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THE WEATHER

Northeast winds, cloudy with local rain or sleet; Thursday cloudy, not much change in temperature.

SEINE STILL RISES; FLOODS IN FRANCE WORSE TODAY THAN EVER

Political Differences Are Sunk in Effort to Combat Awful Effects of Disaster to France

All Departments of Government Working in Relief Measures — The Situation in Paris—Reports From Outlying Places Are Bad, Violent Snow and Rain Storms Prevailing

Paris, Jan. 26—The flood situation looks worse hourly. At Pont Royal this morning the raging torrent of the Seine had reached a height of twenty-seven feet eight inches above low water mark and was rising at the rate of nearly an inch an hour, against an hourly rise of less than half an inch yesterday.

Although the river Marne was reported stationary at Fretesous to the east of Paris, the rivers navigation department declares the volume of water rushing down from the Yonne and other affluents of the Seine above, leaves no hope that the high water mark will be reached before tomorrow morning, when the flood is expected to reach a maximum of thirty-one feet, or a height greater than that of the disastrous flood of 1802.

National Disaster

At the same time, the department admits confidentially that it is impossible to predict anything with accuracy as the whole of France is still in the grip of an unprecedented storm. Rain, snow and hail are falling everywhere, the coasts are stormbound and ships are fleeing to the harbors for refuge.

In the face of a national disaster, France is giving a fine exhibition of pluck and solidarity. Political divisions have been buried and the government and people have united to solve the problem of relief. Powerless to do anything to conjure the rage of the elements, those in authority have devoted themselves to the work of rescue and of providing shelter and food for the homeless.

Every reserve of the government, including the army, was employed today. Boats were requisitioned at all ports and soldiers and firemen worked tirelessly. Nevertheless, Premier Briand and the other ministers, who had not left their posts for forty-eight hours, were unable to respond to the appeals for help coming in from every direction. Provincial authorities received general instructions to act on their own initiative without awaiting orders from the central government.

Thes ituation in Paris was not changed from yesterday except that more streets had been converted into yellow canals. More districts evacuated, a few more pavements have caved in and traffic and communication was more completely paralyzed. One of the greatest causes of alarm continued to be the constant rise of the stream under the centre of Paris, flooding cellars, undermining the foundation of the buildings. Whole streets have been roped off as unsafe.

All the bridges over the Seine are still standing but more than half of them have been closed. Yesterday's report that a steamer had broken from its moorings and crashed against the Pont de Alma, was incorrect. The refuse of the city, which was carried off formerly in barges, is now being dumped into the Seine.

Another serious phase of the situation is that Paris is becoming rapidly isolated, telegraph and telephone wires being "drowned or grounded."

Only two railroads to the north and west were operating direct to Paris today.

STUNS GUARD BUT ESCAPE PREVENTED

Winnipeg, Jan. 26— (Special) —Friare Nikel, under arrest awaiting trial for a charge of robbery and arson at Morden, attempted to escape yesterday. Taking advantage of an opportunity, he stole up behind the guard and struck him over the head with a metal pail and then, taking his keys endeavored to make his way out but was re-captured.

The guard is seriously injured.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBERALS REORGANIZE

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26—(Special)—"Liberalism is not dead, it never will be," said Mr. John Oliver, of Delta at a meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association last evening. Reorganization of the lacol Liberal forces will be undertaken at once and a provincial convention will probably be held during the coming summer, and an effort will be made to have Sir Wilfrid Laurier present.

WILL THE BIG FIGHT BE DECLARED OFF?

New York, Jan. 26—A report that the Jeffries-Johnson fight will soon be declared off on account of the dispute between Rickard and Gleason as to the place where it is to be held, was current in New York today.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 26—The question of whether the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held here next July is expected to be settled before the end of the week. Governor William Spry, it is said will issue a statement today or tomorrow which will end the discussion.

"Tex" Rickard is going ahead as if he regarded everything settled, but he has not yet seen the governor. That followers of the sport in neighboring cities and states have taken it for granted that the battle will be held here is indicated by the large number of requests for seats at the big fight.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 25—Receivers were appointed tonight for the Columbus & Hocking Coal Company and allied interests.

KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL DEMANDS CHANGE OF HIGHWAY ACT

Government to be Memorialized—Business of Importance to County at Session in Hampton This Morning

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 26—(Special)—The municipal council of Kings county resumed this morning. The new rules of order and discipline went into operation. The fee for the Kingston assessors was reduced from $5 to $3.

The report of the commissioners of the alms house was read by the secretary, J. M. McIntyre, showing the receipes, $1621.-76; expenses, $2,707.04. Feeling reference was made to the illness of the chairman, Councillor James A. Moore, and wishes expressed for his speedy recovery. The report was adopted. An assessment was ordered on the several parishes for the municipal home, amounting to $4018, also on certain parishes for the support of pauper lunatics.

The fee for assessors for the parish of Hampton was fixed at four per cent of the amount assessed.

The report of the Kings County board of health was read by Dr. F. H. Wetmore. There had been more than the usual number of cases of infectious diseases, diphtheria having been prevalent in Hampton, where there were fourteen cases, and scarlet fever of a light nature in Apohaqui and Havelock. The total cases were: diphtheria 33, with two deaths; scarlet fever, thirty-nine, typhoid fever three, tuberculosis nine. Pamphlets on tuberculosis had been issued for free distribution and also on diphtheria, copies of which were placed in the hands of the councillors. The report was adopted.

Councillors Freeze, Branscombe and Warden Gilbert reported as delegates to the convention of the union of municipalities in Moncton last year and urged the importance of the interests considered by the association which they regard as vital The report was adopted and the warden and councillor S. H. Flewwelling were appointed delegates to the convention in February.

The pay of officials at municipal elections was fixed at $3 for the poll clerk, or chairman; $2 for the polling clerk, $1.50 for constable and $2 for the polling booth.

A standing order was made that winter roads should be kept open and the pay fixed at ten cents for a double team and five cents for a man, the government also to be memorialized to amend the act. The lists of parish officers were submitted and passed, after a sharp discussion on certain names on the Springfield list.

ONE KILLED, TWO BADLY HURT WHEN COASTERS STRIKE POLE

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 26—John Hough, 11 years old, was killed, Walter Smith, 15, was fatally hurt and Marjorie Houghton, 14, had her leg broken in a coasting accident at Theresa last night.

A party of fourteen were on a heavy bob-sled on a very steep hill glassy with ice. The sled was going at terrific speed when young Smith, who was steering, lost control and the sled ran into a telephone pole. The entire party were thrown violently into the air. None escaped without bruises.

UNION MEN SIGN A NO MEAT PLEDGE

Toronto Petition Signed by Many—Hotel Keepers Fined For Selling Liquor to College Students—The C. P. R. Accident

Toronto, Jan. 26—(Special)—With a view to bringing about a reduction of the meat price, the trade unionists of the city have started a campaign of abstinence. A pledge is being circulated and extensively signed to abstain from the use of fresh meat for thirty days, or until there is a big reduction in the retail prices of beef, mutton and pork.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 26—(Special)—Judgment was given yesterday in the case of the hotel keepers charged with supplying liquor to collegiate students on a spree at the close of the term before Christmas. P. Farrell of the Royal Hotel was fined $35 and costs and H. A. Mills, of Buckingham, fined $25 and costs. The students have been expelled by the college faculty.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 26—(Special)—C. McManus, local manager for the Canadian Bridge Company, left yesterday afternoon for the scene of Friday's disaster on the C. P. R. at Spanish River, upon instructions from the C. P. R. to reconstruct the damaged bridge. McManus took a crew of eight men and expects to finish the work within a few days. Why the bridge did not fall when the girders broke he says is a mystery.

Sudbury, Ont., Jan. 26—(Special)—The presence of a chipped rail at a curve about a quarter of a mile east of the bridge, it is thought, may have had a part in the C. P. R. accident. A piece about the size of a cake of soap had been broken from the inside at the eastern end of the rail. This rail has been since replaced by a new one.

DRUG CLERKS TO BEGIN WRITING EXAMS. TOMORROW

The semi-yearly examinations for the drug clerks of the city and province will begin tomorrow morning in the market building, Charlotte street, and will be finished on Friday. They will consist of the preliminary examinations and also the finals, which latter, it is expected, will be tried by more than twenty drug clerks. The results of the examinations will not be known until probably the first of next week.

