

CRIPPLED AND HELPLESS, THE COLLIER CAPE BRETON, DRIVEN ON ROCKS, BECOMES TOTAL LOSS

After Battling for Hours With Gale and Ice Floes, Finally Losing Propeller and Steering Gear, All Efforts to Keep Vessel off Rocks Prove in Vain—Crew, However, Succeed in Getting off Safely and Have Been Sent to Their Homes.

Sydney, N. S., Mar. 8.—With the steering gear torn by the force of the gale and ice floes, and the propeller blades smashed, the Dominion Coal Company's carrier Cape Breton battled with the heavy seas in Saturday's terrific storm off the south coast of Scattered Island for five hours before being finally driven ashore, split in two amidships.

The thrilling story of their experience was told by members of the Cape Breton crew on their arrival at Lunenburg today. Every member of the crew, with the exception of Captain J. A. Willett, of Sydney, and the first officer, Fynn, are now in Lunenburg, the two ship's officers having remained on Scattered Island to superintend the work of removing personal effects and fixtures from the ill-fated vessel. According to the story of the trip, as related by members of the Cape Breton crew, the vessel left Halifax on Friday and until 11 o'clock Saturday night, when off St. Eppit, where they encountered the gale, had a fair run. The force of the gale was first felt near St. Eppit, and an hour or so later, the Cape Breton encountered heavy ice floes. The vessel struck a course down the coast but, in the heavy seas the rudder was smashed and the steering gear carried away when off Port Nobi. This occurred about 11 o'clock Saturday night, the propeller blades being broken in the ice floes and the vessel becoming unmanageable. The Cape Breton was tossed about for five hours by the strong winds, the gale at this time having its greatest velocity.

NEW ENGLAND EMERGING FROM SNOW BLOCKADE

Volunteer Workers Joined Railroad Workers in Effort to Clear Tracks for Traffic.

Boston, March 8.—Considerable improvement in conditions on the snow and ice bound railroads in Northern New England resulted from the combined efforts of railroads and thousands of volunteer workers today. New York and Boston trains worked their way through to Portland and traffic was restored between Portland and Bangor.

The Grand Trunk Railroad lines in Maine and New Hampshire remained without service, together with many parts of Boston and Maine, and Maine Central Roads. The White Mountains Division of the Boston and Maine was cleared as far north as Plymouth, N. H., and the southern division to the Montreal trains were unable to pass these two points in either direction.

On several trains, which had been stalled at different points since Saturday night, and were released today, passengers had slept in day coaches for two nights, and had taxed the capacities of the small town hotels and restaurants to keep themselves supplied with food.

There was little inter-urban street traffic on the Northern and Western New England and in many cities icy tracks were still buried in ice.

VETERAN TRAPPER FOUND IN CAMP

Henry Braithwaite, From Whom Nothing Had Been Heard for Several Weeks and for Whose Safety Relatives Feared, Found Well and Happy.

Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—Word has been received that Robert Hunter of Parker's Ridge, and a companion, located Henry Braithwaite, trapper and guide, of Fredericton, after a search on which they started last Tuesday. "Uncle" Henry was found at the first camp, called hunter's camp. The snow was too deep for him to attend to his traps and he was sticking close to camp in the best of health and enjoying himself.

Mr. Braithwaite was eighty years old in last January and probably is the oldest professional guide and trapper in active service on the continent of America. His relatives became anxious concerning his safety some time ago, but their fears were groundless. He will come out of the woods in about a fortnight. The camp in which he was is some twenty-six miles from Heville. Two years ago while in the woods trapping Mr. Braithwaite had a severe attack of pneumonia and had to treat himself as no one was near him. His prolonged absence this season made his relatives think that a similar misfortune had overtaken him.

Jap Embassy Denies Report Called Absurd

London, March 8.—The Japanese Embassy here today issued the following statement: "Referring to the news, circulated in the last few days, to the effect that Japan bought the victory over Russia in 1914-5, the Japanese Embassy declares this is entirely groundless. Moreover, we suspect there is some foul play involved in the rumor. The story, of course, is so preposterous and chimerical that it hardly deserves a formal denial; but, in view of the fact that several papers printed it, it is well that it should be noticed."

