

CANADIAN NORTHERN BILL PASSED ITS THIRD READING IN COMMONS

Magnificent Majority of Forty-seven in House Last Night.

ITS PASSAGE STORY OF GRIT CONTRADICTIONS

Pugsley Outmanoeuvred All Through the Debate by Hon. Arthur Meighen—A Tale of Liberal Inconsistencies.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 2.—The C. N. R. bill passed its third reading with a magnificent majority of 47, the amendment defeated being moved by Alphonse Ver-ville, who styles himself a labor member but who has never cast anything but a Liberal vote.

His amendment declared that no assistance should be given MacKenzie & Mann until they are owners of certain mines at Dumfries, B. C., had agreed to the appointment of a board of conciliation to deal with the strike now in progress at these mines.

Mr. Stevens declared that the C. N. R. did not own these mines, although having an interest in them, and Mr. Crothers stated that he was not aware that the workmen had ever asked for a board of conciliation.

The story of the passage of the C. N. R. bill through the Commons is one of more opposition by the Liberals. The Liberal members have voted for any old amendment, however, contradictory to the one for which they voted just previously.

Mr. Meighen has come out of this debate with flying colors. He outmanoeuvred Hon. William Pugsley, the chief Liberal critic, every time that the gentleman set out to criticize.

Mr. Meighen quoted the case of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway. He showed that the contractors had bonded and built the road and kept the land grants. Mr. Pugsley was interested in that road, said Mr. Meighen. The member for St. John admitted he was. Then, said Mr. Meighen, if the same argument held good Mr. Pugsley would see that the lands of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan should be turned over to the C. N. R., which now owns the railway.

Mr. Pugsley won't do that course. For Relief of Explorer's Party. Ottawa, June 2.—In reply to a question by Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. J. D. Hazen told the house this morning that negotiations had been entered into.

MEMORIAL TO EARLY AMERICAN COLONIZER UNVEILED IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain Performs Ceremony—Memorial in Honor of John Endicott

Weymouth, England, June 2.—A memorial erected on the spot from which John Endicott, one of the early colonists of America, departed to cross the Atlantic in 1623 was unveiled today by Mrs. John Chamberlain, wife of the invalided Unionist leader in the presence of a large gathering.

KING REPLIES TO PRES. WILSON'S MESSAGE

Washington, June 2.—In reply to President Wilson's message of condolences, King George today sent the following telegram to the White House: "I thank you sincerely for your sympathy in the terrible disaster to the Empress of Ireland and for your kind thoughts for the families of those who have perished."

GOD SAVE THE KING



KING GEORGE V. 49 YEARS OLD TODAY. His Majesty King George Celebrates His Forty-Ninth Birthday Today.

BRUTAL MURDER DISCOVERED IN NOVA SCOTIA

Body of Hindu Unearthed by Steam Shovel Near Trenton—In Badly Mutilated Condition.

New Glasgow, N. S., June 2.—Murder, heinous and hideous, committed in the most atrocious manner possible, was revealed today, when a big steam shovel, working on the banks of the East River near Trenton unearthed the headless body of a man. On close examination it proved to be that of a Hindu, who disappeared from New Glasgow about five months ago.

It was a man of very large stature, and the body when found was naked except for a piece of old bagging wrapped about it, and a rope tied around the legs. But the mutilation upon it was only that which an Indian fiend could perform, and there was every evidence that the execution of the murder, although resembling a butchery, had much of the element of oriental fanaticism.

First the head was severed by a sharp knife or other sharp instrument, and is still missing. The left arm had been broken and there was a severe wound on his leg. What, however, has aroused the most interest, was the raw and bleeding gash in the left arm where a portion of the flesh bearing a tattooed mark had been sliced out.

As hear as could be judged the death occurred about four or five months ago. Dr. Kennedy, coroner, has summoned a jury, and an inquest was held tonight, with the result that every evidence showed that the body was that of a Hindu, and it was a clear case of murder.

The jury inquest adjourned for a week, and in the meantime every effort will be made to find the head. The body is believed to be the leader of a party of Hindus engaged in construction work here some months ago. The man is believed to have a large sum of money in one of the banks here.

HON. R. E. PRESTON FOR SOUTH LANARK, ONT.

Carleton Place, Ont., June 2.—Hon. Dr. R. E. Preston, minister without portfolio in the Whitney cabinet, was unanimously placed in nomination by North Lanark Conservatives in connection with this afternoon.

The Storstad's Crew Saved Two Hundred And Twenty-five

Ceased Their Efforts Only When No More of Empress' Victims Could be Located—Company's Agent Denies Report Attributed to Captain's Wife that Capt. Kendall Had Been Drinking.

Montreal, June 2.—Captain Ove Lange, Montreal, agent of the Maritime Steamship Company, owners of the Storstad, gave out the following statement tonight: "Of less than four hundred and fifty souls who survived the Empress of Ireland disaster three hundred and fifty were aboard, and saved for on the cutter Storstad, the vessel which collided with the C. P. R. liner. Of these three hundred and fifty, two hundred and twenty-five were rescued by the crew and boats of the Storstad. Thirty others rescued by the Storstad's men were placed on board the government steamship Eureka. The lifeboats of the Empress of Ireland are credited with saving one hundred and twenty-five and bringing them on board the Storstad."