The examinations will be conducted by four well known pharmacists, who, with their subjects, are as as follows:—R. W. Ingraham, materia medica; N. B. Smith, pharmacy; M. V. Paddock; chemistry; and Aubrey Johnson, of St. Stephen dispensing. The drug clerks have been preparing for some time for these examinations, which mean a great deal to their future success.

WRESTLER HERE; HAD TELEGRAM HE WAS MATCHED

Eugene Hardy, the wrestler, who will be remembered by St. John people as giving exhibitions when wrestling was booming here some years ago in the York Theatre, called at this office today to say that he had just reached the city as the result of a telegram to the effect that he was matched to wrestle Eugene Trembly of Montreal here tonight.

He says that he arrived in Montreal yesterday from Vancouver, and found a wire waiting for him at the Windsor Hotel from his manager, Kennedy, who is in Chicago, to the effect that he was matched here with Trembly tonight, under the management of a local man. He left the office on the hunt for the man.

BOY HAS FOOT INJURED IN MILL

Charles Humphrey, a boy of 16, employed at A. Cushing & Co's mill, met with a painful accident while at work this morning in the mill. He got his foot caught in a sprocket wheel and it was necessary to stop the machinery to release him. The sole was torn completely from the boot. Dr. M. L. MacFarland was summoned, and examination showed that, while no bones were broken, the foot was bruised and swollen. The lad will be laid up for a week or more.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA GENERAL MANAGER RESIGNS

Halifax, N. S.,—Jan. 26—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia, H. C. McLeod, General manager, tendered his resignation.

BRITAIN'S PROGRAMME FOR NEW WARSHIPS

Portsmouth, Eng., Jan. 26—In well informed naval circles it is understood that the next British naval estimates will provide for four dreadnoughts, two armoured cruisers, eight small cruisers, twenty-four torpedo destroyers, ten submarines and 5,000 additional men.

HALIFAX GIRL ONE OF VICTIMS

Went Boating in New Hampshire Waters Amid Ice Floes—Four are Thought to Have Been Drowned

Hampton, N. H., Jan. 26.J—(Special)—Turning winter into summer, a party of probably four young people taking a small, leaky boat here started out yesterday amid the ice floes for a morning frolic. They never returned. A mystery surrounds the whole affair.

This morning the body of Lena Cavanaugh, who came here from Halifax and has near relatives residing in the provinces came ashore in front of the Sea View hotel. The other three bodies have not been recovered.

It is not definitely known just who were in the party or exactly how many of the young merry-makers there were. Merle Flanders, a sweetheart of Miss Cavanagh, is missing. One theory is that two of the party tried to cross the river on a large cake of ice to reach their boat and that half way over the cake broke and they were thrown into the icy water.

The girl worked for a man named Meyers of Boston who comes here in the summer. Meyers said he did not wonder at the accident for the girl was of an extremely reckless and adventurous nature and was always up to peculiar pranks. He said she had a mother and father living, he thought, in Halifax.

ALBERT COUNTY MAN KILLED IN THE STATES

Freeman Crossman Struck by Train — Moncton's Relations With the County Council

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 26—(Special)—The body of Freeman Crossman was brought here yesterday afternoon from Boston. Crossman was working in Sharol, Mass., driving a coal team and on Friday last, as he and others were unloading coal on a siding an express struck him, killing him instantly. He had stepped from one track to another to get clear of a freight train when the express dashed by, striking him on the head and crushing it. The funeral was held this afternoon. He was a son of David Crossman of Albert Co., and leaves his wife and one son, six months old.

Leonard Trites, arrested the other day, became so violent yesterday afternoon that he had to be changed from one cell to another. The cell he was formerly in was a new one with iron sheeting and this he damaged considerably by kicking, while the door was also sprung.

Moncton's new city council was sworn in this morning and Ald. Forbes and Fry-council sessions, now being held in Dor-council sessions, now being held in Dorchester. Mayor Reilly, and Messrs Jones and Bourque were appointed to wait on the county council in connection with a smallpox bills question which has been standing for a long time between the city and county.

F. W. Sumner, J. S. Rayworth, J. M. Lyons, H. Jones and Jas. Doyle went to Dorchester today to ask for a grant of $2,000 for the Moncton hospital from the county council.

