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BOAT CAPSIZED FIVE LIVES LOST

UPSET IN LAKE AYLER DURING A SQUALL

Two Fishermen Drowned Off St. John—Darling Attempt to Rob Railway Superintendent.

Sherbrooke, Que., July 20.—Rev. Father Cusack, acting administrator of the Roman Catholic diocese of Sherbrooke, and four young men, two brothers named Murphy and two brothers named Cadere, were drowned in Lake Ayler today by the upsetting of a sail boat during a squall. Several others were saved.

Boat Run Down.
St. John, N. B., July 20.—Steamer Pocahontas bound for Boston, ran down a fishing boat near here yesterday. The occupants, Edward and Roy Wynn, of Fairville, were drowned.

Attempted Robbery.
Sherbrooke, Que., July 20.—Two Italians, who had been dismissed from service of the company Monday, attempted to hold up and rob C. Lytle, superintendent of the Oxford Mountain railway, and his son, the assistant superintendent, while on their way to pay the men on the construction line between Kingsbury and Windsor Mills yesterday. Shots were fired, some of which struck Lytle, senior, causing serious injury, also killing his horse. The would-be robbers, however, were unable to secure the money and decamped. The amount in money and valuables was variously estimated at from \$14,000 to \$17,000.

Committed Suicide.
Toronto, July 20.—Joseph Crawford, in the absence of his wife and children, who were attending a Sunday school excursion, hung himself from a beam in his house. When his wife returned last night she found his dead body. Crawford is supposed to have been driven temporarily insane by literary heat.

Proposed Library.
Toronto, July 20.—The authorities of Victoria University (Methodist) have decided to build a new library provided they can secure the necessary funds. Rev. Dr. Potts, secretary of education, has written to Andrew Carnegie asking for a gift of \$50,000 to be granted on condition that the university provides an equal sum.

Water Supply.
Winnipeg, July 20.—Elevated tanks are gradually superseding other systems of fire protection in Manitoba and territorial towns, and are being utilized for domestic water supply. Where high ground is available reservoirs are preferred. Grandview has had a water service for some time. Strathcona is now contracting for a 120,000-gallon steel tank, to be 80 feet above ground and encased in frost-proof like railway tanks. St. Boniface is doing the same. It is claimed to be better protection and provided at lower cost; counting on the domestic service, it will produce sufficient revenue for all expenses. Several other towns have the matter under consideration.

Manager Married.
Winnipeg, July 20.—Arthur Swinford, manager of a suburban branch of the Bank of Commerce, and Bessie, daughter of Senator Watson, were married at the bride's home, Portage, in Prairie, last evening. They left for the coast on a honeymoon.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.
Ten Thousand Guineas Won By the French Horse—The Derby Winner Keaten.

London, July 21.—At the Sandown Park Eclipse meeting, the Eclipse stakes of 10,000 guineas, about one mile and a quarter, were won by M. Blanc's Van D'Or, which defeated the Derby winner Cicero. "Danny" Maher rode Cicero, Lord Rosebery's hitherto unbeaten colt, which started a warm favorite at 12 to 5. The French horse, however, won by half a length.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.
Rodney W. Swift Has Been Arrested at Chicago.

Chicago, July 21.—Rodney W. Swift, who recently made allegations against the International Harvester Company in connection with suits commenced by him against that corporation, was arrested last night on an indictment charging him with conspiracy.

The arrest is the outcome of Swift's litigation with the harvester company. It is said by the attorney that Swift bought in Indianapolis a certain patent for the company, paying \$45,000, and in the company reported that it could be purchased for \$75,000. The sum was paid, and it is alleged by the attorney that Swift and others realized the \$30,000 difference. It is in connection with this transaction that the indictment alleging conspiracy was found.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST. Britt and Sullivan Will Meet in San Francisco To-Night—California Is Favorite.

San Francisco, July 21.—James E. Britt of California, and K. Sullivan of Washington, will meet in the ring at Woodward's pavilion to-night to battle for the light-weight championship of the world. The men will weigh in this evening at 133 pounds, and both will be nearly at weight.

Britt is a 2 to 1 favorite, and even with these odds the Sullivan money is not plentiful. His backers are patiently waiting for a chance to bet when the odds go up a point or so, which it is considered likely to do before the meeting. The little fighters are in the pink of condition, and a lively battle is expected.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.
Former Champion Pugilist of Australia Taken Into Custody.

