

FORTY MEN DIE IN STORM

Blizzard Overtakes Nova Scotia Fishermen While Out at Sea

WEATHER CHANGES WITHOUT WARNING

Eight Boats With Crews Numbering Forty Are Now Missing

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—A sudden blizzard that swept down from the north yesterday morning carried out to sea twenty fishing boats belonging to Canada, Whitehead and Dover, and tonight after thirty hours search, eight boats with between twenty and thirty men are now alive but have been almost wholly abandoned.

During all this time the thermometer has been hovering around zero, and last night the sea fell out in open bays and a temperature of from six to eight degrees below zero.

The stricken villages are in despair. Wives and children hardly dare hope even again to see husbands and fathers.

The weather today has almost been terrible to men exposed to it as the night before. Driven before a heavy northwesterly wind, thick snow made rescue work more difficult and increased the storm's victims, it they still live.

Yesterday morning opened with fair weather, and a fleet of government and other steamships have been searching all day and tonight when darkness settled down eight boats were not accounted for.

No disaster since the great August gale of 1874 has anywhere approached this appalling catastrophe in the history of fishing in the Canzo district. The search for the missing men began last night, and has been kept up continuously ever since.

SHRUBB QUIT IN HIS SIXTH MILE

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—A little over five miles as far as Alf Shrubbs could get in his race against Meadows at the Excelsior rink tonight. The Gould boy finished his ten miles in 53:31, very fast time if the track measurements were correct.

Fire in Revelstoke Hotel. REVELSTOKE, Jan. 5.—A threatening fire originated here last evening in the dining department of the Union Hotel, proprietor J. Laughton. Prompt action of No. 2 fire brigade prevented the spread of the flames. The loss is about \$300.

Stanley Cup Match. OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The champion Ottawa team overwhelmed the Galt challengers for the Stanley cup in the opening game of the cup series here tonight by a score of 15 to 3 before a crowd of about twenty-five hundred people.

Fire in Tribune Block. WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—Fire, which burst out in the Tribune Block this morning, was responsible for damage which will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. The damage to the building itself will be under \$1,000, and the balance to the machines and the stock of the office holders in the building.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 5.—South Africa won the cricket match played today by 18 runs. England was all out with 224 runs.

Vancouver's Death Rate.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—One person out of 22 of the city population died in 1909. One in ten of these deaths was from tuberculosis.

Manchurian Railways.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria by their sale to an international syndicate.

Peers Warmly Heeded.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Two phases of the election are now claiming attention: First, the disorderly interruptions to which many of the Conservative meetings and almost all of those addressed by peers are subjected, so that it is practically impossible for any Unionist peer to secure a hearing; and secondly, the realization that the peers themselves and by the Unionist press of the necessity of the House of Lords advocating its own reform.

GROWING DEMAND FOR PROPERTY

Investors Purchase Lots for Building Purposes—Yesterday's Sales

An ever-expanding inquiry in the nature of the property sought in the Victoria real estate market. Although during the past few days there have been no sales of any great magnitude, the demand continues as great as at any time since the beginning of December.

Yesterday the three-story building on Johnson street, formerly the headquarters of the B. C. Electric Railway, was sold for \$23,000. The same piece of property was sold by James Ross and his associates for \$23,000.

Mr. McConnell sold a house and lot on Pembroke street to a Victoria buyer, and a house and lot on Douglas street to a Vancouver buyer.

Mr. Cross & Co. sold three lots in Oak Bay on Wilmet Place, off Oak Bay avenue, one being taken by a Winnipeg buyer, and one by a Victoria buyer.

Grant and Lineham yesterday sold two lots on Bay street, and one on Chatham street.

The Island Investment company reports the sale of two lots on Blanchard street for \$2,500 and a lot on Queens avenue for \$2,500.

A house and lot on Pandora avenue has just changed hands for \$5,500. A house and lot on Bellor street has been sold for \$4,400.

The house owned by C. Klaus, at 1024 Park Road, was sold by auction yesterday by Frank LeRoy for a sum of \$4,000.

Dr. Frank Hall yesterday received an offer of \$42,000 for Burleigh street eastern medical men. They seek to acquire it for the purpose of establishing a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis in all its forms.

TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT

President Mackenzie of Canadian Northern Railway Here to Meet Government

VIEWS VICTORIA AND THE DISTRICT

Looks Into Plans for Harbor Improvement—D. D. Mann to Arrive Today

To consult with the provincial government regarding the railway legislation to come before parliament at the approaching session, Mr. William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, is in the city.

Mr. Mackenzie will say nothing with regard to the company's plans for the harbor, regarding any statement in this regard as premature.

With regard to Victoria, Mr. Mackenzie has had nothing to remark at the present juncture either.