I. O. FORESTERS

Foresters' Hall last evening was taxed to its fullest capacity with Foresters and friends of Court Wygoody. Chief Ranger Companion Belyea presided and conducted the initiation of several candidates. The guard of honor, which has been established by the court, wore their handsome robes and their appearance was most favorably commented on. The installation was conducted by D. G. Lingley, P. H. C. R., assisted by J. M. Scovil, jr., J. A. Stephenson and F. L. Corey as high court officers; E. J. Todd, H. M.; Wm. Erb, H. C., with the royal escort in command of Sir Knight G. Dykeman.

The following were installed:—Miss Barberry, C. D. H. C. R.; Mrs. C. E. Belyea, C. R.; Mrs. J. E. Willis, P. C. R.; Mrs. Osborne, V. C. R.; Mrs. Patriquin, orator; Mrs. Welsh, S. W.; Miss Sproul, J. W.; Mrs. McFarlane, S. B.; Mrs. Henderson, J. B.; Mrs. Melvin, organist; Dr. G. G. Melvin, court physician.

An excellent programme of speeches, songs, and recitations followed. Those taking part were D. G. Lingley, H. A. Erb, Miss Spence, Miss Ross, Miss Smith, Miss Powers, Miss Cox and Mr. Mallinson Many of the numbers received hearty encores. Refreshments were served, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and successful night.

This evening Court Ouangondy will install officers. The ceremony will be public, and conducted by high court officers and royal foresters, in the Temple building, Main street.

LOOKS TODAY MORE LIKE IRISH PARTY HOLDING BALANCE OF POWER

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SUTHERLAND MAY SEEK THE TROPHY

New York Has Report That Duke May Challenge For America's Cup With Moderate Size Yacht

New York, Jan. 26—New York Yachtsmen are much interested in a report from England that the Duke of Sutherland will make an effort to challenge for the America's Cup with a yacht of moderate size. The acceptance of such a challenge by the New York Yacht Club is doubtful but yachtsmen say it would mean the liveliest season in the history of the sport here. At least five new yachts and possibly ten or more would be built to meet him.

Henry Maxwell, vice-commodore of one of the smaller local yacht clubs, says in a statement given out here today:

"If the Duke should come, and I hope he will, it would be one of the most desirable things that could happen for the sport in this country. I think we can beat him easily. Englishmen have so far been unsuccessful with large boats and they will stand even less chance with a small boat.

"There is nothing in the deed or gift to warrant refusal of a challenge from a 76-footer. The limits fixed are 65 to 90 feet water line. Of course, the club would have the option of matching a 90-footer against the 76-footer, but that would not be very good policy, for the records of the past few years show that when time allowance is considered, the results have been largely in favor of thes maller boats"

VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY WILL MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of the directors of the St. John Valley Railway Co., will be held in Fredericton this evening, to discuss the best course to pursue to try to bring the matter of building the railway to a successful conclusion. It is possible that a delegation will be appointed to come to St. John to awaken greater interest in the project in this city. There is said to be a feeling up river that St. John should be more actively interested.

The company has not yet had surveys made, or in fact taken any steps other than to organize, as they wanted to see what attitude the governments would take before proceeding to expend large sums of money on preliminary work.

A Fredericton despatch to the Times says:—

"The St. John Valley Railway Company, organized last year, will meet in annual session here this evening. Apologists for the Hazen Government are now seeking to lay blame on the company for the government's neglect in supplying the Ottawa authorities with data in regard to the character of the road to be built, and no doubt, this matter will be dealt with at tonight's meeting, and the company's position clearly defined."

PRICES OF FOOD STEADILY TUMBLE

New York, Jan. 26—"The market is dead, agitation against high prices did it," was the declaration today of a wholesale meat dealer. Lamb dropped a cent wholesale, pork loin two cents, and some dealers in beef cut prices a cent or more. It was said today that wholesale dealers were stocked with thousands of unsold cuts of dressed beef with supplies still steadily flowing in.

"Beef will be cheaper by the end of the week than it has been in years," said another wholesaler. "After that the price will not go lower for the supply will be cut down."