WILSON OBJECTS TO PEACE TREATY RESERVATIONS

Will Not Consent to Any Act Which Would Weaken Force of Article Ten of Treaty.

DOESN'T GRASP THE DIFFERENT GROUPS Cannot Understand the Difference Between a Reservationist and a Mild Reservationist.

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson re-stated for Democratic Senators today his opposition to any Peace Treaty reservations which would weaken the full force of Article Ten or otherwise materially impair the provisions of the League covenant. Without saying specifically what qualifications he would or would not accept, he wrote in a letter to Senator Hitchcock, the administration leader, that almost all of the reservations he had heard suggested were "in effect virtual nullifications" of the Treaty articles to which they applied.

On motion of Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, the Senate agreed today to limit debate on all remaining reservations to the Peace Treaty, except those relating to Article Ten of the covenant, the League of Nations. As a result, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, withdrew his previous announcement that he would move to amend the Senate to vote on Article Ten. Under the agreement as accepted no Senator can speak more than twenty minutes on any single reservation, except the two named. A modified reservation affirming national control over armaments was adopted, 49 to 26. The reservation as amended on motions of Senators New, Republican, Indiana, and McCormick, Illinois, follows: "No plan for the limitation of armaments proposed by the Council of the League of Nations under the provisions of the covenant shall be binding on the United States until the same shall have been accepted by Congress, and the United States reserves the right to increase its armament without consent of the Council whenever the United States is threatened with invasion, or engaged in war."

Mr. Rice argued that the prohibition amendment proposed by a mis-conception of the law by Congress, and that the Federal government had no authority to make such a change in the constitution as the amendment provides. Declaring that the "amendment" means a correction, he said the terms of prohibition amendment are clearly outside the purview of the constitution.

Assistant Attorney-General Fryerson argued there was nothing revolutionary in the adoption of the amendment that lays down a "fundamental rule of law" that applies to all states. The court granted permission for the filing of briefs by Charles E. Hughes on behalf of twenty-four states, and by W. B. Wheeler, General Counsel for the Anti-Saloon League of America, supporting the amendment, and by Elihu Root, in opposition to the amendment, on behalf of the United States Brewers' Association.

Abolish the Cigarettes, New Cry of Reformers Chicago, March 8.—"Abolish the cigarette" is one of the war cries of the International Oligarch League, or gangster here. The deadly "pill" must go by 1925 they say. Another slogan is "Save the Girl."

Resignation of the Turkish Cabinet Confirmed Paris, March 8.—A Havas despatch from Constantinople confirms the resignation of the Turkish cabinet. Sath Pasha, Minister of the Navy the correspondent adds, has been charged with the formation of a new ministry.

Snow Blockade Causes Cancellation of Town Meeting Concord, N. H., March 8.—Town meetings in nearly one hundred New Hampshire towns set for tomorrow had to be postponed today because recent snowstorms have made the roads impassable.

Confesses to Murder of Several Women Eddyville, Ky., March 8.—Will Lockett, slayer of Geneva Herdman, ten years old, and the central figure in the riots at Lexington, February 9th, today confessed to the murder of two other persons, the probable murderer of a third and another frustration attempt. His victims were women.

England Will Not Renew Anglo-French Loan in U. S.

London, March 8.—J. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, discussing in the House of Commons, today, the decision not to renew the Anglo-French loan to the United States, stated that Great Britain, in providing her half, had no intention of re-borrowing outside the United Kingdom any part of the sum required, so that when the loan is repaid Great Britain will have reduced her external debt by more than fifty million pounds. The Chancellor added: "We shall employ, for the purpose, resources already available in the United States, and, to the extent which they are not sufficient, we shall ship gold."

COMMERCIAL B'RD INVESTIGATING GROCERY COMB.

Probing Into Charges That Combine Existed Among Wholesale Grocers and Certain Manufacturers.

MUST BELONG TO GUILD TO GET GOODS Three Wholesalers Are Accused of Withholding Goods from Purchasers Not Members of Grocers' Guild.

