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### ATLANTIC GALES CLAIM VICTIMS

#### Crews of Four Oyster Boats Are Lost Off Coast of Virginia

### GULF SCHOONER MISSING

#### Minor Mishaps to Shipping— General Blockade at At- lantic Ports

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24.—Four oyster schooners are believed to have been lost in today's storm off Browns shoal. The body of one of these vessels, was swept by a Newport News dock in a heavy current this afternoon. The sea was so high that the body could not be caught.

With the temperature down to 22 degrees, the Virginia and North Carolina coasts were swept by a storm, accompanied by blinding snow. The wind blew at 80 miles an hour at Cape Henry.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 24.—A despatch from Tampico, Mexico, says: All vessels arriving at this port during the past few days report unusually rough weather. Much anxiety is felt here for the schooner North Eagle, 12 days out from Key West, of which no tidings have been received.

Hull, Mass., Jan. 24.—In the north-west gale and snow storm today the large three masted schooner Fortuna, Capt. Leighton, bound from Newburyport for Boston to load copper, for Norfolk, went ashore on Levis Island. The crew were landed safely.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Shipping on the Delaware river was completely tied up today by the storm which has swept over the coast. For the first time this winter not a vessel arrived at this port. The only vessel to arrive was the tugboat, which was blown into the river.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 24.—With the wind blowing 85 to 90 miles an hour, a heavy fall of snow and the temperature continually dropping, Newport today is in the grasp of the first real blizzard of the winter. All shipping is badly crippled. Steam train service is delayed and trolley lines were tied up by the storm. At 11 p. m. no word had been received from the Nantucket Lightship, No. 68.

### JACK LONDON'S VOYAGE

#### Will Leave San Francisco Again on Steamship To Bring Him From Tahiti

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Jack London, who left here last May on a seven-year trip around the world, to procure material for literary work, and for whose safety fears have been entertained, returned to San Francisco today on the steamship Mariposa from Tahiti.

London is accompanied by his wife. He says that he came back to attend to business. He will leave again on the Mariposa on February 1.

The 50-foot boat in which London is making his trip, was left at Tahiti for repairs to the engine. "We had absolutely no adventures," said London, "and the reasons for our delayed arrival at the Marquesas islands, which delay gave rise to the reports that we had been lost, were simply trouble with our gas engine, and because we spent some time cruising among various islands."

### British Visitors

New York, Jan. 25.—Sir Alan Johnston, the British minister to Denmark, and Lady Johnston, who were called to America by the serious illness of Lady Johnston's father, arrived here today on the steamer Merika. Lady Johnston's father is James W. Linchot, of Washington.

### Blaine Banker Arrested

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—O. C. Mathes, the alleged absconding cashier of the Exchange bank, of Blaine, was arrested at Ashcroft today by Sheriff Williams, of Bellingham. They will return to Blaine tomorrow. Mathes, having given assurance that he will attempt to settle the affairs of the bank.

### Sovereign Bank Shareholders

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 25.—Officers of the Sovereign bank are besieged with letters from shareholders from all over the country, anxious as to the fate of the capital invested in the shares of the bank. They seek for information as to the ultimate value of their stock holdings, but the reply sent back is that it is impossible at present to state with any degree of accuracy what dividends will be paid when the assets are liquidated.

### Portugal's Unrest

Lisbon, Jan. 25.—One of the government organs issued today charges that the abortive effort made to force the overthrow of the monarchy and proclaim Portugal a republic was the work of opposition parties, the members of which realize that they are facing defeat. Their object was to force the government to postpone the approach of the elections. These tactics, however, did not succeed," the newspaper declares. "The cabinet is now ready to restore the constitution, and it fears neither the elections nor parliament."

The Y. M. C. A. has decided to build a home for factory boys on the north-west side of Chicago.

### CHICAGO STREET RAILWAYS

#### North and West Side Companies Are Sold at Auction to the New Corporation

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The property of the West Chicago Street Railway company and that of the North Chicago Street Railway company, which have for several years been operated under the name of the Union Traction company, were sold at auction to the Chicago Railway company, a corporation formed to undertake the reorganization of the two systems. The price paid was \$2,000,000.

The sale was the outcome of the traction litigation which has dragged in the courts for years and has blocked off the way to improvement of street car service on the north and west sides of the city. The decision of the supreme court of the United States, handed down on Thursday, was the last step in the court proceedings, and the property was at once turned over to the reorganization corporation.

