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VESSEL AT MERCY OF RAGING SEAS

APPALLING SCENES IN WRECK OFF ALASKA

Doomed Men Dashed Against Rocks and Buried Beneath Debris.

Wrangell, Sept. 24.—Scenes that words cannot describe marked the last hours of the unfortunates numbered among the victims of the wreck of the American bark Steamer of Bengal, which went to destruction at Helm point, Coronation island, last Sunday morning.

Not by drowning did all the unfortunates meet their death. Many of them were bruised and mutilated by the wreckage. Huge spars crushed the spark of life out of many brave men desperately struggling with the waves in an effort to reach the shore.

An appalling scene was presented on Coronation island last Sunday. The graveyard of the vessel claimed more than 100 human lives as told.

While the tugs lay a short distance away, apparently heedless of the ship's hazardous position and the critical situation of the lives aboard, Capt. N. Wagner was making desperate efforts to induce the tug to take on the men.

He burned the blue lights of distress, but no help came. The ship lay anchored in sufficient water to have had her bows raised, and the foam-capped waves increased in size and force, those on the doomed vessel could see there was no hope.

The only chance was to get ashore and in so doing, over five score men went down to watery depths, their resting places marked by no monument, their epitaphs the serious charge made by Capt. Wagner that every victim of the disaster is a victim in which the arbitrariness of the masters of the tugboats Hattie Gage and Kayak.

The latest advices confirm the report that 110 lost their lives in the awful disaster, which was wrecked on August 28th, arrived yesterday from Rotterdam, where they were landed by the steamer Manchester Spenser, Capt. Loggie, which rescued them.

The Grenada sailed from Campbellton, N. B., bound for New York. She ran into a gale and was overcome by heavy seas which washed away the crew had to seek refuge in the top of the deckhouse. They spent four days without food or water and had to lash themselves to the vessel to prevent being washed away.

The Grenada carried a cargo of laths.

DEATH OF MRS. McDONALD. Brockville, Ont., Sept. 24.—The wife of Judge McDonald died this morning just as the judge was leaving for Ottawa to attend the Anglican synod.

SKREENA IS FALLING. Port Eslington, Sept. 23.—The steamer Hazelton left for up river points yesterday. The water is falling rapidly, and the Port Simpson, being a larger boat, is not now running further up the river than the canyon.

A new river steamer, the Craigflower, is advertised to sail for Hazelton on Sept. 24th, was taken to the police court yesterday and remanded to the coroner without examination.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH MURDER. New York, Sept. 24.—Enrique Delara, the Santo Domingo youth arrested on Tuesday night charged with the murder of Father Arturo Azencio in Central park on Sept. 14th, was taken to the police court yesterday and remanded to the coroner without examination.

WANT B. C. RUGBY TEAM TO TOUR AUSTRALIA. Manager of British Footballers Will Extend Invitation in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Sept. 24.—G. Harnett, manager of the Anglo-Welsh Rugby team now here, will this evening submit to the officials of the Vancouver Rugby union an invitation from the Australian union for them to visit the British team in the Antipodes.

FUMIGATE VESSEL TO FIND FUGITIVE. Search for Escaped Prisoner Accused of Terrible Crime at Nome.

Nome, Sept. 24.—In the hopes that Lee Johnston, who is charged with murdering his wife in Nome, is still alive and that he might have been stowed away in the hold of the ship, officers of the Victoria yesterday ordered a fumigation of the vessel.

Since the arrival of the Victoria rumors have been sent forth that Johnston did not leap overboard, but stole away from his guard and secreted himself in the ship's hold.

Yesterday the officers of the vessel started the movement of fumigation. If Johnston is alive and stowed away in the ship's hold he will either be compelled to come forth or suffer death.

The fumigation will put all question of Johnston's reported leap to death in the sea at rest.

FIRE FANNED BY FIFTY-MILE GALE

MILLION DOLLAR LUMBER CAMP IN PATH OF FLAMES

Outbreak in California Timber Land—Refugees Have Perilous Time.

Eureka, Cal., Sept. 24.—A great forest fire is raging near here, fanned by a 50-mile gale, and already the plant of the Kelstrom Lumber Company, valued at \$50,000, has been destroyed.

A passenger train arrived at Samoa last night carrying refugees from Lufenholtz and Fieldbrook, the former town having been destroyed by the flames, and the latter place refugees are flocking from many camps.

The million dollar plant of the Redwood Lumber Company is directly in the course of the flames.

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MISSIONARY FOR KITIMAT. Toronto, Sept. 24.—At a meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society, among the appointments made was that of Miss Mary Lawson to Kitimat, B. C.

SHIPPING IN NEW YORK IS TIED UP BY FOG. Mauretania Unable to Proceed on Voyage—Trains in Collision.

New York, Sept. 24.—This city and all the surrounding waterways and suburbs were again seriously fog-bound this morning, the combination of mist and smoke from forest fires being even more impenetrable and insistent than yesterday.

Shipping was practically at a standstill during the early forenoon. The Mauretania, which attempted to sail yesterday for Queenstown and Liverpool anchored in Gravesend bay, and had not proceeded this morning. Three other steamers were waiting just outside the Hook.

