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**AN LINER TUNISIAN IS  
CAUGHT IN ICE FIELDS AND  
REACHED ST. JOHN'S LEAKING**

Special to The Standard.  
Montreal, May 13.—The Allan Line steamship Tunisian, Capt. Fairall, from Liverpool for Montreal, was reported by a Marconi despatch to be stuck this afternoon in the ice off Cape Race, sixty miles from St. John's, Nfld. One of the plates in her bow had been started and the ship was making some water. Capt. Fairall stated that he was putting into St. John's, Nfld., for examination. Later the ship reached St. John's, docking at 8 a. m. If the ship is found to be seriously injured the passengers will be brought on via Port au Basque and Sydney. A great deal of ice is reported in the gulf. The Tunisian is the second passenger vessel to meet a mishap in this section. The Lake Champlain is now on the graving dock at St. John's, Nfld. The Tunisian will be examined by a diver. In the meantime the passengers will remain aboard.

**DAMAGE IS ALMOST DID  
ABOUT \$500; AWAY WITH  
WINS AGAIN TREATING**

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, May 13.—The one mile race at the Victoria Baseball Club festival was won by Tom Coward, winner of last night's road race. The time was 5 minutes and 6 seconds. Howard Atkinson, from the High School, finishing second.

A joint meeting of the sewerage and street lighting committees was held this evening at City Hall, to investigate the cause of the accident at the street lighting station last Saturday when the sewerage pumping plant was wrecked. Superintendent McGinn made a statement in which he said that the accident was due to a cast iron pulley bursting. He recommended in future pressed steel pulley wheels be used, and said the damage was about \$500. After considering the evidence before the committee exonerated him from blame.



"SAY! DID YOU EVER TRY TO MAKE OUT THAT LEMONS WERE PEACHES?"  
—Reproduced from the Toronto News.

**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONERS HAVE AN  
INFORMAL DISCUSSION; NO ANNOUNCEMENT;  
HISTORY OF THE DISPUTE NOW TO BE SETTLED**

Van Buren, Me., May 13.—The first session of the international commissioners who are seeking to interpret the Ashburton treaty between Canada and the United States, which deals with the regulation of logging on the St. John river, was completed today. The various logging and lumber properties in this vicinity were visited and local conditions noted. The results of visits to other principal places on the river. Although the members of the commission gathered informally after their tour, late this afternoon, and discussed what had been observed during the day, none of these observations were made public. While some of the ultimate recommendations of the commissioners are likely to differ considerably from the parts of the Ashburton treaty which they are supposed to remedy, the divergence in opinion will probably appear greater than it really is owing to the fact that the present treaty has been in effect for over 60 years, without modifications of importance.

Next Meeting May 26.

Although setting the date of the next meeting as Wednesday, May 26, the commissioners did not definitely decide upon the particular place at which they will next look over conditions. It is probable that the place chosen will be on the New Brunswick side of the river. All the commissioners will have left here by tomorrow morning.

Plans Abandoned.

The plans of the commissioners for their investigation here were made without reckoning with the condition of the river. It had been arranged to tour the stream in bateaux, but the swollen spring freshet, necessitated the abandonment of this feature. The river today was at the highest stage for many years. The trip through deep mud to place was made in carriages which were forced to plow through deep mud. It was a bedraggled and tired party of commissioners which finished the trip.

One of the interesting features of the day's journey was the attempt by the commissioners to gain a practical experience of logging by mounting a log of logs. The log drivers, apprehensive of the safety of the investigators would not permit it, however, owing to the danger.

The Portland Argus has the following interesting history of the whole St. John river lumber trouble:

The Debatable Question.

The question which the commission is to decide is whether the piers and log sorting booms of these two lumber companies are an obstruction under such contract, if so, how much and by what dredge; whether it is intended to resume the work; if so when and by what dredge. He also is asking about the work done by the dredge troops.

**CLEMENCEAU  
HAS THE STRIKE  
WELL IN HAND**

Paris, May 13.—The turbulent session of the Chamber of Deputies today for Premier Clemenceau, when the Government's policy with regard to the postal strike was emphatically endorsed by a vote of 545 to 59, including the Government's insistence that the postal employees and other functionaries have no right to strike. Immediately afterwards the Chamber passed a vote of general confidence in the Government, 365 to 169.

The strikers received the Chamber's rebuke with a shrug of the shoulders declaring that it only served to bind closer their forces, which would soon startle the country by a big increase and a rapid extension of the general movement. On the other hand it is intimated that the Government has other plans in view to offset any serious growth of the strike.