In the party are included in addition to Mr. Philpenn, who recently resigned as judge of the appeal court of British Columbia.

Mr. Churchill at Dundee, said the Liberal plan taxed estates and land in the Conservative hands.

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WHY PEERS RISK HEALTH

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ISSUES OF CONTEST VARYING DAILY

Mr. Balfour Makes Strong Speech Dealing With German Menace

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Lloyd George addressed two meetings and again chided the peers. He could say this, that and the other, but he had never worked so hard in their lives.

They were walking through the valley of humiliation purely in order to find work for unemployed by urging taxation on bread and meat.

It is true their wages would not come to as much, and would not be so high, but still they would not be so low as the wages of the unemployed.

John Burns said the government's policy was to starve the people.

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AVIATOR KILLED

De La Grange's Machine Collapses in Flight and Crashes to Ground.

TRUST MERGER IS COMPLETE

Three Big Companies of New York Unite in One Great Concern

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—I. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas P. Ryan and Levi P. Morton have united in a trust company merger with resources of \$150,000,000.

The merger is, perhaps, the largest of its kind in the United States.

Levi P. Morton, who is president of the Morton Trust company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust company, both known as Morton-Ryan concerns, has been elected as chairman of the board of the merger company.

This new move in finance follows the recent absorption of the Guaranty Trust company by the so-called Morgan interests, but upon just what terms the merger is made was not disclosed today.

The Morton Trust company's deposits aggregate more than \$15,000,000.

Successful Meeting of Institute at Vancouver—New Year at Westminster.

YANCOUVER, Jan. 4.—The coast teachers institute at the close this afternoon of its two day session, decided to meet next year in New Westminster, and elected the following officers: President, W. C. Mackenzie; Vice-president, H. J. King; Secretary, P. M. C. Kenzie; Recording Secretary, Mr. McKenle; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. M. Kenzie.

It is the general opinion that this has been one of the most instructive and interesting of the nineteen conventions held by the institute.

Toronto University Grant. TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The Ontario government today promised consideration to the request of a deputation representing the University, that the grant of \$2,000 per annum, which expired last year, be renewed.

Annuitants for Pastors. OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—It is announced that important changes in the Government Annuitants Act, to be made at the present session of parliament, will enable congregations to purchase annuities for their pastors, as well as missionaries.

Killed in Railway Wreck. ABERDEEN, South Dakota, Jan. 5.—In a collision between a Milwaukee and St. Paul work train, and an extra freight between Gretna and Roscoe, early today, three workmen were killed outright, and three who were injured died later. Two others were hurt.

Sixty Locomotives Ordered. DUNKIRK, Jan. 5.—Orders were received at the American Locomotive company for sixty engines. Forty are for the Lake Shore and twenty for the Nickel Plate.

Games in Ontario. TORONTO, Jan. 5.—During the hockey season just closed, 8,932 deer were killed in Ontario and 24 moose.

MESSAGES TO CONGRESS

President Will Recommend Changes in Railway and Trust Laws

HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH RAILROAD MEN

Subjects Are Now to Be Dealt With in Two Separate Documents

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Following a forenoon conference with the presidents of the great railroad systems of the country, President Taft late this afternoon announced a change of program in the sending of his message to congress dealing with inter-state commerce and trust law amendments.

The message will be split into two parts. The section dealing with the inter-state Commerce Commission will be sent to congress at noon on Thursday. The section dealing with the inter-state Commerce Commission will be sent to congress at noon on Friday.

The president's special message on the conservation of national resources is expected to be ready for congress next Monday.

A short time after the railroad presidents had left the White House, it was announced that the president still hoped to send his message ready for congress on Wednesday.

His original intention, to treat to late this afternoon, it was said, would probably receive greater attention if divided into two parts, neither more than 4,000 words.

It was said that only a few verbal changes would be made in the message dealing with the inter-state Commerce law as a result of the railroad presidents' consultation with the president.

One of the changes which President Taft has let it be known that he will not only make recommendations for changes in the law, but he expects congress to adopt the suggestions.

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GOOD OUTLOOK IN LUMBER TRADE

Demand From Prairies Expected to Show Briskness This Year

YANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—Buyers representing 150 lumber yards in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are either in Vancouver today or have been in the city within the past few days for the purpose of purchasing and acquainting themselves with the conditions of the manufacturing end of the lumber business.

A large manufacturer of lumber in Vancouver stated today that the outlook for the heavy exportation of lumber to the prairies during 1910 is excellent.

The lumbering industry on the coast has never been, according to the reports, in better condition than it is today.

Lumber manufacturers on the coast are expecting a general stiffening of the market in March and April, and while there may be no general advance in the price of lumber, increases are looked for in certain grades which are in demand.

When they have worked their way down, advances will naturally occur.

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