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STORM PLAYS HAVOC ON THE CAPE BRETON COAST; FOUR WRECKED IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

TWO BIG FREIGHT STEAMERS AND CLOUDBURST AT APOHAQUI

TWO SAILING VESSELS ARE AROUND CAUSES ENORMOUS DAMAGE

All Driven Ashore by Wind, Currents and the Thick Weather.

CREWS FROM ALL ARE BROUGHT TO SAFETY.

Cuban Steamer En Route to Montreal, Norwegian Boat for St. Ann's, C. B., and Two American Sailing Vessels Likely Total Losses.

Sydney, N. S., July 19.—No less than two steamers and one large sailing vessel are ashore on the southern Cape Breton coast. All three happened to strike within a few hours of each other, an instance which has no parallel on this coast within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. All the accidents are due to the fog which has prevailed on the coast and far out to sea during the last few days. Together with a heavy landward swell.

The first accident reported was that of the American three masted schooner Harold C. Beach, commanded by Captain D. C. Lorey, from New York, loaded with sand for Sydney. She stranded just east of Tin Cove on Scataria Island, about 7:30 o'clock this morning, and is breaking up very fast. The crew had little difficulty in making a landing. The captain had his wife on board, who bore the excitement admirably.

About 8:30 this morning a stranded steamer loomed up in the fog among the breakers east of Point Hall, about two miles west of the east light, Scataria. She turned out to be the Cuban steamer Cienfuegos, of 1,100 tons register, and commanded by Captain Johannessen. She is heavily laden with pitch pine from Gulpport, bound to Montreal, but had intended calling at Sydney for bunker coal. The East Light Life Saving station immediately upon learning of the vessel's position dispatched a lifeboat and the steamer's crew, numbering twenty, with practically all their personal effects, safely landed.

The Cienfuegos is owned by the Diamond Post Steamship Company of New York, and flies the Cuban flag. Her crew were now ashore and in all probability she will be a total loss. About midnight last night the Norwegian steamer Hagna commanded by Captain Tysland, foundered in place among the ragged reefs of Woody Point, Port Nove, a mile from Bau-line. The Hagna is from Chester, Pa., in ballast bound for St. Ann's, C. B., probably for a cargo of plaster. She ran into fog three days ago and doubtless lost her bearings. The crew numbering twenty had some difficulty in reaching shore. She also will likely be a total loss as her holds are full of water. The Hagna has a registered tonnage of 1,652 and is six years old.

All three disasters are due to the prevailing fog and the heavy sea. The Dominion Coal Company's tug D. H. Thomas, went down to render assistance and is standing by till the fog lifts.

Four-master American schooner Clarence H. Verner, struck off Cape Sable, N. S. She was from New York for Halifax with 1,200 tons of hard coal. All the vessels are in bad positions and the prospects of floating them are slim.

The coast was swept by a gale of wind, in heavy squalls. There was also thunder, lightning and rain.

KING GEORGE TO ADDRESS GERMAN ARMY MANOEUVRES

Berlin, July 18.—King George will address the German army manoeuvres this fall. He accepted Emperor William's invitation today.

Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, July 19.—The Italian bark King Malcolm, Captain Mortola, bound from Portland, Me., to Richibucto, N. B., in ballast, is a total loss at Short Beach about seven miles from Yarmouth. She left Portland about noon on Friday and struck at six o'clock Saturday morning. She was light and the strong flood tide and southerly gale together with the currents, carried her off her course. At low water she is high and dry, her bottom is punctured in several places and she is partially full of water. A survey was held this afternoon and it was recommended that an effort be made to save her. The King Malcolm is of iron and registers 1200 tons. She is 28 years old.

CONAN DOYLE'S NEW POEM.

London, July 20.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's poem, "The Athabaska Trail," was re-produced by the Daily Chronicle yesterday in a new poem, just published in the Montreal Gazette.

Hindus at Vancouver Fire on Officers Who Try to Board Steamer

Send Fusilade of Coal, Iron Bars and Hatchets at Authorities Aboard Tug—Captain's Rib Broken and Several Hurt—Prevent Commander of Komogata Maru from Getting Up Steam to Sail for Home.

