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INQUIRY INTO STEAMSHIP LOSS

Captain of City of Colombo Was Witness This Morning.

Before a court of inquiry, composed of Captain L. A. Demers, dominion wreck commissioner, and Captain A. J. Mulcahy and Captain John Hall of the steamer Pretorian as nautical assessors, the evidence of John I. Rees, the master of the steamer City of Colombo, which went ashore on the Digby coast on the afternoon of Sunday, March 20, was taken this morning. The investigation is being held in the board of trade rooms, F. R. Taylor, K. C., appeared for the ship's master, Captain Robertson traced the sequence of events from the time the ship left the port early Sunday morning until she grounded about three o'clock in the afternoon, miles off her course. He said this was his first command, and presented his master's certificate. He told of leaving here in unsettled weather and of taking frequent soundings to verify his course. In a detail every movement made in the navigation of the ship, and the results of the bearings taken.

MINNEDOSA HAS RECORD NUMBER

Large Crowd of Passengers on Liner—Hon. M. W. Doherty Aboard. The C. P. O. S. liner Minnedosa arrived off Patrignia Island this afternoon direct from London with 628 passengers and 1,270 stowage passengers, in addition to 1,000 tons of general cargo, 1170 bags of mail and 820 packages of parcel post. Among the passengers is Hon. Manning W. Doherty, minister of agriculture for the Ontario government, formerly of St. John. Included among the passengers also are a Saskatchewan government party of thirty domestics who are in charge of Miss Millwood; also thirty-four women from the Williams Settlement Society, who are all British subjects and are under the care of Miss Hewar. They are also en route to Saskatchewan. There is a colonization party of ninety farmers, who will be distributed as follows: Winnipeg, nineteen; Saskatchewan fourteen; Calgary, twenty; Edmonton, ten; and Regina, six. British Columbia points, eight. Many of these are bringing out their families and intend to go into farming and fruit raising. They were to be met here by Captain Andrew MacDuff, travelling colonization agent for the Department of Colonization and Development of the C. P. R. He will assist them in getting through to their various destinations.

The passengers will be handled in four special trains, which are scheduled to leave Sand Point at approximately 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. The first two will accommodate cabin passengers. This is the largest number of passengers arriving on any one steamer here since the season. Scandinavian Passengers. Among the passengers who arrived here yesterday on the C. P. O. S. liner Scandinavian were 180 boys and girls from the Barnado Home, who were en route to Peterboro, Ontario, and Toronto. There were sent to their destinations in three special cars, which were attached to the second train leaving Sand Point last night about eight o'clock. They are a fine healthy looking lot of children. The passengers, numbering approximately 1,000, were quickly dispatched from the liner yesterday. She docked at 1:35 p. m., and at eight o'clock they had been through the immigration inspection, had their baggage checked and examined, were ticketed through to points throughout the Dominion and en route to their destinations in six hours.

DOMINION COAL COLLIERIES IDLE. Glace Bay, N. S., March 28.—The collieries of the Dominion Coal Company here are idle again today pending some favorable turn in the depression of the coal trade. It is said several of the collieries will work tomorrow. There is only one steamer, the Linzan, at Louisburg coaling pier, and there is no working on about here.

HALIFAX GETS TIP ON AN EARTHQUAKE. Halifax, N. S., March 26.—An earth disturbance of medium intensity was registered on the seismograph at Dalhousie University here this morning. It was thought likely to be within a comparatively short distance of Nova Scotia.



Mrs. Berthelot, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Mrs. Lloyd George and J. J. Greenwood at the week-end peace conferences at Chequers Court, the country residence of Britain's premier.

Most of Our Wheat Sent Away Through United States Ports

Nearly Twice as Much as Via Canadian Ports, is the Record of Shipments for First Half of This Crop Year. Montreal, March 28.—Nearly twice as much Canadian wheat exported overseas was shipped through American ports as through Canadian ports during the first half of the current crop year, according to statistics published here. The first half of the crop year ended on Feb. 28, and during that period Canada exported 101,967,991 bushels of wheat, being the largest exportation of wheat for the first six months of any crop year, with the exception of 1915-16. To the United States Canada exported 38,945,000 bushels of wheat and 905,924 barrels of flour.

