

STEAMER SINKS WITH HER CREW

Soo City Wrecked While Passing From Lakes to Coast of Atlantic

FOURTEEN MEN DROWNED

Fate of Vessel Made Known by Wreckage Picked Up Near Cape Ray

Halifax, Dec. 4.—Word was received from Newfoundland today that a steamer's cabin and furniture and sixty-five bolts bearing the name of "Soo City" have been picked up near Cape Ray, on the Newfoundland coast. Inquiries fail to bring further particulars.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The steamer Soo City passed Montreal three weeks ago, bound for Boston from Chicago. She had been engaged in the trade of the great lakes, and at the close of the season passed through the canal to go to the Atlantic coast.

New York, Dec. 4.—The steamer Soo City, wreckage of which is reported as having been found near Cape Ray, Newfoundland, was bound from ports on the great lakes to New York, and was last reported at Ogdenburg on Nov. 11. The Soo City was of 438 net tons, 171 feet long, 33 foot beam. She was built in 1883 at West Bay City, Mich., and hailed from Chicago. She was recorded as being in the passenger service, and usually carried a crew of 28 men. The steamer Soo City was consigned to T. H. Franklin, agent of this city. At Mr. Franklin's office it was stated that she carried no passengers.

The Soo City was ten days overdue at New York, and much anxiety was felt by the relatives of Captain J. G. Dillon, of Brooklyn, who have heard no news of his whereabouts since she left Quebec on Nov. 11. At Ogdenburg, Miss John Case, of Winthrop, Mass., joined the steamer.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The steamer Soo City was wrecked by the Indians near Jackson, of Wisconsin, and was on her way to New York. She was owned by Capt. J. C. Dillon, of New York, and carried a crew of 28 men when she left Chicago on November 11. She was valued at \$150,000, and was well known as a staunch excursion steamer on the Lakes and Michigan. The names of the crew in addition to Capt. Dillon, were as follows: Mate, John Casey, Winthrop, Mass.; second mate, Angus McIntyre, Chicago; first engineer, Chas. Warwick, Michigan City; second engineer, N. J. Duncan, Chicago; purser, Jas. Anderson, Montague, Mich.; oilers, Frank Kelley, Alpena, Mich.; cook, Brown, Chicago; steward, John Schwinn, Michigan City and Samuel Olebky, Chicago; coal passers, E. L. Weaver, Bowagick, Mich., and another man name unknown; first steward, Chas. Brown, Chicago; second steward, Chas. Brown, Chicago; second cook, Chas. Warner, Chicago.

AN IRISH SCANDAL

Wife of Returned American Arrested on Charge of Bigamy

Dublin, Dec. 5.—A sensational occurrence is reported from the neighborhood of Cappawhite, Tipperary, where the wife of a returned American, Michael Ryan, was arrested a couple of days ago, on a charge of bigamy. The accused woman, it is stated, has had the distinction of being married to three different husbands at the same time. She is alleged to have been with her first husband at the time of her arrest last Thursday, but since that time she has been living with her second husband, who is now in prison. It is stated that the woman was married to her first husband in the State of Indiana, and to her second husband in the State of Michigan. She is now being held in prison pending further investigation.

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Death of C. E. Mellich. Vancouver, Dec. 5.—C. E. Mellich, aged 40, a well known commercial traveller, died this morning at Vernon, after a short illness.

Thawing Out Dynamite. Vancouver, Dec. 5.—A Chinaman, while thawing out dynamite in the east end of the city this morning was killed. His body was frightfully shattered.

Interurban Cars Collide. Vancouver, Dec. 5.—A rear-end collision between interurban cars occurred on the coast road between West Vancouver and the city, at the intersection of the line in a fog at noon. The vestibules of the cars were smashed, but no one was injured.

G.T.P. Branch Survey. Vancouver, Dec. 5.—G.T.P. engineers have secured a good grade north from North Vancouver through the Seymour creek valley to Pemberton Meadows. It is probable that this route will be used for a branch to Port George, in preference to that by way of the rock-bound shores of Howe Sound and the Squamish.

Pillbury-Washburn Concern. Minneapolis, Dec. 5.—The plan of re-organization of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., Ltd., was received by the shareholders here today. It was adopted by the shareholders and creditors' committee in London last week, with a view to terminating the receivership granted by the federal court of Minneapolis on Aug. 8, and providing for the settlement of claims of unsecured creditors to the estimated amount of \$5,922,544. Under its terms an operating company, with a name to be agreed upon, is to be formed in this state, to subscribe \$2,000,000, which will take a lease of the mills and milling business of the company for twenty years.

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U. S. LABORERS WORK IN NORTH

Men From South of Line Employed on Construction of G. T. Pacific

OPINIONS OF INSPECTOR

Thinks Enforcement of Immigration Law is Now Better Carried Out

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—S. B. Williams, Dominion Inspector of Immigration, has left for Ottawa, having completed his inspection trip, extending from Halifax to Vancouver. He has been at points along the international boundary. The officers have received imperative instructions to refuse entry to all classes of people who have not the amount of money required by the immigration act, and who may be liable to become public charges.

Strict enforcement of the law, Mr. Williams believes, will have the effect of preventing the influx of an undesirable element calculated to flood the Canadian labor market.

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Crushed by a Tree. North Bay, Ont., Dec. 4.—Gordon Wright was crushed to death by a falling tree, which swayed in a high wind.

Tampered With Ballot Boxes. Hamilton, Dec. 5.—Harry Dillabaugh and William Lawson, for tampering with ballot boxes in the recent federal elections, were sent to jail by Justice Anglin today. Dillabaugh for four months and Lawson for two.

Liberals to Nominate. Nanaimo, Dec. 5.—Local Liberals at a meeting tonight unanimously decided to oppose Mr. Hawthorthwaite in the by-election, and will hold a convention on Dec. 19 to nominate a candidate.

Calgary Civic Elections. Calgary, Alta., Dec. 5.—Monday is nomination day, and from present indications it looks as if O'Keefe will be elected mayor. He has secured a majority seat, twenty-four for aldermen and at least four will allow their names to be used as candidates for seats for public school board.

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POOR PROSPECT FOR GOVERNMENT

Failure of Legislative Programme and Defeats in Bye-Elections

CONSERVATIVES CONFIDENT

Dissolution of Parliament May Come Early in the New Year

London, Dec. 5.—The Conservative politicians and press are raising a chorus of joy over the defeat of the government's education bill, and are prophesying the early termination of the Liberal administration.

The collapse of the government's two most pretentious and most carefully prepared measures, within a few days of each other, together with the Liberal defeat in the Middlesex Parliamentary election, following several successive rebuffs at the polls, give support to the assertion that the Liberals have lost the country's confidence. On this ground the government's opponents are urging it to invite a vote of confidence by going before the country in a general election, and are taunting it with being afraid to do so.

It is well within the range of possibilities that the next six months may see a general election. A few prophets say that a general election will come early in the new year. Some of the Liberals suggest that the government should frame a gross bill, curbing the power of the lords, and that when that body throws it out the country should appeal to the country on that issue.

The most important legislation this session having failed, the only noteworthy project left to consider is the Irish land purchase bill, but the chance of its passing is poor.

The Liberal objects to the scheme of the bill, and is starting from the fact that the bill is directed towards reform in that house, because their party, under the proposed plan, would be assured of the upper house. Colonial representation in the House of Lords finds general support, and suggestions are being made that if the colonies are given seats, India should not be left out.

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