It is said that the company will spend \$12,000,000 for new equipment and in rebuilding the lines.

### Threaten to Strike

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 25.—A strike of street railway employees is threatened if the company refuses to arbitrate the matter of the dismissal of President Theaker, of the local union.

### Canada and Newfoundland

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25.—Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, has notified the government that he will shortly visit Ottawa to discuss relations between that colony and the Dominion. It is thought that the advantage will be taken of Bond's presence here to consider the question of Newfoundland entering the Dominion.

### PROMINENT PRIEST DEPRIVED OF RANK

#### Father Petroff Feels Heavy Hand of Church Because of His Politics

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—Father Gregory Petroff, the most noted priest in the Russian church, next to Father John Sushinski, was deprived of his rank today, and handed over to the civil authorities for judgment before a civil court. Alleged grounds for the church and state was contained in a letter he addressed to Archbishop Antonius, Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, and which was widely circulated in Russia and America.

Father Petroff's career as a pulpiter was one of the most brilliant. He exercised sway over his classes, multitudes thronging to hear him. At one time he was a great favorite at court, and frequently led the family worship of the Emperor. Since the beginning of the revolutionary movement he had fallen into disfavour on account of his liberal political views, and has been kept under surveillance, condemned by the Holy Synod to three months' internment in a monastery on account of the Christian-Socialistic doctrines advocated in his paper, "God's Truth." He is now, however, he was elected by the constitutional Democrats to the second duma.

### ORE PRODUCTION

#### Shipments and Smelter Receipts at Kootenay and Yale Points For the Past Week

Nelson, Jan. 25.—Shipments from the mines and receipts at the smelters of south-eastern British Columbia districts for the past week and year-to-date were as follows:

Shipments—Boundary, week, 19,075; year, 47,321; Rossland, 5,394 and 22,347; East of Columbia river, 3,809 and 11,000; total, 28,264 and 80,668.

Smelter Receipts—Trail, 18,075; 47,321; Trail, 15,141; 19,975; Northport, 1,629; 7,050; Marysville, 675; 2,355. Total, 25,500; 76,681.

### Fruit Men Punished

Picton, Jan. 25.—At the instance of the fruit division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, H. E. Groff and F. D. Underdonk, of the firm of Groff & Underdonk, Tranton, have been fined for selling illegally packed and packed apples, and A. E. Brown, of Ameliasburg, and W. Miron, of Northumberland, buyers and packer respectively, were convicted and fined the costs of the court.

### Destruction by Dynamite

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 25.—Five hundred pounds of dynamite in a box car at the mining town of Hocking, two miles from Albia, exploded during a fire which started in a mining company's store early today. Five men and the \$60,000 worth of property were destroyed. The box was for five miles. Miners fought the flames, even when they knew the dynamite was in the car next to the fire. There is an explosion was likely to occur at any time.

### West River Pirates Suppressed

Bevin, Jan. 24.—Vice Admiral Sir Arthur William Moore, commander-in-chief of the British naval forces on the Chinese coast, has advised the British legation here that he is entirely satisfied with the assurance given him by the viceroy of Canton, regarding the future patrol of the West river, and consequently the British flotilla, which has been patrolling this river since December 2 for the purpose of suppressing piracy, was withdrawn yesterday. The paying off of the Siam indemnity by the Chinese also influenced Vice Admiral Moore to withdraw the flotilla. The Canton navy officers have agreed to increase the efficiency of the Chinese patrol boats and place them under the command of an officer named Li Chun, who has been trained in modern naval methods.

### HARRIMAN'S HOLD MAY BE BROKEN

#### Union Pacific Control of Other Roads Attacked by the Government

### AS AGAINST SHERMAN ACT

#### Railway and Loan Companies and Individuals Are the Defendants

Washington, Jan. 25.—Attorney-general Bonaparte today directed that a bill in equity be filed to get aside the control by the Union Pacific Railroad company and its subsidiary corporations of the Southern Pacific and the Los Angeles and San Joaquin railroads, also to have declared illegal the partnership by the Union Pacific or the Oregon Short Line of stock in the Santa Fe, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, all of said lines being competitors of the Union Pacific.

