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Pay Glowing Tributes To Heroism of Kendall

Stuck to His Post Until the Ship Sank Beneath Him Sobbed Like a Child over Story of Loss of Life.

QUEBEC, May 30.—A scene without parallel in Canadian shipping history was witnessed by ten thousand citizens of Quebec last night when the survivors of the Empress of Ireland arrived on the special relief train.

"No," was the answer, "he went down, and his wife, two daughters and one son went down with him." Sacrificed Himself One survivor said, "Commissioner Rees could have saved himself if he had wished. He had a lifebelt beside him, and all that was necessary for him to do was to have jumped. Then he would have been picked up. But he refused to stir from the side of his wife and family. He held one daughter in his arms, stroking her forehead, and just as the boat heaved over on to her side, he exclaimed, "God's will be done." Nineteen other Salvation Army men and women went down with him. Mrs. Rees seemed to be on her knees praying. Many other Salvation lassies were praying, for themselves, for their friends, and for everybody.

Foreigners Panic Struck There was plenty of screaming from the foreigners in the steerage, who were more active than the others in getting on the boat. Thomas Smart, of Toronto, was the last man to speak to Captain Kendall. Mr. Smart said that he had not been feeling well, and he was sitting out on the upper deck, when Captain Kendall walked past about half-past one o'clock, and said, "It is a nice night, but it looks to me as though a fog is coming." Then he added significantly, "You never know how soon a fog drops its pall upon you at this part of the river." They chatted together for some time.

Saw Kendall On the Bridge The captain soon after went on to the bridge. As soon as the crash came, Mr. Smart says, he looked at the bridge, and believe he saw Captain Kendall there. He was holding on to the rail, shouting some orders to a number of the crew, leaning over and waving his hands to someone. Mr. Smart does not know to whom he was speaking, but he heard him say distinctly, "Keep your heads there, and don't get excited."

When the boat dropped sideways into the water, the captain seemed to recognize that she was lost because he shouted: "Hurry up, there, everybody. There is not a minute to lose. Get the stewards through the corridors. If there are doors locked, break them in. Get the people out, and don't forget that the women and children must come first." He spoke through a megaphone, but there was so much screaming and moaning that his voice was drowned.

Stuck to His Post "He stuck to his post to the very last," said Mr. Smart, the last words he said before the ship went down were: "Heaven help us, because we cannot help ourselves." Then the lurch of the boat drew him into the water. He slipped off, and thought he was sucked under.

"When I got on to the Lady Evelyn I saw him stretched out there, and they were giving him some brandy to revive him. When he was able to speak, he looked around and asked 'Where's the ship?' A passenger, who looked like a doctor, told him the boat had gone. Captain Kendall pushed his face into a piece of dirty tarpaulin and cried as though his heart would break."

Formal Notice Of Abandonment

London, June 4.—It is announced that a formal notice has been tendered to the London underwriters of the abandonment of the Empress of Ireland. Some of the underwriters were ready yesterday to reinsure against the risk of total loss at 90 guineas per cent.

Many Losses in Mexican Battle

Fierce Engagement Takes Place Between Constitutionalists And Rebels.

Mexico City, June 4.—More than eighty Constitutionalists were killed, and a large number wounded in a fierce engagement, which took place yesterday, according to an announcement from the Interior Department. The Acting Foreign Minister has made a statement to the British legation that peace negotiations are progressing satisfactorily for Mexico.

BREEZY BUDGET FROM LIVE TOWN OF TWILLINGATE

Telephone Lines to be Erected in the Near Future Says The Sun Newspaper.

FISHERMEN NARROWLY ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Successful Fox Farming.—Empire Day Celebrations.—Men Go Adrift in Punt.

WORK on the erection of the telephones takes place as soon as it is possible to procure men, as at present everyone is busy preparing for the fishery or catching herring. Two young men, Roberts, of Wild Cove, had a narrow escape for their lives yesterday. They were coming up from Wild Cove with a skiff load of herring and punt in tow, when their skiff swamped and upset throwing them into the water. Fortunately they managed to get aboard the punt, but they lost 4 barrels herring, which means a considerable loss to them.

We understand Rev. Father Nolan, at Fortunate Hr., is doing well with his fox farm and has over 20 cubs this spring. We hear that it was his intention to sell one pair last winter, but owing to stormy weather he was unable to get them away. He was surprised and delighted when one of the pair presented him with eight cubs, three of which are said to be extra good foxes.