Collision in Fog. Utica, N. Y., Sept. 24.—In the heavy fog that prevailed this morning the westbound fast mail on the Central ran into a West Shore passenger and express train, which was held up for some time. The collision resulted in the death of one of the passengers.

CHICAGO WESTERN. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's Denial is Contradicted by C. P. R. Dispatch.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—The departure of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., presumably for Minneapolis, Minn., and word from the west that active operations are going on in connection with the deal, leave small room for doubt that the C. P. R. will control the future destiny of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company.

Chicago Great Western, or "Maple Leaf" system as it is called, is at present in the hands of receivers for better protection of the property, pending the formation of a plan for financing its requirements.

Another Denial. Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 24.—Traffic officials of the Canadian Pacific railway were at the Ryan hotel, St. Paul, yesterday, meeting with the traffic officials of the Chicago Great Western, considering the shipment of freight between the Great Western and Canadian Pacific railroads.

Manitoba Man-Hunt STILL UNSUCCESSFUL. Police Scouring Country for Murderers of Elkhorn Storekeeper.

Elkhorn, Man., Sept. 24.—While the whole country from the main line of the C. P. R. south to the border has been carefully searched for the two burglars who murdered Michael Sagar on Tuesday, not the slightest trace of the robbers has been discovered.

ADIRONDACK FIRES LIKELY TO BE CHECKED. Dead Calm Prevails Throughout Mountains—Conditions Are Still Serious.

North Creek, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Following the dead calm prevailing throughout the Adirondacks, the forest fires are nearer control to-day. The blaze near Mill Creek is now checked, but the north Hudson fire, where 200 men have fought the flames for four days, is still spreading, and is now five miles in length.

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TWO DROWN IN STRAITS OF GEORGIA

ONE BUILDING LEFT STANDING

TERRIFIC TYPHOON RAZES TOWN IN PHILIPPINES

Loss of Life Believed to Be Heavy—Wind Velocity of Wind.

Manila, Sept. 24.—A typhoon of terrific velocity swept over the central portion of the Philippine group, sweeping part of the island of Samar, northern Leyte, southeastern Luzon, northern Panay, Masbate, and part of Remblon. The typhoon disappeared in the China sea, moving in a direction west by northwest.

Wires are prostrated and available details of the damage done are meagre. It is evident, however, that serious disaster followed in the wake of the sudden storm.

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HON. R. LEMIEUX DISCUSSES C. P. R. STRIKE

Minister Regrets Situation—Public Opinion May Lead to Compulsory Arbitration.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—A special dispatch from Ottawa to the Star yesterday says: "When Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, minister of labor, arrived in Ottawa this morning, his attention was called to a report from Toronto that the railway brotherhood had decided to request the government to intervene in the Canadian Pacific machinist strike."

Mr. Lemieux expressed the opinion that in view of the failure to reach a settlement under the industrial disputes investigation act, there is not much that can be done.

Proceeding, Mr. Lemieux said that he regretted the situation more than himself, but nothing further could be done under the circumstances until public opinion reaches the point where compulsory arbitration will be accepted by both capital and labor.

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TERRORISED BY CHOLERA FIEND

PLAGUE STILL SPREADING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Case Discovered in Czar's Palace—Exodus of Better Class.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Not only has the number of cases of Asiatic cholera in this city increased, but the disease has invaded the aristocratic precincts of St. Petersburg. It has reached the winter palace, one case having been discovered in the servants' quarters of the palace.

Other cases have been discovered in the palace of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch, the Tauride palace, the palace of Prince Alexander Oldenburg, and the Imperial opera house.

A number of diplomats and prominent society people have hurried their departure abroad, but the exodus has been checked to a considerable extent by the prospect of being held in quarantine at the frontier. That a panic prevails among certain classes is illustrated by the fact that many well-to-do people have ordered their newspapers discontinued during the epidemic.

A grand duchess, residing abroad, who is one of these, explained that she feared contagion through the mails.

In order to test the efficiency of vaccination in cholera cases several graduates of St. Petersburg university voluntarily permitted themselves to be vaccinated, after which they drank a poison containing cholera germs.

A STRANGE REQUEST. Washington Monument Wanted as Site For Wireless Station.

Washington, Sept. 24.—To President Roosevelt will be left the decision of the question whether the Washington monument is to be used as a wireless telegraph station for the purpose of conducting experiments with ships at sea, and probably across the Atlantic ocean.

A request asking permission for such use has been before the authorities for some time. Vigorous opposition to the proposition manifested itself, in the press and otherwise, on the ground that to put the great monument to such a practical everyday purpose would be an act of desecration, and for the advertisement of the wires at the top would disfigure it.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS. British Minister May Perseuade President Castro to Reopen Trade With West Indies.

Port of Spain, Sept. 24.—Sir Vincent Corbett, the British minister to Venezuela, who has been here for the past three weeks, left for Caracas last night on board the steamer Baradian, via Curacao. During his stay here the British minister has been non-communicative with regard to his mission, but it is believed here that upon his return to the Venezuelan capital he will endeavor to have rescinded President Castro's decree, which has virtually shut off trade between the West Indies and Venezuelan ports.