Milk companies have succumbed to the pressure and only two or three are clinging to the nine cent rate. Eight cent milk all around will rule by February 1, is the prediction today, butter and eggs too continue to drop.

BOY CAUGHT IN THEFT OF PAPERS

Roy Goldsmith, aged 14, confessed in the police court this morning to a charge of stealing a number of newspapers from the door of Frank E. Porter, corner of St. Patrick's and Union streets. He was arrested by policeman Joseph Scott, just after he had taken the bundle of papers from the door. Judge Ritchie gave the lad some very sound advice, and remanded him until this afternoon, when his father will be present in court and it will be decided what course to adopt.

For some time the circulation staff of The Telegraph have been trying to fathom the disappearance of bundles of papers from the doors of certain customers. Goldsmith was suspected. A few days ago he admitted the theft, but promised to do better in future, but it seems that he again fell from grace, for policeman Scott this morning at an early hour caught him in the act of taking the papers from Mr. Porter's door.

Lloyd-George at Stoughton, In Fighting Speech, Scorns Suggestion of a Compromise

Joe Martin Takes The Stump Against Another Canadian, McMaster — Unionists Saddened by Loss of Some Seats — Asquith and Haldane Elected in Today's Returns

(Toronto Telegram's Special Cable).

London, Jan. 26—The Unionists were saddened by the unexpected loss of two seats, Darwen in Lancashire and Ashburton in Devonshire. These losses, plus failure to gain Walthamstow, leaves little hope of the Unionist membership exceeding the Liberals and Labor membership in the new parliament.

Today's declarations leave 71 members to be elected to complete the new parliament. The Unionist maximum of these 71 pollings can scarcely exceed 30. The Unionists expect today's declarations to bring their strength close to 260, and insist that the Unionist final strength in the new parliament will be at least 290.

Thus, if the Nationalists abstained from voting, Mr. Asquith's majority would be 7. If 83 Nationalists vote with Mr. Asquith, the government majority would be 90. If the Nationalists voted against Asquith, the government would be in a majority of 76.

Lloyd George Denies Compromise

(Times' Special Cable)

London, Jan. 26—Lloyd George at Stourbridge scorned suggestions of a compromise and ridiculed the idea that the "majority should place power in the hands of those timid, halting spirits who opposed the radical programme whereon the battle was won, to thwart that policy," and said that the earliest proposal was made by the beaten party before the election. Balfour had declared that the fate of the constitution would be settled by it. Now he saw there was only one issue, namely the budget. He had never heard of the House of Lords (laughter). The great majorities the Liberals had in the north and west are majorities in favor of a strong, unflinching policy.

"We dare not betray the trust those millions have placed in us."

Hon. Mr. Churchill at Dartford said Liberals had not looked for such a prolonged tenure of office as a full parliamentary term such as Lord Salisbury maintained under the Liberal-Unionist alliance.

"We are not fighting for office. We are fighting for certain great principles which we believe vital to the welfare and general progress of the country. Except for the purpose of advancing those principles we shall not concern ourselves about retention of office. I do not pretend we have not had losses which are to be regretted, but whatever our strength our policy will be the same. We are going to march straight to the enemy's batteries."

Mr. Buxton at Chertsey said if the country has, as he hoped it would, got if the Liberals remained in office, one man one vote, the result of the election had been very different from the rumor current. The promised measure affecting the lords would deal with money bills only. Whatever foundation there might be for this other predictions of compromise the Liberals generally would repudiate the idea of so partial a reform. Unless the lords veto was dealt with in a thorough-going manner the Nationalists would be alienated and the Liberal party would be split.

Mr. Long in Wiltshire declared a tariff reform majority was certain in the next election.

Two Canadians

(Toronto Telegram's Special Cable.)

London, Jan. 26—Joseph Martin is among the top liners of the list of today's speakers as visiting Chertzy division in Surrey, to speak against McMaster. Chertzy went Liberal by less than 100 in the landslide of 1906. The Westminster Gazette is extremely bitter in its references to McMaster's campaign, saying McMaster has been going among the villages telling the voters that protection would not increase the price of living. Liberals are aghast that McMaster dares to challenge their campaign as fictitious about the cost of living in Canada.