MONDAY arrived bright and clear and a nice day greeted the children for their celebration. The children of the various schools assembled at the Alexandra Hall and marched as far as the Bridge, where they halted while the Magistrate sent a message of loyalty to the King. They returned to the Hall where a bag containing biscuits, candy and oranges was handed to each child, as were also speeches which were made by Revs. Stenlake, Stirling and Bennett, and Mrs. R. Temple. Needless to say the Magistrate excelled himself. Wrapped in the Union and in his own exultation he expounded patriotism, and no doubt made a deep and lasting impression on the children. They on their part quickly made an impression on their bags and apparently enjoyed themselves immensely. The affair we learn was a general success.

CAPT. JOHN PHILLIPS arrived Thursday evening. He picked up Mr. Jonas Elliott and Alf, son of Mr. George Elliott, who had been out to the edge of the ice and could not leave it after the wind came up. Capt. Phillips left here Thursday and was on his way across the Bay when he saw a punt with sail up making for the edge of the ice. He stood towards it and found the punt to contain a man and boy. They had been attempting to row in but there was too much top and wind. Both were well soaked and had Capt. Phillips not arrived when he did, both men would in all probability have perished last night.

Mr. Elliott had secured two seals but one was lost in hoisting in the punt on board schooner. They were rowing from eight till eleven but made no headway owing to wind and tide. The crew of the schooner think the boy would have perished before dark as he was soaked.

SORROWING RELATIVES LAY CLAIM TO THE DEAD BROUGHT IN TO QUEBEC FROM SCENE OF "EMPRESS" DISASTER

"Funeral Ship" Lady Grey Was Conveyed by the Big Warship H.M.S. "Essex."

SAILORS AND MARINES BORE CASKETS REVERENTLY ASHORE And Laid Them in the Sheds Where The Bodies Were All Identified.

MANY HEART-RENDING SCENES. Two Bereaved Fathers Each Identify Body of Little Boy as That of Own Child.

QUEBEC, May 31.—The deep is yielding its dead. Throughout the weary hours of a long and murky night, groups of drawn, tense faces gazed unseeing over the silent St. Lawrence shrouded in damp darkness. Dawn broke clear and sunlight bathed the waters. As the Sabbath bells of the historic Basilica gave forth their early call to worship there rounded into view far down the river the slow-moving revenue cutter, Lady Grey. The "funeral ship," the habilitant called her in quaint reverence. The little steamer was guarded and escorted by H.M.S. Essex, a formidable first class armored cruiser of the British fleet, despatched by the Admiralty for this service at the personal request of the King. The flags of both vessels dipped at half mast. Reverently Saluted It was shortly after seven o'clock when the two vessels approached the Government pier half a mile below the city. The warrior came to anchor out in the river and reverently saluted. The little Lady Grey, with her precious freight, steamed slowly to the pier. On her bridge with Capt. Mercer and the pilot was Commander Tweedie of the British bluejackets, acting in co-operation with Chief McCarthy of the Provincial Police. She docked in silence sharp at 8 o'clock. The pier was clear; the harbor-master representing the Marine Department, a group of clergymen, several officers of the Salvation Army and a score or more of newspaper men alone were permitted entrance.

Borne By The Sailors The flag at the pier was at half-mast and within the adjoining long Canadian Pacific freight sheds guarded by Dominion officers and officials, were rows upon rows of crepe covered tables. Upon these the dead

Twelve Victims Are Laid to Rest

Funeral, With Military Honors, Takes Place at Quebec.—Vice-Regal Party Present.

Quebec, June 4.—Marching to the music of military bands, and passing along the entire route between double rows of mourning spectators, hundreds of mourners representing every class of society from the Vice-regal party to the humblest toilers, this morning followed the remains of twelve of the Empress of Ireland victims to the church and cemetery.

were laid for identification. All about the great building on the tops of sheds and other points of vantage were clustered scores of sombre curious men and women. Amidst the mourners there arose a profound respect for the British tar. The task of removing the dead was allotted to His Majesty's sailors. Silent, reverent and efficient the corps of one hundred and eight marines went about their work. They carried the rough boxes upon their shoulders, marching in solemn steps, the rhythmic beat of their feet the only sound heard. As each body was placed upon its temporary resting place in the shed the sailors reverently saluted and returned to the vessel for their next ghastly burden. Peculiarly pathetic was the removal of the tiny caskets with the remains of the children, on the shoulders of the little middies.

