

LINER ROCKED LIKE CRADLE ON ATLANTIC

Eight Passenger Boats Reach New York After Hard Experience.

New York, Dec. 18.—Substantial evidence of the fierce winter storms which have prevailed for the last ten days along the steamer lanes between this country and Europe was shown by eight big passenger liners which arrived here today with more than 17,000 belated passengers. Hulls encrusted with ice, rigging covered with sleet and salt from spray caked on funnels, prefaced the storied by ship's officers of high winds and gigantic waves that swept their vessels from stem to stern.

The ships arriving were the Rotterdam from Holland, via Plymouth; the Baltic, Royal George, Carmania and Caronia from British ports via Halifax; the Lafayette from Havre, Bergenfeld, from Norway, and Europa from Genoa. All were from three to five days overdue and some of them reached port too late to dock before tomorrow morning.

Roughest Trip Ever Made.

The first of the big liners to come into her dock was the Rotterdam, which reached quarantine late last night. She was three days late, and her master, Captain J. Baron, declared that the trip was the roughest he had ever made. His declaration was supported by Rear-Admiral Andrew T. Long of the United States navy, who returned after escorting the King and Queen of the Belgians back to their country. Admiral Long said that one week ago, when in mid-Atlantic, the weather was so rough that the big liner was rocked like a cradle. One of the passengers was thrown to the deck and suffered a broken leg. On board the ship were five stowaways, who were scared from their hiding places by the rough weather.

The Carmania, another of the belated ships, had to put in at Halifax to repair damages caused by collision at sea with another ship during a fog off the Grand Banks.

The Caronia, from Southampton, was close to the Carmania when the accident occurred, and she responded to her wireless calls by putting about and going to her assistance. The intended help was not needed, but she accompanied her into Halifax.

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ALLIES WILL MAKE PEACE WITH TURKEY

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London, Dec. 18.—Without any disrespect and without wishing to deprive America of the honor of sharing in the guardianship of Christian communities the allies have decided to make peace with Turkey at the earliest possible moment, Premier Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today.

Mr. Lloyd George said there was complete agreement among the allies on the question of non-intervention in Russia, but that discussions were proceeding between the United States and Japan concerning future action should the Bolshevik advance reach to any considerable degree eastward.

Premier Lloyd George said it was impossible to make peace with Russia because of the civil war existing there. If the Bolsheviks wanted to speak for Russia, he added, they must summon a national assembly based on a broad franchise that would represent something with which the allies could make peace.

Mr. Lloyd George said the agreement to guarantee France against wanton aggression was subject to ratification by the United States at that particular point. If the United States should not ratify the guarantee to France, he stated, Great Britain would be free to consider her position.

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HAIG'S TESTIMONIAL

Comment Against Field Marshal for Political Interference.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir John Simon, independent Liberal candidate in Spen Valley, has aroused a good deal of comment by obtaining a letter from Viscount Haig commending of his (Simon's) war service. His critics declare that it is an unsoldierly device to get such testimony and especially when his military service was admittedly only of one year's duration. Simon, too, never claims to have done any fighting, whereas Col. Fairfax, the coalition candidate, served practically the whole war in fighting areas. Some comment is directed against Viscount Haig for having permitted his name to be associated with a political election in this way.

Ice-Coated Grain Fleet Arrives Safely at Goderich

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 18.—The last of the Canadian grain fleet reached here at noon today and are making their way to the elevators. They are the steamers Martian, Midland King, Glenbrae, Osler and Haggerty, and present a picturesque appearance with their ice-covered hulls and spars. Severe weather was encountered down the lakes with the temperature ranging from zero to thirty below.

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LONDON WELCOMES PRINCE OF WALES

H.R.H. Sure Britain Will Show Way to Overcome Difficulties.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Edward D. Cooper, lord mayor of London, on behalf of the city, today formally welcomed the Prince of Wales home after the prince's visit to Canada and the United States. The ceremonies took place in the Guildhall in the presence of a representative gathering, including Premier Lloyd George, former Premier Herbert H. Asquith, Sir George H. Peile, high commissioner of Canada, Lord Morris and United States Ambassador Davis and Consul-General Skinner.

GOOD AYRSHIRE CATTLE ON SALE IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 18.—(Special).—About 50 head of good Ayshire cattle were offered beneath the auctioneer's hammer at the sale held at Rudd's stables here this afternoon. The prices paid were not exceedingly high. The highest price paid was \$350, which was given by J. Stannell for the cow "Selwood Reliance," sold by J. Morrison, Mount Elgin. F. B. Palmer's cow, "Grace of Fernbrook," sold for \$225 to P. Cairns of Brantford. The proceeds of the sale were quite satisfactory, according to those under whose auspices it was held.

BANK OF COMMERCE BRANCHES.

Branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have been opened at the following points: Attercliffe, Ont., sub-agency to the D'nville branch; Nelles Corners, Ont., sub-agency to the Cayuga branch; Minville, Ala., R. F. Thompson, manager.

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BRITISH ELECTION PROSPECTS REVIVE

Believe Government Will Prepare for Dissolution in February Next.

London, Dec. 18.—Recent predictions that a general election will be held in the near future are revived by several morning newspapers in connection with rumors current in the parliamentary lobbies yesterday. Parliament will be prorogued next week until the second week in February, when, according to widespread belief, the government will immediately prepare for a dissolution of parliament and an election to test the country's confidence in the coalition cabinet. Members of the Labor party, it is stated, are convinced this is the government's intention and are pushing plans to put 400 candidates in the field. The sole plank of the party, it is said, will be the nationalization of coal mines, although one section is asserted to believe this to be a mistake, claiming there would be a better chance in presenting a definite program for social and political reform. Lobby gossip further attributes to the government a realization of the Labor party's supposed mistake, and on this issue at the polls. In the meantime, the Laborites are arranging to stump the country energetically during January in the interests of the nationalization scheme.

DALMENY DIVORCED.

Edinburgh, Dec. 18.—Albert Edward Primrose, Lord Dalmeny, only surviving son of Lord Rosebery, today secured a divorce from his wife, Dorothy Alice Margaret Augusta Primrose, Lady Dalmeny, daughter of the late Lord George Henry Grosvenor. The divorce was secured on the ground of desertion.

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