Martin, the Canadian free trader, would have made a pretty fight with McMaster, the Canadian protectionist, if they could have met. A joint debate at Martin's intervention is not deemed likely to alter the situation, McMaster's election in Chertzy being regarded as certain.

The Unionists in view of the tendencies in other English country divisions have not been asked to reject McMaster on the grounds that he is a Canadian and foreigner. In spite of the hullabaloo about Greenwood being called a foreigner in York, Martin had no complaints in St. Pancras. Chertzy Englishmen treat the parliamentary ambitions of newly landed Canadians more tenderly than Canadians would treat parliamentary ambitions of newly landed Englishmen.

Yesterday's Scottish pollings failed to diffuse genial warmth enough to take the biting chill out of the atmosphere that surrounded Unionist sympathizers in Trafalgar Square. Scotland cheered the Liberals. Two Unionist losses in Lanarkshire just after midnight sent the crowd wild. The Unionists gain Renfrewshire.

The Standing at 1.30 Today

(Associated Press)

London, Jan. 26—Thirty results out of thirty-nine left over from yesterday's elections to parliament give the Unionists four gains and the Liberals two. The state of the parties at 1.30 p. m. today was.

Government coalition, Liberals 226, Irish Nationalists 74, Laborites 37.

Opposition, Unionists 253.

Today's Returns

(Times' Special Cable)

Today's returns are:

Horsham, Winterton, Un., 6,324; Outhwaite, Lib., 3,534.

Dorset West—Williams, Un., 4,011; Edwards, Lib., 2,758.

Herts (Stallans)—Carlile, Un., 7,323; Beddoes, Lib., 5,271.

Down, South—MacVeigh, Nat., 3,815; Macassey, Un., 3,180.

Yorks (Skipton)—Clough, Lib., 6,579; Roundell, Un., 6,071.

Lancashire (Widnes) — Walker, Un., 5,758.

Polling Today

Additional pollings today—Waterford West.

Tomorrow's pollings will be Cardiganshire, Carnarvonshire (Eifon), Cornwall, (Stives), Derbyshire W., Devon (Barnstaple), Dorset E, Hertfordshire (Watford) Leicestershire (Bosworth), Northamptonshire N, Northumberland (Hexham), Surrey (Guilford), Sussex east (Grinstead) Worcestershire N, Buteshire, Lanarkshire mid, Lanarkshire NE, Lanarkshire S (Ross and Cromarty), Cork County NE, Kerry N.

Shropshire (Ludlow) Hunt, Un., 1769; Forsdike, Lib. 3,365.

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CANADA CENTRE OF EMPIRE FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW

Archbishop of York Stirs Church of England to Greater Activity in the Dominion—Makes Comparisons With the Work of Other Churches

(Times' Special Cables)

London, Jan. 26—The Archbishop of York, speaking at Sheffield in behalf of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, referred to the position of the church of England in Canada. One problem which more than any other would test the faith and loyalty of the Church of England during the next quarter of a century was the problem of winning Canada for God. Within fifty or sixty years the centre of the British Empire, if there was one then, would not be in London, but in the nation of Canada, and the question was, is this great nation to have religion, and if so what would that religion be?

Other religious bodies were making serious and determined efforts to answer the question. There was the Church of Rome, whose energy ought to command their admiration. That church all over Canada, was buying sites, and building churches. The Methodists were also working with wonderful zeal, force and faith, and also the Presbyterian church. Where did the national church come? It was a bad fourth, not only in numbers, but showing very few signs of force, enthusiasm and vigor.

FLOATING ICE SINKS SCHR. ELMA IN MARBLE COVE

In the run of heavy ice at Indiantown a large piece collided with the big three-masted schooner Elma last night, staving a hole in the bow and sinking the vessel.

The Elma, managed by Arthur W. Adams, was lying for the winter just below the "bedroom," Marble Cove. She was on the outside of the tow boats Springhill and Admiral, which are also in winter quarters. About 7 o'clock last night a huge piece of oce struck the schooner with great force, making an opening and ripping the planking so that the Elma filled rapidly and sank at her moorings.

The water is not very deep, the decks being only submerged. There was no one aboard at the time. The three master is in a good position on an even keel. Preparations will be made today or tomorrow for pumping her out and she will be towed through the falls for repairs.