PRINCE TO OPEN NEW PARLIAMENT?

Said He Will Preside at Ulster Function. Visit Also to Other Parts of Ireland is Report in London—Raids on Post Offices Near Dublin. London, March 28.—(Canadian Associated Press)—It is stated on sound authority that the Prince of Wales will open the new Ulster parliament set up by the home rule act passed at the last session of parliament and will also visit other districts in Ireland. The object of the raids is to destroy the offices of the post offices in the coast towns of Kingsweston, Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney and Foxrock, suburbs of Dublin. The staffs were held up at the point of departure and the telephones and other instruments were taken, the raiders giving receipts for them. The object of the raids presumably was to cut off communication with this city. Belfast, March 28.—The fine rain road from Newry to Dundalk, forming a part of the great highway between Northern and Southern Ireland, was blocked for more than eight miles yesterday by the falling of trees or the placing of boulders. Motorists were compelled to make long detours through the mountains.

Henry Kerr, 65 years of age, a farmer of the Ballybay district, was taken from his bed by masked armed men early yesterday and shot outside the local church. A placard placed on his breast said: "Shot by the I. R. A. Spies beware." Kerr is in a hospital suffering from six bullet wounds. It is believed he will die. Rome, March 28.—The Irish College gave a reception and concert yesterday in the archbishop's manor, of Melbourne. Many Irish and Australian admirers of the archbishop as well as some Italians were present. The archbishop gave an address on the situation in Ireland. He caused laughter when he said: "I have been described as a very dangerous man who wanted to destroy the British Empire. I have never had any such ambitions."

E. A. CHARTERS OF SUSSEX DEAD

(Special to Times.) Sussex, N. B., March 28.—E. A. Charters, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Sussex, died at one o'clock this morning after an illness of several months. He was born seventy-two years ago in Menarook and has lived here for the last forty years. He was well known throughout the maritime provinces as he was a mine promoter, and traveled a greater part of his time. He was of a genial disposition and ever ready to help any in need. He had just sold his residence here and with his wife was about to go to live with his son in California. He leaves to mourn, besides his wife, one son, Harold H. Charters, of Bareke, Calif.; two brothers, Arthur N. Charters, a lawyer in Calgary, and Conne Charters of Point St. Charles, and one sister, Mrs. Patrick of Camrose, Alberta. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning from Trinity church at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Mansel Shewen, the rector, will officiate. Interment will be at Upper Sussex.

FAWCETT AGAINST GRANT TO U. N. B.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Do have some more tea and make out your breakfast," said Mrs. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter. The morning sunlight streamed through the windows, and the dining room was very bright and cozy. The table, still well laden, with its white linen and floral decorations would tempt an epicure. But the reporter shook his head. "Mrs. Hornbeam," he said, "I have not had such a breakfast for a year. But no more, really, I thank you." "You know you got to go to meetin'," said Hiram. "Better eat plenty. I'll be a long sermon this mornin'." "I hope you'll stay awake," said Mrs. Hornbeam. "I had to keep nudgin' you last Sunday." "No," said Hiram, "I wasn't gonto lose no sleep over what Jehoshaphat said to Ahabiah. But I guess they'll be enough Easter hats to keep us all awake today—yes, sir." "You old pagan," said the reporter. "No," said Hiram. "He gave the Lord been very good to me, an' I don't ferget it. But we don't all show our feelings in the same way. An' if I get early fruit was the principal object of apprehension. A terrific hail storm struck Tulsa, Oklahoma, causing enormous damage to orchards and gardens in that section. Trees were stripped of their foliage, gardens were beaten into pulp, and thousands of window panes broken. The mercury went down to thirty-one above during the downpour, but rose quickly afterward to thirty-four and continued upward during the early night."