The attorney-general today issued an official statement to this effect, and after referring to the fact that the company is the defendant in the Sherman act, he stated that the investigation into the rate agreements existing between the various lines engaged in transcontinental traffic, says:

"From the evidence so adduced, and from independent investigation, the department has arrived at the conclusion that the stock holdings of the Union Pacific and its subsidiary companies in the other corporations mentioned above, are violations of the Sherman act. The department regards the suit as of extreme importance, as it is sought by means thereof to break up the substantial monopoly of transportation on the east and the entire Pacific coast south of Portland, on the west, and on the railway companies mentioned above named, the other defendants in the suit are the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York, which is the depository of all the stock of the San Pedro roads under a contract by which it is required to give proxies to such persons as may be named by Mr. Harriman and Mr. Clark for the following individual defendants, who are alleged to have conceived and carried out the conspiracy complained of: C. P. Harriman, James H. Hill, Otto H. Kahn, James Stillman, Henry C. Frick, Henry H. Rogers and Wm. A. Clark."

While naming the individual defendants, the statement makes no mention of any intention to prosecute any of these persons in any criminal proceedings.

### REVOLUTION SUPPRESSED

Port au Prince, Jan. 25.—The revolution has been suppressed, Jean Juneau, leader of the movement, has been captured at Deshaies and is being held close to Gonaives, and was at once shot by the government forces.

### TWO JAPANESE KILLED

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—While thawing powder on a spade at North Vancouver today two Japanese were killed by an explosion, and their bodies were destroyed by the flames that burned their hut.

### SORROWFUL ENDING OF OUIDA'S LIFE

#### Famous Novelist Dies in Abject Poverty and With One Attendant

Florence, Jan. 25.—Ouida (Louise De La Ramée), the novelist, died today at Villa Reggia, after a long illness extending over a long period. She died in most distressing poverty, her only attendant being an old servant woman, in whose arms she expired.

She was completely blind of one eye, and the other eye was badly affected through her having suffered so much from exposure and privation. During the last few months of her life she was compelled to sleep in the open air, when unable to pay for a night's lodging.

The immediate cause of death is set down as asthma complicated by heart disease. Ouida had a passionate fondness for dogs, and up to the very last was surrounded by many of them, depriving herself of even the necessities of life in order to feed them. The minister of instruction had sent her on several occasions recently considerable contributions, which had been subscribed for her aid.

### AMBASSADOR BRYCE GOING TO OTTAWA

#### Consultation With Government Over International Questions

Washington, Jan. 24.—Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador, is going to Ottawa in connection with the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain regarding the fisheries. The most evident cause is the common desire of all people to govern themselves. But there is another element, and that is the Englishman's sense of duty, though just, is not lovable.

"He is superstitious, less than courteous, and treats the natives as a conquered race. He is now resented by men who have become highly educated and can fairly claim recognition, if not equality."

Dr. McKay, however, does not anticipate an immediate change in the rule has been just, and while the natives wish to rule themselves eventually, they do not yet strong enough, and they do not wish to be rid of the British until they are able to stand against any possible invader.

### RUSSIAN TROOPS SENT TO FAR EAST

#### Apparently a Precaution Suggested by Activity of the Chinese

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—The minister of war has ordered four brigades of infantry, now stationed at Odessa, to proceed to Trans-Balkalia, to strengthen the garrisons in the neighborhood of the Russo-Chinese frontier.

### Potamine Poisoning

New Westminster, Jan. 25.—Charles Henry, for twenty years an employee of the Royal City Mills, died yesterday afternoon, presumably from ptomaine poisoning, following a meal of canned food, which he had taken while in company with his son, Bert Henry, one of the forward line of the New Westminster lacrosse team. The supposed contaminated food was eaten two weeks ago, and since that time Mr. Henry had been under treatment at St. Mary's hospital.

### FISH ON HER DECK

#### Old Dominion Liner Swept by Waves That Brought Finny Spoil Aboard

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—The steamer Jamestown, of the Old Dominion Steamship company, arrived here today after one of the worst experiences ever encountered by an Atlantic coast liner.

The steamer, arriving off Cape Charles light at 11:30 a. m. yesterday, with the wind blowing at a hurricane velocity and accompanied by a blinding snowstorm, was unable to proceed and drove to sea. She was then blown many miles seaward, and labored heavily in the heaviest of the sea until she was able to make the Virginia capes at midnight.

Mountainous seas washed the decks of the steamer, the severity of these being shown by the fact that the vessel's crew, when able to venture out, picked from the meshes of the three-foot rope netting beneath the ship's deck rail more than a score of fish, which had been caught therein. One of these fish weighed eight pounds and was sent to be cooked for the crew's dinner.

