, which is reported as slight, is above the water line. The vessel will proceed on her voyage to Liverpool. The message from Captain Cook, which came to the Allan Line office here, is as follows: "Corsican struck an iceberg this afternoon at 4 o'clock while going very slow. Stem injured above waterline, and ship is making no water. Will proceed on voyage." Earlier reports that the Lake Champlain and the Scandinavian were proceeding to the assistance of the injured vessel are without confirmation. The signal service report shows that the Scandinavian was some 300 miles away at the time of the accident. The position of the Lake Champlain is not definitely known, but she passed Belle Isle at 8 a.m.

IN DENSE FOG.

The exact position of the Corsican when she struck is not stated, but the accident is thought to have occurred some hundred miles east of Belle Isle, judging by the latest reports from the signal service. The signal service report from Belle Isle shows dense fog prevailing, and this is probably the cause of the collision with the berg, and also accounts for the fact that the vessel was proceeding slowly. The Corsican carried 25 first-class, 62 second-class, and 200 steerage passengers, and sailed from Montreal for Liverpool last Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

The conflicting nature of the reports as to the extent of damage to the steamer and the proffered assistance of other steamers recalls an outstanding feature at the investigation into the sinking of the Titanic.

DARROW GIVEN VERBAL FLYING

Job Harriman and Lincoln Stephens Also Denounced by Prosecuting Attorney.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—Alternately denouncing Clarence E. Darrow as a corruptor of men and lauding his brilliancy of mind, District Attorney W. J. Ford made the opening argument in the Darrow bribery trial to-day. Denunciation extended to other connected with the defence of the Chicago lawyer—to Job Harriman, whom Ford called an accomplice in the alleged bribery of jurors; to Lincoln Stephens, designated as a "Christian anarchist," and to other defence witnesses of lesser importance. Time after time Ford assailed Darrow personally, either because of his philosophical teachings or his conduct of the McNamara defence. Throughout the day the man long regarded as one of the country's foremost champions of organized labor, listened with apparent unconcern to successive arrangements of himself, his friends and the cause he represented.

The climax of the prosecutor's denunciation was reached in his charge that Darrow, by his teachings, was responsible for the blowing up of the Times Building and its attendant fatalities. J. B. McNamara, he said, had been deluded by the doctrines advocated by Darrow. At another time the speaker referred to the defendant as "his brilliant gladiator of the courts."

Ridicules Alleged Plot.

The theory of the defence that Franklin and John H. Harrington were actors in a plot to ruin Darrow was ridiculed by the prosecutor. "If there was any 'frame up' in this case," he said, "it was between the district attorney and Lockwood to trap Franklin, and they did it."

To-morrow attorney Horace S. Appell will make the opening argument for the defence.

No Melon Cutting By C.P.R. Directors

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—There were no sensational developments at the August meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and only routine business was transacted. The usual quarterly dividends of 2 per cent. on the preference stock, and 2 1/2 per cent. on the common were declared, this, of course, including distribution from the proceeds of land sales and other extraneous assets. The annual report was considered, and in due time will be made public.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy presided, and those present included Sir Wm. Van Horne, Hon. Robert Mackay, R. B. Angus, C. Hosmer, D. McNicoll, E. B. Osler and W. D. Matthews.

There was nothing to substantiate rumors of a further issue of stock.

Forestalling Germany in Panama

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, it became known to-day, has given orders to a Belfast shipbuilding concern for four new 650-foot passenger liners for Panama Canal traffic to meet anticipated severe German competition. Mr. Mayhew, an official of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, in an interview to-day expressed the opinion that there was no occasion to be disturbed by the action of the American senate in passing the Panama Canal bill. He did not believe the American Government would entertain a step so calculated to deprive the canal of a considerable source of revenue. In any case, he thought the matter could be amply arranged without making comments distasteful to the United States.

LONDON TO HAVE CIVIC CAR LINES

Hon. Adam Beck Discovers That City Can Outgeneral Street Railway in Use of Streets.

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—There is a good chance that the report on the electrification of the London and Port Stanley railway will be submitted to the consideration of the city council without considering the question of street railway purchase.

Rumor has it that some weeks ago, Hon. Adam Beck discovered that there was nothing in the street railway by-law which would prevent the city from building railways on any street in the city where the lines of the company are not in existence.

The by-law is clear enough that the street railway company has a prior right to build upon any street which another company might propose to build upon. It does not seem however, that the clause took note of the city itself building such line or lines.