Up to midnight there was no change in the situation. If anything it was in the direction of a weakening of the strike sentiment. The general conviction that if movement does not make vast strides tomorrow, it is almost certain of complete failure.

M. Barthou, the Minister of Public Works, posts and telegraphs, during the course of the debate asserted that only 2,387 out of 24,205 postal employees in Paris and the departments of the Seine, are out, and that conditions in the provinces were even better.

Premier Clemenceau in a typical epigrammatic speech, coolly concluded the exciting session with the declaration that it was merely a case where France must choose between a revolution on the one hand and progressive evolution on the other, or between work under republican law and order, and a spirit of adventure calculated to disorganize and rend the republic.

**OPPOSITION  
TO INCREASED  
ARMAMENTS**

Boston, Mass., May 13.—Opposition to further increases of armaments is steadily spreading among the people according to the expressed belief of the American peace society at its 31st annual meeting held in Boston late today.

Secretary Trevelyan, in his annual report stated that "the most commanding duty of the hour was the limitation and gradual reduction of the monstrous and menacing armaments of the nations. Concerted action to this end is the clear obligation of all Governments party to The Hague conventions."

The society announced that the 18th biennial convention will be held at Stockholm, Sweden, August 31 to September 5, and the election of delegates was left to the board of directors.

The society discussed the matter of making May 18 a national peace day and it was reported the superintendent of the membership of the society was now approaching 3,000 and had doubled during the past year.

**WILL TRY TO  
REACH LINE  
OF CANADA**

Boston, Mass., May 13.—Wind and weather being favorable, the new 66,000 cubic foot balloon Massachusetts, of the Aero Club of New England, which is to be christened at Pittsfield Saturday morning, will make an attempt to reach the Canadian frontier on its initial voyage.

The balloon will be piloted by Chas. J. Glidden, of Boston, and the passengers will be Frank B. Collins, of Boston, vice-president of the Aero Club of New England, and General Otis Draper, of Hopedale, nephew of Governor Draper.

**CEDAR RAPIDS  
WILL STILL BE  
HEADQUARTERS**

Boston, Mass., May 15.—Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will continue to be the headquarters of the Grand Division of the order of Railway Conductors. Although W. T. Taylor, formerly attorney general of Indiana and Mayor C. A. Bookwalter, of Indianapolis, made strong pleas at today's session of the Grand Division in behalf of the Indiana city, they could not induce the convention to move the general offices. James H. Trewin, chairman of the Iowa Board of Education, and J. H. Orin, of Cedar Rapids, upheld the interests of that place.

No other business was transacted, the delegates devoting the remainder of the day and evening to sight-seeing and pleasure as guests of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

**WRIGHT FLYING MACHINE CO.  
BERLIN, MAY 13.—The Wright Flying  
Machine Co., Limited, has been Organ-**

**DR. DANIEL IS  
ASKING FOR  
INFORMATION**

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 13.—Dr. Daniel is asking if the London of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company for dredging in St. John Harbor and Courtenay Bay was accepted and a contract made; and if so at what date. Also, whether any work has been done under such contract, if so, how much and by what dredge; whether it is intended to resume the work; if so when and by what dredge. He also is asking about the work done by the dredge troops.

**PRIVY COUNCIL TO DECIDE  
WHETHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH  
LAW WILL GOVERN THIS CASE**

The news received yesterday that the Privy Council had granted leave to appeal in the case of the Fraser Estate vs. The Crown, affecting fishing rights on the Molise river, has excited considerable interest in this province. Mr. W. A. Mott, of Campbellton, who is in the city at present, has been connected with the case.

French and English Law.

The Privy Council by granting the right to appeal has shown itself favorable in some degree toward the appellant.

In no other province but Quebec, could such a case occur, as only in this province, which has adopted the French civil code, is it impossible for the Crown to make a grant of riparian rights. Under the French civil code the Crown is considered to be the trustee of such rights for the public and is prohibited from granting them to a private individual. Under English common law the Crown has the right to make such a grant. The decision of the Privy Council in this case will determine whether the French or English codes shall be in force in Quebec as far as the granting of public rights is concerned.

Quebec's Rights.

After the conquest of Canada by the British in 1763 the French Canadians were given the right to use French law instead of English. At that time French law was not codified. Napoleon the Great was the author of the Napoleonic Code which the Legislature of Quebec adopted some time before Confederation. In this way in the province of Quebec the same law as grants of public rights are concerned has been placed in a position differing from that occupied in the other provinces.