Hamilton, Ont., March 8.—Frank Fearman, who has been in the wholesale grocery business in Hamilton since 1913, was the chief witness today, at the investigation begun here by the Board of Commerce, with W. F. O'Connor presiding, into charges that a combine exists among the wholesale grocers and certain manufacturers. It was stated that sixty witnesses would be called, that the inquiry would probably last a week, and that before it was concluded sittings would be held either in Toronto or Ottawa.

Mr. Fearman told Chairman O'Connor he had made complaints to the Attorney-General's Department last January that he could not buy goods from the W. G. Macdonald Company, Montreal, or from the St. Lawrence Star Company, or from the Kellogg Corn Flakes Company. After he had joined the Ontario Grocers' Guild, however, he was enabled to make the desired purchases, he admitted. He had "dumped" correspondence with these firms, and it was not obtainable, and he was unable to produce evidence that he could not get supplies before he joined the guild.

W. S. Ware, sales manager of the Kellogg Corn Flakes Company, admitted having received verbal instructions to cut Fearman out of the jobbing list.

A. W. Roebuck, Toronto, representing the Attorney-General's Department, characterized the activities of the Ontario Wholesale Grocers' Guild as a combine to prevent manufacturers selling except to the wholesalers in the guild dictated. The climax was capped, Mr. Roebuck asserted, by all within the ring signing arrangement that none of them should sell unless he had a card signed by the secretary of the guild.

HON. DR. CODY RESIGNS FROM ONT. ASSEMBLY Toronto, March 8.—Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, former Minister of Education, and rector of St. Paul's Anglican church, this city today handed to a fellow member of the legislature, Hon. George S. Henry, former Minister of Agriculture, his resignation as a member of the Ontario Legislature for North East Toronto. The resignation will be sent forward by Hon. Mr. Henry, it is understood, and Dr. Cody will not take his seat in the Legislature at the opening tomorrow.

Bolshevik Capture Respectable Looking Fleet London, March 8.—The Bolsheviks captured the Russian cruiser Admiral Makhmoff, four fast torpedo boat destroyers, one scout vessel, one steamer, three trawlers, two outposts and two submarines, according to a wireless communication received today from Moscow.

Bandits Hold Up Vaudeville Show Cashier Detroit, Mich., March 8.—Three armed bandits, shortly before noon today, forced their way into the offices of the Miles Theatre, a downtown vaudeville house, held up the woman cashier, and escaped with \$5,200. The money, in a bag ready for banking, represented Saturday and Sunday receipts.

PROPAGANDA IN WEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT Members from That Section Considering Advisability of Issuing a Letter Protesting Against Such a Move.

OTTAWA, March 8.—(Canadian Press) Having learned that there is a propaganda atoot throughout their section of the country, some Western members of the House of Commons are contemplating the advisability of issuing a letter to their constituents urging that no attention be paid to the idea of unconstitutionally agreeing to support any candidate put up at the next election by those opposed to the Government. It is currently reported that there is a house to house canvass being carried on in the West at the present time, not only for the purpose of soliciting election campaign funds, but also securing pledges from all parties canvassed, that they will here and now commit themselves to the support of a policy that sets itself in direct opposition to the Government.

C. N. R. TRAINS OFF SCHEDULE Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., March 8.—C. N. R. through express trains from Montreal are stopping hours behind time an account of the recent storms which was so severely felt between Campbellton and Montreal. Today's Ocean Limited for Halifax reached Moncton, tonight, about eleven o'clock being nearly seven hours late.

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SIR THOS. WHITE, IN BRILLIANT SPEECH, VIGOROUSLY DEFENDS UNION GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

Declares That the Mandate of 1917 Was Not Only to Carry on the War, But Also to Deal With the After-War Problems, Which Are as Yet Unfulfilled—Ridicules Effectiveness of Groups or Third Parties in Political Life—Predicts Great Future for a National Liberal-Conservative Party.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 8.—Intervening in the debate on the address today Sir Thomas White delivered a speech which, for its broad treatment of national conditions and problems, its defence of the record of Union Government and of his own financial administration, and its indictment of sectional or "class conscious" movements, as opposed to the historic two-party system, constituted the most potent utterance from an authoritative source that the session has yet heard.