If this contention is correct, it opens the way for the city to bring in radial lines at will. It makes possible also the building of sidings to factories not now enjoying direct railway connection.

SCORER WAS FATALLY SHOT

Seaforth Lad Stepped Out After Hoisting Danger Signal and Cadet's Bullet Killed Him.

SEAFORTH, Aug. 12.—A fatal shooting accident occurred at the rifle buses this afternoon when Tommy Blues, son of Thos. S. Blues, grocer, who was scoring, was accidentally shot dead. He had taken the place of the regular scorer and had registered an outer for one of the cadets, who took considerable time in sighting for his next shot. Young Blues, it is thought, took this delay as indicating doubt regarding the previous shot. Putting up the danger signal, he stepped out in front of the target just as his mate fired. The bullet entered the right side beneath the collar bone and came out the back at the left side, causing death.

BRAKEMAN'S SLIP FATAL

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Aug. 12.—A fatal accident occurred in the G. T. H. yards here this evening. The victim was George O'Neil of this city, employed as a brakeman on the road. In endeavoring to catch an engine he slipped and fell in such a manner that a wheel passed over him, inflicting terrible injuries. O'Neil was 28 years of age and unmarried.

BORDEN NOT GOING TO GERMANY

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(C. A. P.)—The Canadian Associated Press understands that there is no foundation for the report that Premier Borden contemplates a flying visit to Germany.

Goldwin Smith on Municipal Government. The late Goldwin Smith once wrote to The Toronto World a letter entitled "Municipal Government." The authorities at Cornell University are anxious to get the letter and the date of its publication. Can any reader oblige? (Ed. World.)

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ATROCITIES BY MEXICAN BAND

Train Looted and Soldiers and Other Passengers Victims—Two Newspapermen Among Slain.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—Thirty-six soldiers and more than twenty passengers were slaughtered by Zapatistas in a canyon one kilometre north of Tlucman, 120 miles southeast of Mexico City, yesterday, when a passenger train southbound from this city was attacked from ambush. Only meagre details had reached this city tonight. So far as known, only a part of the train crew escaped. The first news of the assault were sent to Mexico City by Conductor Martin and Collector Dominguez, who, although wounded, had managed to make their way to Yustepec, 12 miles away. They were forced to steal thru the Zapatista lines and did not arrive at the telegraph station until this afternoon.

Horrible Atrocities.

Not satisfied with robbing their victims in an ordinary manner, the soldiers of the men and women were chopped off with machetes, that rings they wore might be more quickly obtained. Ornaments were torn from ears of women and their bodies were otherwise mutilated.

Among the passengers were two newspaper men, and they were among the killed. They were on their way to interview Zapata, the chief of the rebels.

One of these, H. L. Straus, a native of Uruguay, and consular agent of his country in this city, was employed at the time on The New York Herald. He was making this trip to see Zapata, as a representative of El Imparcial. The other was Ignacio Herreras of El País.

The ill-fated train left Mexico City yesterday morning. Most of the passengers belonged to the farmers and lower classes. The soldiers, who had been retained to act as guards, were from the Eleventh Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Reynosa.

Acting upon information brought to them by fugitive members of the train crew, authorities of Yustepec notified the Guardia who prepared to send a punitive expedition to the scene. They were not got under way until late today. Another train was sent from the north towards the scene of the massacre to recover the bodies and give aid to any wounded who might be found.

BEHAVE THEY HAVE RING THEF

Detective Goes to Buffalo to Bring Back Man Accused of Robbing Jewelry Store Six Weeks Ago.

Detective Young of the Toronto Detective department left for Buffalo yesterday to bring back to the city Alfred Dickson, the man who is believed to have been responsible for the robbery of Ellis Bros., Ltd., jewelry store, 165 Yonge Street.

About six weeks ago the window of the store was broken and six valuable diamond rings. This occurred about midnight and was not discovered until the thief had made good his escape.

The next the Toronto police heard of the matter was about a month ago, when word was received from the Buffalo police that a man arrested there as a vagrant had been attempting to sell the rings at one of the pawn shops. Only five of the rings were recovered.

Dickson was at the time sentenced to a thirty-day jail term by the Buffalo police magistrate, and his term having expired he has been handed over to the Toronto police.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT WANTS BEREAFORD.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(Can. Press)—China, the Peking correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says, he understands, has offered the post of ambassador to the government of the American Ambassador at Constantinople, who, it is stipulated, would not be the American Ambassador, but a Chinese representative of the republic.

The Chinese newspapers suggest, the correspondent also telegraphs, that Admiral Lord Charles Beraford, the appointed naval adviser to the Chinese Government.