It took one hour and ten minutes to land one hundred and eighty-eight bodies. So profound was the impression made by the men of the Essex that as they marched on the vessel at the conclusion, clergymen and others raised their hats in tribute. Many Affecting Scenes There were many affecting scenes. One old Englishman broke down entirely when he failed to find the body of his wife, and went into a paroxysm of hysterical shouting. Two of the marines took him by either arm and tenderly led him away. An Ottawa lady when the white shroud covering her husband was lifted, fainted away. A young Winnipeg girl was found among the dead, a college friend broke into unrestrained weeping, while many mothers stood sobbingly

Had Ten Minutes To Call For Help

But Empress Operator Stuck to His Instruments and Got Reply From Shore.

Montreal, June 5.—But eight minutes were allowed Ferguson, the Empress' wireless operator, in which to call for assistance before the dynamo failed, according to his story today.

Directly after the collision, Ferguson says, he ran to the wireless room from his cabin, to which he had retired for the night. He sent out a message to Father Point, telling the operator there to stand by, as the Empress had struck something. A second later First Officer Steade ran into his room and told him to dispatch an "S.O.S." call. The station at Father Point answered at once and he gave them the Empress' position, and a moment after received the assurance that help was coming. The wireless then stopped.

over the table containing the bodies of fourteen little girls, two of them infants taken from their dead mothers' arms. A Pitiful Sight One of the most affecting scenes of the day was a dual claim put for the possession of the remains of a boy of tender years, with long, curly hair, attired only in his little nightdress. Not a mark was on the child, and the lips were parted in a half smile. At either side of the remains stood a claimant father, each quietly but resolutely asserting possession. The bereaved fathers were Mr. F. C. Cullen, of Toronto, and Mr. Alfred C. Archer, of Monnon, Sask. Each claimed the dead child as his own, and each maintained that identification was made positive by the waving, curly hair. It was pitiful to see two fathers, each sympathetic with the others, in turn brushing with the curls back on the child's forehead and seeking mute testimony to support their convictions. It was not until after the child's evidence was called in, that the child was finally awarded to the Toronto parent. Mr. Archer's child has not yet been found.

NEPTUNE AT TRINITY

S.S. Neptune was at Trinity yesterday enroute to Blanc Sablon.

Venturesome Scotchman To Attempt a Long Trip

King of Albania Had Short Reign

Great Powers Accept His Abdication And Are Looking Round For Another Ruler

Paris, June 5.—The Chancelleries of Europe have decided to accept the abdication of King William of Albania and are now casting about for a Moslem Prince to take his place. The Powers have also agreed to send more warships to Durazzo to protect the family of King William from the Albanian revolutionists. The revolt spreading throughout the new kingdom is menacing the peace of the Balkans.

CURRENT EVENTS ON PROSPEROUS WEST COAST

Western Star Says Considerable Fishing Gear Was Destroyed By Recent Storm

BURIN BANKING VESSEL CUT DOWN AND SINKS

Fishermen Very Largely Investing In Motor Engines.—Year Book Corrected

DURING last week's south-west gale there was considerable fishing gear destroyed in Bay of Islands. Wm. Butt lost a dory and about \$40 worth of gear which he was taking to the grounds. Joseph Dennis lost about \$80 worth.

We understand the steamer Amphitrite will do the West Coast mail service between Channel and Curling this summer. This is the service attempted by the steamer Mary last year. The Amphitrite has been fitted up at Halifax.

THERE was an increase of \$59,587 reported last year, compared with in value of motor engines imported the year previous. The motor boat has certainly come to stay, and people are already wondering how they managed to do without it so long. In Bay of Islands to-day the fisheries are prosecuted almost entirely by motor boat.

We have on the West Coast a population of some fifty-one thousand people, who use about half a million dollars worth of clothing yearly. Some \$363,608 worth of clothing is imported every year. Here is an opening for a clothing factory, which would give attention to quality. A factory located here would be central to supply the South and West Coasts.

THE schr. Flora Nickerson, Capt. Fudge, of Belleoram, was at Woods Island on Friday. She had been fishing in the Gulf, where she secured about 500 qts. codfish, having previously landed 800 qts. from her South Coast banking trip. Herring being scarce in the outer arms of this Bay, the Nickerson sailed for Bonne Bay in quest of bait.

A report comes to hand from the north to the effect that on Friday last a Burin banking vessel, captained by Benj. Moulton, was run down off Daniel's Hr., and sunk. The report states that another Burin vessel overhauled Moulton's craft, and rounded up to speak to him, when she crashed into the stern of the unfortunate schooner, sinking her so quickly that the crew barely managed to escape before she went down. She had a pretty fair trip of fish on board at the time.