Chicago, July 21.—"Jim" Hall, formerly pugilistic champion of Australia, who fought with Robert Fitzsimmons for the largest purse ever offered in prize fighting, was arrested yesterday on a charge of theft. It was asserted by the police that Hall was one of three men who attempted to pick the pockets of a passenger on a street car. Hall denies the charge.

WILL NOT MEET KAISER.
No Truth in Report That the Czar Will Confer With Emperor William.

St. Petersburg, July 21, 6 p.m.—Emperor Nicholas remained at the Peterhof palace. The report that His Majesty was to start on a sea voyage and meet Emperor William was officially denied. No such trip is contemplated.

AUTOMOBILE FATALITY.
Millionaire Dead as Result of Accident—His Wife, Son and Daughter Injured.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 21.—M. T. Hancock, a well known millionaire plough inventor and manufacturer, is dead as a result of an automobile accident in this city late last night, in which his wife, son and daughter were seriously injured. Hancock himself sustained two fractures of the skull and concussion of the brain. He died in a hospital without recovering consciousness.

The party was travelling forty miles an hour when the machine collided with a buggy. The car swerved to the curbstone and crashed into a telephone pole, demolishing it, and hurling the occupants to the street.

J. Saul, driver of the buggy, was thrown from his vehicle to the street and severely hurt.
M. T. Hancock, Jr., a 15-year-old boy, was driving the machine at the time of the accident. With him in the front seat was his young brother, Newton Hancock, who was the only member of the party to escape unhurt. In the rear seat was Hancock's wife and daughter.

Hancock was known here as one of the most reckless automobile drivers in the city. He had been in the police court on different occasions for driving his machine in excess of the speed limit, and on one occasion a few days ago was fined \$150 for fast driving. He paid his fine at the time with a cheque, which he insisted should bear this inscription: "For driving an automobile sixty miles an hour in the city of Los Angeles."

THE KING'S PRIZE.
Seven Canadians Shooting in the Second Stage—Winning in Other Matches.

Blaisy, July 21.—The following Canadians will shoot in the second stage of the King's prize, 20 shots at 600 yards: Capt. Jones, P. E. Island; Sergt. P. Richardson, Toronto; Pte. Morrice, Montreal; Pte. Wilson, Ottawa; Color Sergt. Moore, Peterboro; Staff Sergt. Crowe, Guelph; Capt. Elliott, Toronto.

In this stage Richardson made 89 as follows: 3, 3, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4. Crowe scored 80, Elliott 85, Jones 70, Moore 88, Morrice 88, Wilson 83.

Other Competitions.
Staff Sergt. Kerr, Toronto, won first prize in the Gregory; Capt. Forrest, Vancouver, was sixth, winning 22, and Lieut. Bout, Vancouver, 20th, 21.

In the Imperial Tobacco competition, Bout was 30th and won £2.
In the St. George's, Corp. Brayshaw, Victoria, 20th, won £2.
In the Brookwood, Crowe and Simpson each made seven consecutive bull-eyes.

SHARP FIGHTING ON SAKHALIEN

RUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM THEIR TRENCHES

Japanese Captured Five Guns—Four Hundred and Sixty-one Russians Have Surrendered.

Tokio, July 21.—3.30 a. m.—It is officially announced that Russians who have thus far surrendered at various points of Sakhalien Island number 461, including one colonel and 14 other officers. An imperial ordinance was issued this morning authorizing the appointment of noncommissioned officers from the reserve conscripts, also converting those of sundry service into privates of the fighting rank.

FORCED TO RETREAT
AFTER SHARP FIGHT.

Tokio, July 21.—2 p. m.—A special telegram from Otaru says that the Russians, defeated at Daline, were about 200, with six field and three machine guns, and taking the fullest advantage of the topographical character of the district offered the most desperate resistance. The Russian positions were hidden among a thick forest and it was impossible for the Japanese gunners to make a correct observation. The cannonade, however, was opened by the Japanese at 6 o'clock on the morning of July 7th, and was kept up until dusk. The Jap infantry gradually gaining ground, closed in on the enemy's line of defence, waiting an opportunity for an infantry charge.

It was nearly two hours past midnight when the enemy's first line of defence was broken by barrages and trenches, and was taken. This success was vigorously followed up, but it was not until 9 o'clock on the morning of July 9th that the enemy was driven out of the second line of his defence, and a victory secured with trophies of four field and one machine gun. The nature of the ground exposed the Japanese assailants to a great disadvantage and risk. It was believed that on account of the short supplies of ammunition and provisions the Russians at Sakhalien could not hold out much longer.

WILL NOT SURRENDER
RIGHTS TO BUILD.