FIVE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

SEATTLE, WASH., Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—Five persons were killed and several injured last to-night when the Overland train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway crashed thru a bridge half a mile west of Keechelus, 67 miles east of Seattle.

The train was a double-headed. Engineers and firemen of both engines were killed. Mrs. Simon Jones of Seattle was the only passenger killed. The railroad officials say no other passenger was injured.

UNIFORMITY IN FREIGHT RATES IS GREATEST DEMAND OF WEST

G. T. Somers, Back After Six Weeks' Tour, Thinks Equalization by Railways and Bounty on Manufacture of Flour Would Remove Great Bulk of Grievances.

That the great needs of Western Canada are equalization of freight rates and flour mills is the impression of G. T. Somers, president of the Sterling Bank, who reached Toronto last night after a six weeks' tour of the western provinces.

Touching on the vital question of railway rates he said: "The people of the western provinces are highly incensed over the local freight rates, and are demanding that an equalization be made and that either the rates in the west be lowered or otherwise equalized with these charged in the east."

A Bumper Crop.

"There is no doubt that the grain crop of the west will be a bumper one in the history of the country," said Mr. Somers. "Harvesting is pretty general. In Northern Alberta there has been a little too much rain, but weather conditions there are now ideal. Barley, flax and oats are looking exceptionally well. In some parts of the provinces the wheat yield is not as high as was formerly expected, but the west as a whole will have a large average yield and the sample is very fine. Some new wheat has already been shipped to Calgary."

"The wheat crop is estimated by conservative people to be about 255,000,000 bushels, oat crop over 200,000,000 bushels and with barley, flax and other grains, the total is expected to be about 500,000,000 bushels. If good weather conditions prevail until the end of harvesting, the money return to the west will be enormous, somewhere about \$300,000,000."

Mixed Farming.

"In a great many districts farmers are realizing the necessity of mixed farming and proper cultivation of the land. Around Regina and Moose Jaw crops are exceptionally good and the

yield will be very heavy per acre." Speaking of western real estate he said that while central properties in cities and towns undoubtedly had substantial values, subdivision, prepositions which were being sold almost exclusively to easterners and Englishmen, were regarded by men of affairs in western cities as a huge joke. "While there may be subdivisions that have merit, I would strongly advise anyone investing in real estate of any kind in the west to see it before handing over the money," said Mr. Somers.

Have Real Grievances.

"Western people have some real grievances which should be adjusted," he continued. "If they could have freight rates equalized and the government could see its way to pay a bounty on the manufacture of flour for export, I believe that the western provinces would be dotted with flour mills, and, further, that it would satisfy the people of the west very largely and do away with any cause of complaint they may have at the present time. If the wheat were milled out there and the flour exported there would be plenty of ofal with which to feed stock. What farmers require is such ofal."

CLERK REVEALED DETROIT GRAFT

Schreiber Made Voluntary Statement Implicating Aldermen Three Days After Being Ousted.

DETROIT, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press)—All doubt that the alleged confession of Edward Schreiber, clerk of the common council, was the basis for the sixteen arrests made in the councilman's "graft" cases last week, was removed this afternoon when Prosecuting Attorney Hugh Shepherd, in an interview, told the details of Schreiber's confession.

Schreiber was taken before Police Justice Jeffries, to assist in making out warrants against the sixteen aldermen arrested last Friday, and two additional members of the common council, making 18 in all who will appear in police court to-morrow on a charge of promising to accept a bribe. Schreiber said his aged mother led him to confess.

"Schreiber made a complete and detailed confession of all the deals that he said he had been in," said the prosecutor.

"He did this voluntarily three days after the council had ousted him from his job. He went to an hotel with me and a stenographer, and spent five hours going over all of his transactions."

To Clean Up City.

"He told me that he wanted to help clean up the city. I figured he could help us greatly, but I promised him nothing. He did want to know whether it was a matter of just 'getting him' or cleaning up the city, and I assured him that I wanted to clean up the whole thing. The confession takes up more than 100 pages, the details of which cannot be given out now. The city will be startled when the disclosures are made."

Schreiber, who is secretary of the American League of Municipalities, is charged by the operatives of Detective Wm. J. Burns, with being the leader in the alleged bribery arrangements made with the Wabash Railroad for street rights in the City of Detroit, which rights in the first aldermanic arrest being made several days ago, Schreiber was arrested at the time and is now at liberty on bail.