GREAT STORM OF HAIL AND EASTER HITS ORCHARDS

Kansas City, March 28.—A repetition of last year's Easter Sunday weather was experienced throughout the south-west yesterday, but on a somewhat milder scale. Light snow with a high wind was frequent over practically the entire area, and in many localities a driving rain and some sleet fell. A terrific hail storm struck Tulsa, Oklahoma, causing enormous damage to orchards and gardens in that section. Trees were stripped of their foliage, gardens were beaten into pulp, and thousands of window panes broken. The mercury went down to thirty-one above during the downpour, but rose quickly afterward to thirty-four and continued upward during the early night."

CARDINAL'S BODY IN CATHEDRAL

Continuous Guard From Catholic Societies Until Hour of Funeral. Baltimore, March 28.—The body of Cardinal Gibbons was borne this morning to the cathedral, where it will lie in state until Thursday, the day of the funeral. There was no ceremony attendant upon its removal from the archiepiscopal residence. Arrived in the vestments of an archbishop, the body rests upon a catafalque erected at the head of the centre aisle in front of the chancel. The cathedral within and without its draped in purple and black. Day and night until the hour of the funeral, guards of twelve men selected from the Catholic lay societies will stand beside the bier, and each day from early morning until late at night a "guard of prayer" from the Daughters of Isabella will kneel in the pews, offering prayers for the repose of the soul of the honored prelate. The first ceremony of the funeral was a requiem high mass this morning for children, celebrated by the Rev. Louis R. Stikany, rector of the cathedral, assisted by priests of the late cardinal's household.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis.—A trough of low pressure extends from the lower St. Lawrence Valley along the Atlantic coast to the Gulf of Mexico, with a cold front in the Gulf. The weather is centered over the western states. The weather yesterday was quite mild from Ontario and Quebec, while in Manitoba it was fair and cold. Winds: a Bit Cooler. Maritime.—Fresh to strong southerly winds; cloudy and mild; local rains to night and part of Tuesday, followed by westerly winds, with somewhat lower temperature. Gulf and North Shore.—Strong southerly winds; occasional rain tonight and part of Tuesday, then clearing and somewhat colder. New England.—Rain this afternoon and tonight; much colder tonight. Tuesday fair and colder, with cold waves; fresh north, shifting to strong southerly west winds.

THE DOLLAR TODAY

New York, March 28.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand, \$8.91 1/2. Cable, \$8.92. Canadian dollars, 11.7-8 per cent discount.



Left to right: Miss Jenny Lindsay, aged 23, a dwarf; Ludwig Schneiden, who is 7 feet 4 inches in height; and Ernest Hoehne, who weighs over six hundred pounds. They arrived at New York on the Olympic to join a circus.

DIED IN THE SNOW

George E. McCraney, K. C., was found dead in the snow near his home at Saskatoon. He had been stricken with apoplexy. From 1806 to 1811 he represented Saskatoon in the dominion parliament.

LOCAL NEWS

LARGE OFFERINGS. Very large offerings were received at the collections taken in St. Luke's church yesterday. From 1806 to 1811 he represented Saskatoon in the dominion parliament. LUDLOW STREET CHURCH. The services in the Ludlow street Baptist church, West End, were attended yesterday by record crowds. At the evening service five candidates were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Isaac Brindley. The exercises in the Sunday school were interesting. A special address was given by Duncan McIntosh of Glasgow. There were 222 present and the offering amounted to \$38.50. The superintendent, R. H. Parsons, presided. The vestry was decorated by the girls of Miss Margaret Anderson's class.

CANADIAN FIRST

That a Canadian built vessel was the first to negotiate the Atlantic ocean directly under steam, is the contention made in a Nova Scotia paper. It states that the Royal Williams, 1,000 tons and 100 horse-power, made the trip in fourteen days from Pictou, N. S., to Cowes, Jalis morning in 1888. This was five years before the voyage of the Sirius, which is generally supposed to have been the first vessel to cross the Atlantic entirely under steam. The Royal Williams was built at Three Rivers and her engines were installed at Montreal.