"REDS" HELD UP TO RIDICULE BY CROWN COUNSEL

Closing Arguments of Prosecutor Against Winnipeg Strike Leaders Now Being Heard.

Winnipeg, March 8.—(Canadian Press)—Ridiculing what he called the "Reds" and giving for calling the general strike of last summer A. J. Andrews, K. C., senior Counsel for the Crown in the trial of the seven strike leaders today, contended that the real reason was that they had been obsessed by the spirit of "damnocracy, damn rent, damn profits, damn agreements."

These words from Red propaganda, Mr. Andrews quoted against the accused and followed up the questions with the statement: "You will learn later that the pretext or excuse for calling this strike was to enforce their interpretations of 'collective bargaining' and yet the very first act was to encourage men who had entered into bargain collectively with the city of Winnipeg, and other people, to violate their agreements almost before the indictment was decided."

Mr. Andrews did not finish his address this afternoon as was expected. One of the jurymen was seized with illness at the morning session and the court was adjourned for about three hours.

The jurymen in question recovered sufficiently to attend when the court resumed at 2:30 p.m., but half an hour later he was overcome and Justice Metcalfe adjourned the court until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

N. B. SHAREHOLDERS HAPPY AT RESULTS New Oil Wells Struck in Oklahoma Spurts Beautifully—Much of the Stock Owned in This Province.

Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., March 8.—Matthew Lodge, who recently returned from Oklahoma and Kansas where he and other Maritime Province men are interested in oil areas, today received a telegram from Tulsa, Oklahoma, stating that a well just shot filled a two hundred and fifty barrel tank the first hour, and the estimated flow for the first six hours was four hundred barrels. This well is one of several being drilled by the Maple Leaf Oil Company in Oklahoma and Kansas. The company includes among its shareholders business men in Moncton, Amherst, New Glasgow and Montreal.

Challenges Third Party Turning from defensive to offensive tactics, Sir Thomas vigorously challenged the need of groups or third parties, in our political life. He invoked history to show that the group system had never been successful in British or Canadian Parliamentary records, and declared that the Agrarian movement, as represented by Mr. Crear and Dr. Clark, had its basis in "Class consciousness," which was one of the outgrowths of the war. The triumph of such a system of Government could only invite disaster for the country. It would result in a (Continued on page 2)

Another American Held Captive By Villa Band Fierce Fight Between Bandits of Villa and Train Guard on the Mexico City-Juarez Train Held Up Yesterday.

El Paso, Texas, March 8.—Joseph Williams, an employee of the American Smelting and Refining Company's plant at Pedernales, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$5,000 ransom, according to passengers from Southern Chihuahua who arrived at Juarez, Mexico, opposite here. Williams served in the war and was returning to the United States for treatment, still suffering from the effects of German gas.

He, with M. Nasar, an Arabian merchant, was made prisoner by Villa when the bandit leader directed an attack on the north bound Mexico City-Juarez train last Thursday morning near Corralitos, four hundred miles South of El Paso.

In a fight between Villa's men and the train guards, ten bandits and 19 train guards were killed, and the remaining fifty defenders either wounded or killed with death. Later, according to eye-witnesses, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by Carranza authorities at Chihuahua City.

Fortunes Made and Lost On Wall St. Yesterday News Agencies Misstating Results of Supreme Court Decision in Stock Tax Case Caused a Panic.

New York, March 8.—Wall Street was thrown into a state of demoralization today and many hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost and won within a few minutes, when news agencies, which serve the financial district, misstated the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the stock tax case, and declared that stock dividends were taxable.

The service of the Associated Press was accurate in every particular. After its report reached the Street, stocks, which had broken two to ten points under an avalanche of selling orders, steadied and began to climb. For the balance of the session prices continued to strengthen until quotations for leading shares made substantial gains.

During the violent declines which followed the misleading reports, frightened traders sold almost regardless of value. The hundreds of thousands of dollars forfeited by them were captured on the rebound by others who had refused to sell on the strength of the first and false report or who were in ignorance of what was happening.