IN FIT, ALMOST DESTROYS STORE

Took Dozen Men to Finally Overpower Frank Griffiths, Drug Clerk, Who Smashed Goods and Fixtures.

Frank Griffiths, age 37, a drug clerk, went violently insane in the drug store of Herbert Morrow, Christie and Dupont-streets, at 7.30 o'clock last night and before he could be overpowered smashed several hundred dollars' worth of goods and fixtures. The combined efforts of about a dozen men finally resulted in his being overcome, and he was then removed to the Western Hospital.

Griffiths, who had worked at the drug store for a week last month while one of the clerks was on his vacation, had been acting in this capacity of relief drug clerk in a number of city drug stores. Last night, when he entered Morrow's store he asked for a cigar, and while one of the clerks was reaching in the case for it, he with a shriek suddenly began smashing and throwing things about.

After doing considerable damage Griffiths rushed to the doorway of the drug store and, throwing his hands in the air, made as if to dive head first on the hard pavement. C. F. Hutches of 44 Yarmouth-road, who was passing at the time, seeing the man apparently about to smash his head against the pavement, rushed up to him and grabbed him around the waist. Alone, he had to struggle with the man for 15 minutes, while onlookers kept far away. At length a dozen other men helped hold him until the arrival of the police ambulances, which removed the man to the Western Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from an epileptic fit. After sedatives had been administered Griffiths, who is six feet tall and powerfully built, was quieted down, and at a late hour last night was reported to be recovering.

SIR WILFRID IS BACK AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has been absent from the Capital for the past six weeks, arrived here to-day and was at his office this afternoon. Following his usual course he declined to be interviewed. He expressed himself as having spent a very enjoyable holiday. He is looking robust and is in splendid health.

With Sir Frederick Borden he has lately been on a motor tour thru the New England States. The rest of the time spent at his old home in Arthabaska. It is likely that the opposition will address one or two political meetings in both Ontario and Quebec this fall.

SECRETARY OF I.O.O.F. IS Suddenly Stricken

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.—(Can. Press.)—J. J. McKinnon, Charlottetown, grand secretary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, which meets this week at Yarmouth, was seized with rupture of a varicose vein as he stood on the platform at Wolfville, awaiting the Yarmouth train. He was sent back to Halifax for an operation, which took place to-night.

Mr. McKinnon will probably recover, but will be confined to the hospital for two or three weeks. He had previously been quite well.

Dr. Hastings Begins "Clean-Up" Campaign

Restaurateurs Who Disregarded Warnings Will be Brought Into Court—Rate of Half Dozen Daily—World's Experto Have Strengthened M. H. O.'s Stand.

"Commencing this week there will be an average of from five to six restaurant-keepers in the police court of this city to answer to charges of running dirty, filthy eating-houses. There are a great number of these places that are not trying in the least to keep their premises clean, but before our department has finished with them there will be a noticeable difference apparent in Toronto's restaurants."

Over six months ago, yes, longer than that, we have been instituting a regime of education in regard to these places. That is, we have been trying to show the foreign proprietors of these places in the city how to conduct their houses from a sanitary standpoint. Some have benefited by our teachings, others have gone on in the same old dirty, silt-shod fashion. It's a long lane, tho, that has no turning, and now they have simply got to clean up or suffer the consequences. If the ones we have been after for some time, and more strenuously since The World has taken up the matter, don't clean up, you get steam floating on the top of the milk bottle when you look it in liberty to use your own discretion as to what use you make of these names. We have decided that this is the only way to bring these recalcitrants to time. They have run to the end of their tether. Let them either mark time or fall out.

"Personally I am in favor of licensing restaurants and making a required standard that all must qualify for before they shall be given permission to run. We have no legislation to do this just now, at least I don't think we have, but we shall get it, and then we shall see the standard and will either come up to the standard or get out. As it is now we need an inspector for each separate restaurant if the supervision of these places got the supervision they should get."

The above is, in substance, what Dr. Hastings, M.H.O. for Toronto, had to say to this paper yesterday. And the doctor meant what he said. Since he has been M.H.O. for here, his great idea has been to educate all the different persons and businesses that come under his departmental work up to the standard required by him and the law. With the milk dealers he has succeeded very well. Conditions in that business are much better than when he became M.H.O. The milkmen don't come up to the standard now, but they are gradually learning. Not so very many years—perhaps it would be more germane to say months—if you got steam floating on the top of the milk bottle when you look it in liberty to use your own discretion as to what use you make of these names. We have decided that this is the only way to bring these recalcitrants to time. They have run to the end of their tether. Let them either mark time or fall out.

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