St. Petersburg, July 21.—The Novoye Vremya to-day devotes a leading article to the alleged peace conditions as published by the Berlin Tageblatt and Frankfort Zeitung, dwelling specially on the specification against double tracking the Siberian railroad, which the paper declares is utterly unacceptable in every way, being equivalent to the political and economic suicide of Russia.

THE BURNING OF
BRITISH STEAMER.

St. Petersburg, July 21.—United States Ambassador Meyer is making representations to the government regarding the British steamer Rhambula, turned by the Russians at Urup Island in the northern extremity of Japan, in behalf of the American consignors of her cargo of oil. The ambassador is endeavoring to hasten the setting of the prize court, but the government is without information in regard to the capture or the fate of the ship.

JAP WARSHIPS
OFF AMUR RIVER.

Copenhagen, July 21.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Godsladan says that private advices received at the Russian capital say that Japanese warships have been sighted near Nikolievsk, at the mouth of the Amur river. Many of the inhabitants of Nikolievsk and Vladivostok. It is added, have fled to Khabarovsk.

RUSSIAN ENVOY
AT FRENCH CAPITAL.

Paris, July 21.—4 p. m.—M. Witte accompanied by his wife, several members of his family, and a number of officials, making up the party which is on its way to the United States, arrived at the Northern railroad station at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A large number of French and Russian officials and members of the diplomatic corps were assembled at the station, including Ambassador Nelidoff and Cassini, M. Mollard, chief of the protocol department of the foreign office, representing Premier Rouvier, and Police Prefect Leprieux.

POET DEAD.
Cedar Falls, Ia., July 21.—Peter Hansen, who wrote many meritorious poems to the various Kings of Denmark, and was at one time considered in line for poet laureate of Denmark, died suddenly last night aged 80 years.

GEORGE TOWNS DEFEATED. James Stanbury Won World's Sculling Championship Rowed on the Parramatta River.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 22.—The world's sculling championship was wrested from George Towns by James Stanbury on the Parramatta river to-day in a race over the championship course. Stanbury won by two lengths. The stakes were \$2,500 a side.

Invited to Fraser.
New Westminster, July 22.—On receipt of the Associated Press news this morning that Stanbury had defeated Towns for the world's sculling championship, the world manager Keary called Stanbury formally offering him inducements, which it was previously understood he would accept, to defend his title here during the first week of the Dominion Fair, which opens on September 27th. Towns will also be allowed the same amount of expenses as if he were still champion.

GOVERNMENT NOT
LIKELY TO RESIGN
BECAUSE OF DEFEAT
ON REDMOND'S MOTION

House Has Adjourned Until Monday to Await the Decision of the Ministry.

London, July 20.—The government was defeated in the House of Commons to-night by a majority of three on the motion to reduce the membership of the Irish land commission.

On the announcement of the vote a scene of the greatest excitement was produced by the Liberals and the Irish members yelling "resign," "resign."

The incident is considered hardly of sufficient importance to justify the government in resigning, but when asked by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the opposition, what course he intended to pursue, Premier Balfour declined to make a statement.

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BOILER EXPLODED ON GUNBOAT

AND THIRTY-FOUR OF CREW WERE KILLED

Disaster on the Bennington in San Diego Bay—Many of the Injured Will Die.

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—One of the most frightful disasters in the peace history of the American navy, excepting the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor, occurred in San Diego bay shortly after 10.30 a. m. to-day on board the United States gunboat Bennington. At a moment when the warship, lying at anchor and with her officers and crew quietly attending to their duties on board, was the object of interest to hundreds of observing people on the piers, in pleasure boats and passing ferry boats, a cloud of steam suddenly burst from a point just forward of the smokestack, out of which the spectators were horrified to see bodies and human fragments hurled high in the air and scattered over the surrounding water.

The outbreak was accompanied by a roar as of thunder and a shock that rocked vessels near by. In an instant the air was filled with shrieks of pain from the wounded, which could be heard ashore, and with flying

Fragments of Human Beings and pieces of the ship's superstructure. The next moment sailors were fighting, crippled, in the water against death in a less sudden form than that from which they had escaped, while rowboats, sailboats, launches and tugs were being driven to the rescue as fast as arms, wind and steam could carry them. A ferryboat which was passing near by, turned about and hastened to render assistance, her deck crowded with frightened men and women who saw the havoc that had been wrought in a twinkling.

A most horrible sight met those who approached. In the water men with blackened faces were struggling, hand-capped by injuries. Others on deck were covered with blood and grime, some dead, some wounded, others with lacerated bodies, their heads bleeding, and their faces and hands covered with blood, looking at his own hanging flesh and dripping blood, and muttered only "My God! My God!"