Ottawa, July 18.—The following important statement concerning the Hindus at Vancouver was handed out by E. Blake Robertson, acting superintendent of immigration this afternoon: "The captain of the Komogata Maru was given until six o'clock last night to state whether or not he intended to obey the deportation orders, which had been served upon him covering the 250 rejected Hindus. Shortly after that he reported that the passengers prevented him getting up steam, and asked for assistance. About 160 police men and immigration officers went out to the vessel in the largest tug available, but were unable to gain the decks of the Komogata Maru in the face of the stubborn resistance offered by the Hindus on board, who from all parts of the ship hurled down on the officers coal, ironbars, pieces of machinery, hatchets and clubs, injuring many and smashing the windows of the tug.

"Some shots were fired by the Hindus, but the officers, although armed in the anxiety to prevent bloodshed if possible, did not return the fire and at two a.m. realizing the difficulty in reaching the decks from the tug returned to shore taking with them twenty injured, among whom was the captain of the tug suffering from two broken ribs. Fortunately none of the injuries received are likely to prove fatal.

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Leaders in Home Rule Fight Summoned to a Conference by King

Premier Asquith Spends the Week-end With His Majesty—Question of the Hour to be Discussed With View to Peaceful Solution.

London, July 19.—Premier Asquith's present difficulty in that four members of the cabinet, two of whom are particularly aggressive, have at the last moment flunked the situation and are prepared to go in the teeth of the Nationalists, in justice says Reynolds's newspaper, which is usually well informed on the happenings of the inner ministerial council.

"Happily," adds the paper, "a majority of the party support Mr. Asquith in his refusal to betray the Nationalist cause, and there is therefore some hope that the ministerial party will not be shattered, despite the threat of a revolt of a section of the cabinet. It is possible that the debate Monday will be adjourned after Mr. Asquith's statement."

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Waterway to Link Up Montreal and New York

U. S. Government Takes Up Project Proposed a Few Years Ago—New Route by Way of the Richelieu—Canadian Government Will Likely be Asked to Co-operate.

Ottawa, July 19.—Col. W. M. Black of the United States army engineering corps, New York, and Lt. Col. Harry Taylor, assistant chief engineer at Washington, were in Ottawa, on Saturday, in connection with a United States government project to construct a waterway to connect Montreal with New York.

Col. Black and Lt. Col. Taylor were in conference with officials of the Public Works Department while here and then left to look over the Richelieu river and Chambly canal. It is planned that the waterway will be 12 feet deep and will go by way of the Richelieu. There is, of course, water communication already, but it is not deep enough to be very practical. It is understood the project has been inspired mainly by the desire to afford water competition with the railway

routes between the two points to be connected. The United States has already announced its intention to extend the Erie canal system through New York to the deepwater of the St. Lawrence to Lake Champlain will be next in order. The plan was first proposed some few years ago in Canada, but after a government investigation of its possibilities nothing was done.

Now that the United States has taken it up it is expected that the Canadian government will be asked to co-operate in the scheme. It embraces the building of a movable dam near St. John's, so as to increase the level of the Richelieu river where it flows into Lake Champlain and thus overcome the rapids around which the Chambly canal now provides a route. A short canal to La Prairie instead of way of Sorel is also mooted.

Special to The Standard.

London, July 18.—The Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Agriculture, speaking at Ballymore, tonight said that home rule was now an assured fact; it would be impossible for any government, whether Liberal or Conservative, to withhold it. The government, he declared, hoped to launch home rule in an atmosphere of peace, but refused to surrender one of its main objects under any pressure, however great.

Sir Henry Lucy writing to the Observer, says that Premier Asquith on Monday will invite the House of Commons to restore the amending bill pretty much to the form in which it was introduced in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Crewe.

Failed to Reach Men From Karluk

Icebreaker Couldn't Get Nearer Than 120 Miles to Wrangell Island Where Stefansson Party are Marooned.

Nome, Alaska, July 18.—The ice-breaking steamer Kit arrived here today from a cruise in the Arctic. The captain reported that he tried for fourteen days to break through the ice field to reach Wrangell Island and take off the men of the Stefansson exploring expedition who have been marooned there since the old whaler Karluk was crushed in the ice last winter. The Kit was unable to approach nearer than 120 miles of Wrangell Island and finally abandoned the attempt.