The Jamestown, though delayed 15 hours in the storm, suffered in no way as the result of her severe experience.

### BRACE PUBLIC SENTIMENT

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### BRITISH IN INDIA

#### Presbyterian Missionary Gives Opinions as to Causes of Present Unrest

Toronto, Jan. 25.—In describing the situation in India, Rev. R. F. McKay, secretary of Presbyterian foreign missions, in an address before the Empire club, said: "The people of India wish for this are not many. The reasons for this are not many to state. The most evident cause is the common desire of all people to govern themselves. But there is another element, and that is the Englishman's sense of duty, though just, is not lovable."

### ABOUT PLAYERS

Viola Allen, who made a fortune for Liebler Co. in "The Christian," has returned to that management, and will appear within a few weeks in an adaptation of Henry Bernstein's "La Bercelle" ("The Fold"), which has been made by Louis N. Parker. Miss Allen has just returned from Europe, where she went to confer with Mr. Parker and Mr. Bernstein.

### DISTRESS IN TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Owing to the great distress in Toronto, a conference between the board of control and representatives of charitable institutions was held in the mayor's office yesterday, when the situation with reference to the unusual number of men out of work and the resultant distress was discussed at length. It was decided that the organizations should formulate some scheme for the division of the city into districts, and that better provisions should be made for looking after the poor.

### SIGN OF BETTER TIMES

Chicago, Jan. 25.—That freight traffic conditions are recovering from financial stringency is the statement of several traffic managers and other railway officials yesterday. The improvement is said to be particularly noticeable in the traffic of the railroads of the Middle West, where grain shipments, almost suspended while the stringency in the money market was at its height, now are being made.

### LEMONE'S DIAMONDS

#### Fooled Sir Julius Wernher With Gems That Came From His Own Mine in Africa

Paris, Jan. 25.—Henry Lemoine, the man who has tried to prove that he can make diamonds, has been bound over to trial on the charge of swindling. Bail was refused.

This action is an outcome of the court hearing last night, when M. Delcasse, a diamond merchant, testified that several of the diamonds which Lemoine gave to Sir Julius Wernher, of the DeBeers Mining Co., declaring he made them, had been sold to Madame Lemoine by DeHaan. The witness selected these stones from some which were produced in court last night.

Immediately following the disclosure last night the president of the Jewellers' Association in France lodged a complaint of fraud against Lemoine. The morning newspapers say that the diamond mystery has been proved to be a comedy of legends, and interpret the identification of the stones by M. De Haan as an exposure of Lemoine.

Interviewed by one of the newspapers, De Haan said: "The amusing point is that the diamonds sold to M. Lemoine came from Wernher's own mine at Jagersfontein."

### FIERY SPEECH ROUSES FRANCE

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### REAVAGES OF STORM

Nantucket, Mass., Jan. 25.—No storm in the last 50 years has caused so much damage on this island as the blizzard which raged all day yesterday and early today. Damage resulting in thousands of dollars' loss was wrought about the coast along the east water front property were swept away. The fishing fleet is demoralized. Dozens of the boats and launches are piled up on shore. Deep drifts of snow cover the entire island. There has been no communication with Siasconset for several days.

### DISTURBING RUMORS FLY ABOUT LISBON

#### Government Says All is Safe— Dramatic Escape From Prison

Lisbon, Jan. 24.—The transmission of the following despatch was permitted by the authorities after due consideration: "Lisbon is filled today with disturbing rumors, but there have been no new developments in the abortive attempt of two nights ago to overthrow the monarchy and proclaim Portugal a republic."

The government today issued a statement declaring that it believes in the maintenance of order in Portugal is assured.

London, Jan. 24.—A despatch has been received here from Lisbon saying that Dr. Farman Lopez, who was connected with the recent conspiracy to blow up Premier France with a bomb, made a daring escape today from the San Julian prison, a strong fortress at the mouth of the Tagus river. Because of the high social position of Dr. Lopez, permission was given a party of his friends to visit him in prison. This party went to the fortress in a motor car. As the auto drove up in front of the prison a terrible explosion was heard.

The commander of the prison, after a brief investigation, ordered that the party be examined and guards were placed around the fortress. A further examination was then made, but no explanation of the explosion could be found. The commander was then allowed to depart in their motor car. It was learned later that Dr. Lopez had escaped during the confusion following the explosion. Some one had passed him keys through the grate of the window of his cell. With these he unlocked the door and joined his friends.