A corps of men with blackened faces were hurried through the streets to places where the blood could be staunch, and where wounds were stitched and more heroic treatment given.

In the meantime a more awful sight awaited those who had hastened to the ill-fated ship, from which steam continued to pour in great clouds. Everywhere was blood, and in all directions were bodies. The after cabin was smeared with blood and the walls, ceiling and floor spotted with red. In the depths below, from which heat and steam rolled in volumes too great to face, came the

Groans and Wails of the dying and the shrieks of the wounded.

Tugs and launches soon were headed for the shore bearing the wounded, while the bodies permitted removal, and bodies of the dead. All the time the work of rescue was going on, the ship was settling to starboard, and clouds of white steam poured from her interior. News of the disaster spread like wildfire over the city, and soon the harbor was lined with people.

Commander Young was ashore getting final orders preparatory to sailing, but was soon on deck. He at once ordered the air-tight compartments closed and signaled a tug to tow the ship into the shallow water. Then he took charge of the sickening work at hand.

The explosion occurred in the main starboard boiler forward of the smokestack. It is now known that fifty men were snuffed out almost instantly, that in all probability this number will be increased by at least ten when the interior of the ship can be more fully explored, and that almost every man on board at the time was injured, many of

them so badly that death is inevitable, many so painfully that screams of agony are heard from their lips, and others so severely that they will be confined to sick rooms for days or weeks.

The force of the explosion was terrific beyond conception. Human bodies were hurled into the air probably to a height not less than 200 feet.

Sections of the upper deck were carried away from stem to stern, and aft a hole was blown in the side of the warship into which the water poured, causing the rapid listing of the vessel.

Most of the men on board were assembling between decks, above the boilers, when the explosion occurred. Here is where the most

Frightful Slaughter Occurred. No one living has been able to describe what happened there, but vivid witnesses present in the blood-smeared walls. It is from between decks that most of the dead bodies have been taken.

Lieut. Yates was in charge in the absence of Commander Young. He was slightly but not fatally scalded. Lieut. Perry was so badly burned that there is no hope of his recovery.

The cause of the explosion is said to have been a boiler which for many months was thought to be weak, though an inspection resulted in a favorable report.

The ship was getting up steam preparatory to towing the disabled ship Wyoing to Mare Island. Every man on board was either killed or wounded.

The Bennington was a three-masted schooner. She was built by N. F. Palmer & Co., of Chester, Pa. Her construction was authorized by congress on March 3rd, 1887, her keel being laid in June, 1888. She was launched on June 3rd, 1890, and was commissioned for the first time June 20th, 1891. The Bennington's engines were twin-screw, horizontal, triple-expansion. She attained a speed of 17.5 knots on her trial trip. Her main battery consisted of six 6-inch breech-loading rifles, and her second battery of four 6-pounders, four 1-pompadour rapid-fire guns, and two 30-calibre Coles.

Many Will Die.
Washington, D. C., July 21.—The navy department has received a dispatch from Commander Young saying that Lieut. Perry and 33 men are dead, 79 wounded, and 21 missing, and that many are expected to die before morning. He adds that there were 141 casualties altogether.

DISORDERS IN SPAIN.
Driven to Desperation By Lack of Food Laborers Raid Bakeries and Shops.

Madrid, July 20.—Serious disorders have occurred at Seville and Salamanca, arising from the general distress. Four hundred farm laborers invaded Seville, looted the bakeries and shops and committed other depredations until they were dispersed by a strong force of police and carabinieri. A mob stormed the city hall at Salamanca, broke into the building and sacked it. One member of the council, fleeing from the rioters, jumped from a window and was killed. The republicans are summoning mass meetings in Madrid and elsewhere. The government fears a spread of the disorder, and is taking precautionary measures.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.
Many of Tomsters Who Have Been on Strike Find Their Places Filled.

Chicago, July 21.—The teamster strikers, who last night gave up their long struggle against the employers, broke the ranks today in a stampede for work. The barns of the strike affected firms were besieged by men who have been idle for months, and whose places have been filled by non-union men. The employers in many cases announced that there was vacancies for only a few. Of more than 4,000 men who quit more than 1,400 or 1,500 will be reinstated during the next few days. The coal teamsters and truck drivers did not join in the rush for re-employment to-day.

NEW BICYCLE RECORDS.
Ogden, Utah, July 21.—Two world's bicycle records have been broken at the Saucer track here.

Jack Hume did the mile unpaced in 2:00 2/5, breaking the former record of 2:00 3/5 made by Wharenburger, in New York in August, 1890.