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New List Adds to Confusion Regarding Number of Persons Lost.

OVER SEVEN HUNDRED NOT ACCOUNTED FOR.

Exact Death Toll in Empress Catastrophe May Never Be Known—The Latest Official List.

Montreal, June 2.—The confusion as to the number of people lost in the wreck of the C. P. R. steamship Empress of Ireland has been one of the distressing features of the terrible catastrophe and tonight this confusion is added to by further figures supposed to be official, placing the loss at 1,024. Last Friday night the C. P. R. company stated from the Montreal office that the number of people carried by the Empress was 1,387, and based on the list of survivors furnished that night by the C. P. R., the loss of life on board was 1,474. Then on Sunday night, with additional survivors reported by the C. P. R., the loss was estimated at 969.

Tonight comes from Quebec more "official figures," showing the total number of people on board at the time of the Empress sailing as 1,474 and loss of life as 1,024.

Possibly the exact number may never be known, but in any case it must be considerably above 900.

Quebec, June 2.—The final complete official figures furnished by the C. P. R., late tonight of the Empress of Ireland disaster show a total of 452 saved, making 1,024 lost, as the total on board was 1,474, passengers and crew, as follows:

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STR. GRAMPIAN RAN CLOSE TO AN ICEBERG

Hairbreadth Escape of Liner—Berg Almost Across Her Bow Before it was Sighted.

Montreal, June 2.—An hairbreadth escape from an iceberg on the Atlantic coast on her last voyage from Montreal to Glasgow was reported by the steamer Grampian when she arrived here this morning. Proceeding slowly in a fog, the vessel did not see the iceberg until it was almost across the bow. Hurdled, the rudder was turned and the bow of the ship steered past the berg, while to prevent a stern striking, the rudder was then turned in the opposite direction. Several of the passengers saw the escape.

The Grampian brought in a lifeboat from the wreck of the Empress of Ireland, it having been picked up near Matane. It was somewhat damaged and it is thought to have been set adrift by the wash when the Empress sank. Previous to finding it the passengers knew nothing of the accident to the Empress although the Cape Race signal station had informed the ship when she was on the Atlantic and headed for Montreal.

NEW STEAMER FOR SERVICE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BERMUDA

Plans Under Way for Passenger Boat Which Will Cost Over Two Millions of Dollars.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 2.—Officials of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, owners of the Northern Navigation Company who came here yesterday on the steamer Noronic of that fleet, are having plans worked out for a passenger steamer for the coast trade that will cost more than \$2,000,000.

The new boat will be operated between New York and Bermuda and will be very fast. The steamer will be 320 feet keel, and 59.5 feet beam. All details have not been worked out, but officials of the company expect to have matters in shape and be ready to ask builders for bids in three weeks.

The new boat may be turned out as an American yard, but shipbuilders in England Scotland will be given a chance to bid for the job.

LONDON PRESS SAYS MILITANTS ON EMPRESS DISASTER

WHILE IN JAIL

Financial News, of London, Says Last Week's Tragedy On St. Lawrence Not So Much Due to Navigation Difficulties.

London, June 2.—The charge that imprisoned militant suffragettes were drugged in order that they may be forcibly fed, was made today at a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union by Mrs. Mildred Ella Mansell, one of the organizers of the militant society, who presided.

Mrs. Mansell specified the cases of Miss Grace Roe and Miss Gladys Roberts, who she said were being forcibly fed twice and three times daily, respectively. She added: "This terrible drugging occurs every time they are fed and they seem unable to battle against the drowsiness which overcomes them. It is the most criminal thing the government has yet done against women."

Mrs. Mansell referred to well known society women who received cabinet ministers as their guests, and warned them that if they continued to harbor the ministers they would have to pay the consequences.

LITTLE GIRL'S BODY FOUND FIFTEEN MILES FROM SCENE OF WRECK

String Tied Around Her Waist Only Means of Identification

Montreal, June 2.—The body of a little girl, about seven years of age, with a piece of string around her wrist as the only means of identification, has been found on the shore at Little Metis, according to information received by the C. P. R. instructions have been forwarded that the body be forwarded to Quebec.

The child's remains must have traveled at least fifteen miles from the scene of the wreck of the Empress before coming ashore.

ITALIAN COUNTESS ACQUITTED OF MURDER

On Trial She Testified that She Killed Husband's Orderly Who Entered Her Bedchamber.

Oneglia, Italy, June 2.—Countess T. Olegio-Ogionio, a Venetian noble woman, was acquitted today when her trial concluded on a charge of murdering the orderly of Captain Ogionio, her husband, on November 11, 1913. The countess testified that she had killed the man when he entered her room and attacked her.

HINDUS DECIDE TO RETURN TO INDIA

Vancover, June 2.—The Hindus on board the Komarata Maru have decided to give up their fight to gain admission to Canada and will return to India.

HONOR SIR WM. OSLER

Paris, June 2.—Sir William Osler, regius professor of medicine at Oxford University, has been elected foreign associate of the academy of medicine.

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