GRAND RAIL POWER

The International Paper Co. of New York, has again advertised, asking that municipalities, corporations and private consumers advise if they are willing to enter into firm contracts for electric current. Premier Foster said this morning that the company was asking for two years extension of time for the development of the Grand Falls. The bill he understood was ready for presentation to the legislature but had not yet been considered in committee. The company places the cost of development at between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

MRS. MARY MCKINNON

The death of Mrs. Mary McKinnon, widow of James L. McKinnon, occurred this morning at the residence of her daughter in Fairville. She was well known in that vicinity and had many friends who extend sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. McKinnon is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Robert Hickey, Mrs. J. S. Burns and Miss Irene all of Fairville; one brother, Edward Griffith of this city, and six sisters, Mrs. Susan Devenne, Mrs. Daniel Gillis, Mrs. Patrick O'Brien and Mrs. Bart O'Brien, all of this city; Mrs. Lucy Myles, of Charlestown, Mass., and Mrs. Fred McCamly, of Ashbury, Mass. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning.

NEW EPOCH IN EMPIRE BANKING

London Papers on Canadian Director of the Bank of England.

London, March 28.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Discussing the nomination of K. R. Peacock, formerly of Toronto, for a directorship of the Bank of England, the Times this morning says that it marks a new epoch in imperial banking and shows a fresh indication of the keen desire of the bank directors to secure the closer co-operation of business men from the dominions in the interests of imperial unity as well as of imperial trade. One result of the war, the Times adds, was to reveal a gap in the chain of imperial banking unity, which until filled must seriously interfere with the exchange of goods and services within the empire. The Morning Post describes Mr. Peacock's nomination as another break with tradition by an institution noted for its conservatism. Mr. Peacock, who is a man of large interests, will, the Post adds, bring to the service of the Bank of England a special knowledge of Canadian affairs, and thus form another link between our central banking institution and the dominion.

RIVER IN VIEW FROM CAPITAL

Free of Ice Also Ten Miles Above Fredericton. Big Jam at McGinley's Ferry and Valley Railway Trains Are Held Up—Considerable Damage is Caused and More Expected. Fredericton, N. B., March 28.—The St. John River is free of solid ice from Fredericton to its mouth, a distance of eighty-four miles, and also the entire upper portion of the river to McGinley's Ferry or Crook's Point, about ten miles above Fredericton. At McGinley's Ferry an immense jam of almost the same proportion of that of last year has formed and the water is backing up behind the jam, has overflowed the flats over which the St. John Valley Railway division of the C. N. R. The highway in some places has been covered with water to a depth of several feet and telephone and telegraph poles and wires have been carried away. Part of the C. N. R. tracks over the flats just above McGinley's have been carried away and in the same manner as last year arrangements were made today to transfer passengers, mail and express matter around the flooded district and thus maintain the train service. So far as could be learned at noon almost a mile of the C. N. R. line was submerged and more than 1,200 feet of tracks had been carried off the roadbed by the ice flow. During the morning the head of the jam moved down about a mile and at noon was said to be at the mouth of the Macnaught, so that practically all the ice of the entire river between here and Grand Falls, about 40 miles, is now piled in the jam which extends from Fredericton to Macnaught. Meanwhile the water is rising quite rapidly and there is fear that considerable damage to barns and buildings on the islands and internal lands will result when the jam breaks. Between the bridges here the ice has moved somewhat and seems to be rapidly breaking up. The water below the jam is nine feet above summer level, having risen three feet since Saturday morning, and it is the first time since 1902, when the ice ran out on March 23, that the ice ran has occurred before April.

ADVANCE WORD OF COLD WAVE

Washington, March 28.—High temperatures still prevailed early today in eastern states, but a cold wave was marching swiftly eastward from the Great Lakes region, due to strike on the Atlantic seaboard tomorrow, so the weather bureau said. The lake region and Mississippi Valley was in the grip of a "severe freeze" morning, and temperatures in New England and middle Atlantic states will start down tonight after rains late in the day.

STREAM DRIVING WORK HAS BEEN BEGUN

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, March 28.—Stream driving in central New Brunswick is now under way. The River Valley Lumber Company of Oronoto today started drives on Shinerock, Rusagorog, Fraser, and branches of the Oronoto. Fraser Companies, Limited, will be driving this week.

LEAK IN ROOF

A leak in the sky-light at City Hall, which developed during the last rain storm, was reported to Commissioner Thornton by the mayor this morning.