S. H. Wilcox lowered the three-quarter mile unpaced amateur record from 1:37 to 1:32 3/5. The previous record was made by B. F. Stone at Springfield, Mass., October, 1894.

OTTAWA NOTES.
Ottawa, July 21.—W. H. P. Clement, barrister, Grand Forks, has been appointed temporarily deputy county court judge during the illness of Judge Lenny.

The cabinet is busy to-day clearing of the slate in view of having a holiday. Hugh O'Leary, Lindsay, has been appointed judge at Port Arthur. Mr. O'Leary is a able lawyer, and will make a good judge.

TWO CHINAMEN DROWNED.
Perished While Fishing at the Mouth of Courtenay River.

Nanaimo, July 22.—Word was brought to town to-day that on Thursday two Chinese fishing on a raft at the mouth of Courtenay river were drowned. One of the men fell off and his companion, in reaching out to assist him, was dragged into the water and both perished.

THOUSANDS VISIT WINNIPEG FAIR

SPLENDID EXHIBITS OF HORSES AND CATTLE

Premier of Nova Scotia Will Leave the Prairie Capital on Sunday.

Winnipeg, July 22.—Thousands attended Winnipeg fair to-day, ladies' day, the weather being bright and cool. The horses and cattle made a magnificent showing, while the impetus given by eastern manufacturers at the last Dominion exhibition is in evidence. Local industries are largely represented, and take up all the space in the big buildings erected last year.

Will Open Branch.
The Union Bank of Canada will open a branch at Ottawa about the 1st of September next. George Bowles, the present manager at Winnipeg, has been appointed to this important position. He will be succeeded here by R. S. Barrow, former manager of the Regina branch of the bank.

Crimean Veteran Dead.
Daniel Doran, a veteran of the Crimea, died yesterday, aged seventy. He lived here 23 years. He served throughout the entire campaign in the Crimea, and during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York here a few years ago was one of the few presented to their Highnesses. He came to Canada from Belfast, Ireland, settled in Toronto, and for years was conductor on the Grand Trunk railway. Coming to Winnipeg in 1882 he engaged with local companies until a few years ago, when he retired from active life.

Fatal Runaway.
Francis Armstrong, aged fifty, a settler in Kootenay river district, died at Macleod from the effects of a runaway accident.

Coming West.
Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, arrived last night and will leave for the coast on Sunday on a pleasure trip with a party of friends.

ZEMSTVO CONGRESS.
Scheme For a Constitution Carried by Vote of 220 to 7.

Moscow, July 20.—The zemstvo congress, which is now in session, has adopted a scheme for a constitution by a vote of 220 to 7.

M. Petrunkevitch, president of the Moscow Agricultural Society, declared that all hope regarding the government's scheme which had hitherto been nourished had proved vain. It was obvious, he said, that the bar separating the Emperor and the people was too strong to count on reforms from above. They had appealed to the Emperor, and they should now appeal to the people. Prince Elostovskii said that the speech of M. Petrunkevitch was direct incitement to revolution and left the hall. M. Petrunkevitch's speech, he said, only echoed what had been set forth in the memorandum by the marshals of the nobility to the Emperor. A resolution was passed protesting against the constant violation of the private and social rights of Russian citizens by administrative officialdom and calling upon all local officials to protect the sufferers from the present state of affairs and to assist in preserving the troops from illegal and arbitrary acts carried out by the authorities.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.
Hundreds of Men Hurried Away From Odessa Without Trial.

Odessa, July 20.—The Russian government, with its secret police, mysterious arrests, its private trials and its unknown punishment of those found guilty, is at work attempting to break the rebellious spirits of Odessa's people.

In the last twenty days 1,000 arrests have been made of political offenders. Not one of the thousand has been given a public trial, and while it is known that many have been deported to Siberia, other forms of punishment are being administered. The facts concerning which are carefully guarded.

Mysterious arrests and hurried secret trials are now of daily occurrence. Men are seized on the streets by the agents of the police and hurried away. For any member of their family or friends to inquire as to their fate is to court instant arrest and deportation.

JAPANESE ENVOY,
Baron Komura Is Busy at Residence of Consul at Seattle.

Seattle, July 20.—Baron J. Komura, foreign minister of Japan, and one of the Japanese peace commissioners is struggling with a mass of diplomatic correspondence at the residence of S. Hisamitsu, Japanese consul at Seattle. Baron Komura worked until 5 o'clock this morning with cable messages and letters, which reached him when the steamer Minnesota arrived at Port Townsend.