HURRICANE IN BAHAMAS. British Government Receives Report of Devastating Storm.

London, Sept. 24.—The Colonial office yesterday received a cablegram from Sir Guy Wilson, governor of the Bahama Islands, regarding the devastation wrought by the hurricane of September 11-13.

Sir Guy Wilson says that the islands of the Great and Little Inagua, Acklin Islands, Crooked Island, Fortune Island, Long Island, Rumcay and Watling Islands were swept by the storm. All vessels caught by the storm were either stranded or wrecked.

At Clarence, on Long Island, the jail, the courthouse, all the churches and ninety-seven per cent. of the dwellings were completely destroyed. No details have yet been received from any of the islands, and the distress is believed to be great.

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MURDERER ESCAPES. Jumps From Train While Handcuffed on His Way to Penitentiary.

Leadville, Colo., Sept. 24.—Sherman Morris, alias Frank Shercliff, recently convicted of the murder of John Walsh, a Leadville saloon keeper 12 years ago, escaped from the sheriff early to-day while being taken to the penitentiary at Canyon City to serve a 25-year sentence.

Morris, while handcuffed, jumped from a car window as the train was approaching Canyon City. He was brought here for trial from Michigan.

GOLD NEAR SEDGEWICK. Development to Commence on Claims in Neighborhood of Alberton Town.

Sedgewick, Alta., Sept. 24.—Rumors of gold near this town have been coming in from time to time, but have never been confirmed with certainty. Alberton town claims have been staked, and active development will begin at once. A mining expert from Spokane has spent several days in the district and pronounced the discovery a valuable one.

He left town yesterday with samples, and will return with them with machinery. Alberton town claims he and some friends have staked. Land is easily and cheaply worked and the field is easily reached, so it will prove very profitable.

ROOSEVELT'S REPLY TO BYRAN'S CHALLENGE. Effort to Show That Governor Haskell Was Connected With Standard Oil.

Washington, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt last night, following upon a prolonged conference with members of the cabinet at the White House, prepared and gave out his reply to Wm. J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate, relating to William R. Hearst's charges that Governor Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic campaign committee, had represented Standard Oil interests, both in Ohio and Oklahoma.

Mr. Bryan had demanded proof of the charges, promising that if it were substantiated, Governor Haskell would be eliminated from the campaign.

Dismissing the Ohio case, which involved an allegation of attempted bribery, with the explanation that he had made no direct charges against Governor Haskell as regards that particular instance, President Roosevelt takes up the matter of the Prairie State Oil and Gas Company and argues that legal proceedings begun by the attorney-general of Oklahoma demonstrate conclusively that the company is the Oklahoma company was subsidiary.

Concluding, President Roosevelt says that no law-defying corporation has anything to fear from Mr. Bryan "save what it would suffer from the general paralysis of business which would follow Democratic success."

Deeming the reply too long to be sent by wire, the method of communication Mr. Bryan had employed in his challenge to the president, it was forwarded by mail to the Democratic candidate at Lincoln.

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Advertisement for EK (likely EK & Co.) featuring agricultural products like horse manure and other goods. Includes text like 'D AGRICUL-COLUMBIA', 'ng Horse', 'great event now', 'seated for the', 'COLLEGE MAID', 'nager.', 'F. B. Robideaux, Conservateur', 'Have Organ in Vancouver.', 'The Regina Morning Leader', 'Editor of the Montreal Star', 'use he and his colleagues', 'Canada, and raised her from', 'ugh of despair in which they', 'and gave her a high place', 'the nations of the world.', 'Borden is a good, honest man', 'en should a change of governa-', 'ance place, he would not be the', 'gentleman who would probably', 'not "prisona grata" with the', 'of Canada.', 'Premier's Ontario Tour.', 'After Laurier during his Ontario', 'ill hold meetings as follows: To', 'Stratford; Monday, Sept. 21st;', 'Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, London;', 'Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, Clinton; Thurs-', 'day, Sept. 24th, Toronto; Friday, Sept.', '25th, North Bay; Saturday, Sept. 26th,', 'Sunday, Sept. 27, Toronto; Mon-', 'day, Sept. 28th, Jackson's Point; Tues-', 'day, Sept. 29, Toronto, where he may', 'speak at Massey hall; Wed-', 'nesday, Sept. 30th, Cornwall. Should', 'be remembered that the only one', 'to go west it will be a short tour.', 'Impaigners Without a Cause.', 'Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) con-', 'tains an appeal to party spirit. It says:', 'one of the four has ever taken any', 'Dominion affairs and Sir James', 'Bryan, the only one whose record', 'is said to make any appeal to the', 'electorate outside his party', 'is on a purely local issue, which', 'engages all his attention. Whether', 'Mr. McBride or Mr. Roblin nor', 'Laurier stands for anything in the', 'case of the Dominion, nor does any', 'man offer to the country a single', 'action as to policy or administra-', 'tion.