All information received here is that the ice in the Arctic this year is worse than ever known before and for this reason the revenue cutter Bear, which is to take Captain Robert Bartlett, master of the Karluk, to Wrangell Island to take off the refugees, has delayed sailing until more favorable conditions prevail.

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Torrent of Water in Mad Rush Down Millstream Destroys Roads, Bridges, Booms and Piers and Carries Million Feet of Logs Into Kennebecasis River at Loss of Over \$200,000.

SIX HOUSES AND TWO BARN HIT IN TERRIFIC THUNDER STORM

Hundreds of Tons of Hay, Acres of Ripening Crops and Great Number of Trees Swept Away in Devastating Current—Loss to Jones Bros. alone is \$20,000—Storm Felt Throughout Surrounding Country—in St. John.

Loss to the extent of \$200,000 was done in two short hours at Apohaqui and the valley of the Millstream, early Saturday morning, when the electrical storm, which was so severely felt here, took toll of six houses and two barns, brought paralysis to Mrs. Samuel Ryan of Ryan's Corner and unleashed millions of tons of water in a gigantic cloudburst over Mount Snider and Keirstead, which rushing down the valley in a great wall swept all before it, carrying away a million feet of logs, piers, dams, highway bridges and large sections of the roadway besides turning hundreds of acres of hay and grain fields into one terrific raging torrent, destroying the just ripening crops and bringing a year of financial loss to the farmers.

Although no lives were lost, there were many narrow escapes both from the lightning and from the water and the farmers and villagers yesterday, although hard at work attempting to partially repair the damage and re-establish communication with the outside world, expressed amazement but at the same time a deep thankfulness that none were killed.

The storm which intermittently made its presence known in St. John Friday night, not reaching its full force until after daylight, raged at Apohaqui from two in the morning until about ten o'clock, wiping out in a few short hours the results of years of hard work.

Barns Burned

Practically the first mutterings of the thunder brought a loss of \$500 to A. E. Caldwell at the head of Millstream, when a bolt of lightning lifted the roof from his barn and set fire to the structure. Hard work alone saved the barn from total destruction.

J. E. O'Neill's barn, also at the head of Millstream, was struck shortly afterward and although every effort was made, the building was burned to the ground, together with the outhouses.

LABOR MEN TO RUN EXCURSION HERE SEPT. 5

Fredericton Council Here Labor Day—Hon. H. F. McLeod and Valley Railway Officials to Appear Before the Royal Commission.

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SHAMROCK IV STARTS FOR THE STATES

Plymouth, Eng. July 19.—Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's Cup which sailed from Portsmouth under convey of the steam yacht Erin yesterday, put into Plymouth last evening because of stress of weather. The Shamrock was on her way to Falmouth, from which port she will start for the United States. The challenger, however, will remain here until the weather shows improvement.

will leave here on Saturday evening, September 5th and the return trip will be made by rail Monday evening.

A party of officials of the St. John Valley Railway will go to St. John tomorrow morning to appear as witnesses before the Royal Commission on the Dugal charges. Hon. H. F. McLeod, M. P., will also go to St. John so as to be present when personal charges affecting him are taken up.

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ANOTHER MURDER IN SYDNEY, N. S.?

Sydney, N. S., July 19.—Rumors of foul play are in circulation at Dominion in connection with the death of Mr. Donald Martin who was run over by a train near his own gate at the Gardner on Thursday last. Whether this was a murder or a question which remains to be settled.

At the adjourned inquest which is to be held tomorrow the evidence of a Mrs. Charles Boutiller is expected to throw some light on the tragedy. It is stated by her husband that she saw a man going up the track a few minutes after Mr. Martin passed.

Mr. Martin's watch is missing and only twenty-seven cents was found in his pocket.

The evidence taken by the coroner on Saturday revealed nothing of importance.

SIR WM. VAN HORNE SAILS FOR HOME.

London, July 20.—Sir William Van Horne and Mr. R. B. Van Horne sailed for Canada by the Albatron on Monday.