It is supposed to have gone away in the motor car, and carried away heavy studded motor glasses and big coat. The entire staff of the fortress, including the commander, have been arrested on suspicion of accepting a bribe to permit the escape of the prisoner, and a reward has been offered for the arrest of Dr. Lopez.

### AMERICAN CRICKET TEAM TO VISIT CANADA SOON

#### Famous Philadelphia Aggregation Will Try Conclusions With Teams in This Country

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24.—The University of Pennsylvania cricket team, which made such a famous record last summer in England, will try conclusions with the Canadian cricketers here this summer. The team is being organized by Manager Keenan and Captain Lee at a meeting held in the university gymnasium last week.

Already offers have been received from Canadian colleges and clubs for games, and in a short time a schedule will be arranged, including games with Toronto, Montreal and Quebec colleges and clubs. During the entire trip last summer the Pennsylvania team lost but one game, and because of this phenomenal record the athletic association of the university awarded them their varsity letter. Of this championship team, eight men are still in college, besides several substitutes, so the team should be good. It is believed that the team should be able to give the Canadians as good a game as they did their English cricketers.

The team will leave the latter part of June, after the examination for the year, and will proceed immediately to Canada. The regular schedule will be arranged as not to interfere with the Canadian trip.

### THUGS OVERRUN TERMINAL CITY

#### Hold-Ups at Points of Guns Perpetrated Last Evening

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Vancouver is in the grip of hold-up thugs, and the police are apparently unable to grapple with the situation. Almost nightly citizens are held up at points of guns and robbed of their money and valuables. Tonight in the midst of a dense fog two men were held up and robbed of \$20, together with watches and other jewelry. The hold-up men were both armed with guns, and their methods were of an unusually bold order. The men who were robbed were John Marshall and William Smith, the latter a Seattle man.

### TWO MEN LOSE VALUABLES

#### House in West End Ransacked By Burglar in Broad Daylight

Nor are hold-up thugs the only menace with which Vancouver has to contend. Burglaries are being carried on in wholesale fashion, and particularly in the west end of the city, the residential district. This afternoon the sixth of a series of robberies was perpetrated in broad daylight, when the home of Wm. Drehan, on Comox street, was entered and jewelry valued at over \$500 taken. Mrs. Drehan had only gone into the backyard for a few moments, and returned to find that every room had been entered and the boxes and stand drawers rifled. Among the things taken were gold watches and diamond rings.

The city is overrun with hard characters, and despite the strenuous efforts of the police department, the criminals manage to get away with their booty.

### PASSENGERS SAFE

#### Missing Boat of Injured Steamer Am- sterdam Found Off Hook of Holland

Hook of Holland, Jan. 24.—All the missing passengers and crew of the steamer Amsterdam were brought in here safely at noon today.

The steamer Amsterdam belongs to the Great Eastern company. She sailed from Harwich on January 21 with 56 passengers on board for Rotterdam. That same night she collided with the British steamer Axminster near Nieuwe Waterweg, and sustained serious damage. The crew of the passengers left her in small boats and all the boats, excepting one, were speedily picked up.

The passengers on the missing boat numbered 12, and the crew 10. They were picked up by the Norwegian steamer Songa one hour after they left the Amsterdam in a small boat. The Songa was bound from Harwich for Rotterdam. The heavy fog which has prevailed prevented the Songa from making a landing. The missing passengers and boat's crew were on board the Songa for two days and a half. When the fog partly cleared up this morning the lifeboat Gauwse, from the Hook of Holland, found the Songa and took the party on board and brought them here.

### Fog at Southampton

Southampton, Jan. 25.—A dense fog interfered seriously today with the shipping at this port. The steamer Philadelphia, which should have sailed this morning for New York, was unable to leave before six this evening, and the departure of the other mail steamers was delayed.

### GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25.—An interim report made by Mr. St. Laurent, engineer in chief of the Georgian Bay Canal survey, shows that the approximate estimate of cost of the canalization of the French river from Georgian Bay to North Bay, a distance of 31 miles, is \$12,700,530. The plan contemplates a ship canal of a depth of 22 feet and provides for the creation of three reaches between Georgian Bay and Lake Nipissing by means of locks and dams, the lift of locks varying from 22 to 24 feet. A full report is promised for March.