In the Newfoundland Year Book we find the population of Bay of Islands placed at 1048. This is incorrect and misleading, for the population of Bay of Islands is in the vicinity of three and a half thousand.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales S. E. shifting to S. W. with heavy rain. Saturday, strong breezes to gales West to North clearing.

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Will Attempt to Cross the Atlantic from Liverpool To Newfoundland in an Open 16-foot Sail Boat.

AN Irvine man is about to make an attempt to establish a world's record to St. John's, Newfoundland, in a 16ft. open sailing boat. The plucky individual is a son of Mr. John Green, Crimean veteran. Mr. James Green, who resides at 165 High Street, Irvine, and who is employed as a red-leader in Messrs. Mackie & Thomson's shipyard, has long entertained the idea of making this attempt, and has given the matter careful consideration.

He has made arrangements for all his supplies being stored in air-tight tanks, and, with this exception, he does not intend making many alterations on his boat. He intends coasting right down to Liverpool, thence over to Queenstown, and after completing his stock of provisions there, his route will be straight across the ocean to St. John's. Mr. Green will undertake the journey unaccompanied, and will take a few books with him to read when the conditions are favorable. He anticipates doing the double journey in about five months.

British Racing Yacht on Trial

Shamrock IV. Taken Out For Her First Sail-Stretching Spin.—A Promising Boat.

Portsmouth, June 4.—Shamrock IV. went out to-day for her first sail-stretching spin in the vicinity of Spithead. She was accompanied by Shamrock III. The wind was light and fluky, quite inadequate to test her capabilities.

The challenger under a huge mainsail and sloop foresail, was manoeuvred handily and picked up her way quickly after tacking. The tow-? ering mast of the new yacht quite dwarfed that of Shamrock III. Sir Thomas Lipton was on board the Challenger, with Mr. Nicholson, the designer, and Mr. Burton, the amateur yachtman, who is to command Shamrock IV. during the cup race in American waters.

Depositors Will Get Their Money

Canadian Parliament Will Repeal Them For Their Losses in the Farmer's Bank.

Ottawa, June 4.—After an all night sitting the Farmers' Bank Resolution, to repeal the depositors to the extent of \$1,200,000 was passed by the Commons this morning by a majority of 38.

Steamer Did Not Need Assistance

New York, June 5.—Within less than half an hour after the Northland was reported as being ashore near New York, a message came from her withdrawing her request for a revenue cutter, stating she needed no assistance.

Must go Through To Bitter End

Carson Says Ulstermen Must Maintain Stand Or Be Forever Disgraced

London, June 5.—"This thing must go through to a finish" was the refrain of Carson's speech to the Ulster Volunteers in the Barons Court. Camp yesterday, otherwise he admitted they would be well branded by future historians as braggards and cowards; if having set their hands to the plough, they looked back.

Nationalist Volunteers claim that if recruiting progresses in Belfast at the same rate as during the past fortnight the corps will soon be the largest and strongest in Ireland.

EXPRESS AT 7 The express is due at 7 p.m.

Suffragettes Invade The King's Palace Disturb a Function

One of the Women, in Court Dress, Attempted to Address His Majesty on Behalf of the Militants, But Her Remarks Were Drowned By The Orchestra.—Public Much Incensed At Insolence of 'Wild Women.'

LONDON, June 5.—The King and Queen held a court last night when in spite of all precautions the militant suffragettes gained access to their presence and caused an interruption to the presentations.

As she was passing the King, a suffragette dropped on her knees and shouted, "Your Majesty, for God's sake do not use force." The woman was attired in court dress. Caused Astonishment. The action caused profound astonishment. She continued to admonish the King, but her words were inaudible, as the conductor of the band in the gallery, quick to observe the incident, signalled to the band to play louder. The woman's voice was drowned, she was removed from the room and handed over to the police.

This incident is calculated to produce a feeling of still greater exasperation in the public mind and renewed demands for strong measures to suppress the suffragette agitation. Striking scenes were witnessed at a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union last night.

Als. Poor Editors! Mr. Mansell presided and threatened London editors with the fate the two Belfast editors, who yesterday were assaulted by the militants at their offices.

Move to Suppress The Suffragettes

English Authorities, at the End of Their Patience, Will Take Strong Measures.

London, June 4.—Statements in the Ministerialist newspapers indicate that the end of the militant suffragette movement is now in sight.

The Government's patience is exhausted, and it feels that it will have the public sentiment behind it in the drastic measures it has now in contemplation.

It is proposed to treat the whole movement as a conspiracy against public order. Wholesale arrests will be made, and forcible feeding will be resorted to in virtually all cases, with no more releases of prisoners under the Cat and Mouse Act.