The Case.

The case of the Fraser Estate was decided in the Crown's favor by the trial judges and also in the Court of the King's Bench and in the Supreme Court at Ottawa. The Adams interests backed by Boston people were at first allied with the Fraser Estate but by negotiation with the Quebec Government, obtained certain rights, which made it unnecessary for them to continue to support the appellant. Since that time the Adams interests have acted with the Quebec Government in this matter.

**RUMOR SAYS  
E. M. FARRELL  
IS A SENATOR**

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, May 13.—It is reported that E. M. Farrell, M. P. for Queens, has been appointed to the Senate. There are two vacancies in the Upper House from this province. Among the names mentioned as probable Senators are, Hance Logan, ex-M. P., Amherst, Wm. Roche, ex-M. P., Halifax, Judge Chesley, Lunenburg, J. D. Sperry, ex-M. P., Petite Riviere, E. M. Farrell, Liverpool, and Alex. Johnston, ex-M. P., Sydney. Mr. Farrell has been successful and it is thought that Mr. Logan will be selected to the seat vacated by the death of late Senator Black. John Morrison, M. P. P., has been appointed fishery overseer in Victoria and Cape Breton. This leaves two seats vacant in the local legislature. Victoria, B. C., and Queens. The Conservatives will probably contest both seats with excellent prospects of success.

**C. B. STRIKE  
IS THOUGHT  
UNLIKELY**

Sydney, N. S., May 13.—The atmosphere in the great colliery districts of Cape Breton which has been charged with foreboding of coming trouble which would result in a clash between the Dominion Coal Company and the United Mine Workers, is clearing. Strong hopes are now entertained by the businessmen of Cape Breton that the threatened calamity will be happily averted.

Wages Good.

Differences are alleged to exist between the company and that portion of the employees which is enrolled in the United Mine Workers' lodges. However as great activity prevails at the mines and as wages are good it is believed that the men are loath to throw up their hands and strike.

Lewis Will Come.

This evening President McDougall received a message from Donald Lewis, of the International executive of the United Mine Workers, stating that he would arrive in Cape Breton May 22. Local officers and members of the various lodges of the U. M. W. in Cape Breton, intend to give the international president a formal reception and will hold a demonstration in his honor on his arrival here and P. W. A. lodges will be invited to join in the demonstration to the U. M. W. leader.

**WHILE INSANE  
TRIED TO KILL  
HIS MOTHER**

Special to The Standard.  
Brookville, May 13.—Elmer Penneck, a second year medical student at Queen's University, Kingston, made a determined effort to kill his mother this morning. Going to her bedroom he attempted to choke her to death. She managed to break loose and fled in her night clothes to a neighbor's house. Dr. Penneck was called and the young man was finally subdued after a strenuous fight. He expressed disappointment at his failure to kill his mother. He had evidently intended to cut her up with his dissecting knives which were all laid out in a convenient place. This afternoon he was pronounced insane and locked up in Brookville Asylum. Overwork is given as the cause of his derangement.

**NEW CHINESE  
CONSUL-GEN.  
FOR CANADA**

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 13.—Word has reached Ottawa, that Kung Hsin Chao has been named as the new Chinese Consul General of Canada, sails by the Empress of Ireland from Liverpool for Canada on June 18. This will be the first official appointment of the kind ever made by the Chinese government in Canada. It is not known yet whether Mr. Kung will make his headquarters in Ottawa or upon the Pacific Coast, appointing a consul in Ottawa.

**WHEAT REPORT IS GOOD.**

Special to The Standard.  
Winnipeg, May 13.—Reports from all parts of the West show that seeding time is now practically completed, and as the weather today is warm and fine

**THE A.O.H. IS  
CONDEMNED  
BY CARDINAL**

Dublin, May 13.—Cardinal Logue has issued a strong condemnation of certain practices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He says that in some places the Hibernian society is a pest and practices cruel tyranny, its members indulging in drinking and dancing, and compelling people by force to join the organization, through threats of boycott, and even personal violence. He forbids the priests from this time on to give absolution to those guilty of such practice.

**THREE WERE DROWNED.**

New York, May 13.—Three men answering the lure of the water on a warm day, lost their lives by drowning about New York city today.

**SECOND READINGS.**

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Ont., May 13.—The Senate this evening gave a second reading to the Connors bill and to the Canada Life bill.