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ONE HUNDRED PERSONS PERISHED WHEN STEAMERS COLLIDED IN DENSE FOG

Steamer "Egypt" from London to Bombay, Crashes Into French Freighter "Seine" Sinking in Twenty Minutes — Some Killed Outright, Others Jumped Into Sea and Drowned, While Others Went Down With the Ship.

Some of the Rescued Charge That Indian Sailors Were in a Panic, Took to the Lifeboats With the First Crash and Left Passengers and Crew to Shift for Themselves — Harrowing Scenes as Described by Captain of "Seine."

Brest, France May 21 — Nearly 100 persons perished last night when the Peninsula and Oriental Line Steamer, "Egypt," sank off the Island of Ushant, after collision with the French freight Steamer "Seine."

The "Egypt" sailed for Bombay Friday with 44 passengers and a crew of 290. A roll call on board the "Seine," after the disaster, showed that at least fifteen of the passengers and eighty of the crew of the "Egypt" were missing.

Dense Fog Prevailed

The collision occurred during a dense fog, within 22 miles of the Armen light house. The dinner gong was about to be sounded on board of the Egypt. Many of the passengers and most of the crew were on deck. The shock threw persons into the sea, others jumped and a number went down with the ship which sank in twenty minutes. The Egypt was rammed amidships on the port side. The Seine, badly damaged, reached Brest today with 29 rescued passengers, more than 200 of the crew and the bodies of twenty dead. The captain of the Egypt is among the saved.

Indian Sailors In Panic

When the collision occurred there was a rolling sea. Some of those rescued charge that the Indian sailors on board the Egypt took to the lifeboats immediately the vessels crashed, so that a large number of the passengers and crew had to shift for themselves. Those who jumped into the sea who could swim, scrambled about for bits of wreckage to which they might cling. Many of these were rescued. They floated about in the fog after the Egypt went down, calling for help. The sound of their voices directed members of the crew of the Seine in small boats who were patrolling the sea, picking up both living and dead.

In some instances, the rescuing crews came upon persons clinging to bits of wreckage who let go and sank as aid for them was at hand. The small boats on numerous occasions sought vainly in the fog to locate persons lifting cries of distress. Among the known missing are the doctor and chief engineer of the Egypt. The Egypt was a vessel of 8,000 tons. The Seine was bound for Havre when the disaster occurred.

Harrowing Scenes

Captain Le Barzaic, of the Seine, in describing the disaster, said:

"I was at my post on the upper bridge Saturday evening at seven o'clock, fifteen miles from Armen light. The sea was calm, with a slight roll. The fog was very dense. I was listening for fog horns and proceeding at the slow speed of five knots,

"in less time than it takes to tell, a great steamer emerged from the fog. It struck my ship and tore away the forward works and moved on at great speed. I immediately ordered our engines reversed. I saw nothing further, but then I began to hear cries of horror that told me of a catastrophe. I went in search of the stricken vessel in the fog and darkness. I found her in twenty minutes.

"She lay on her port side, ready to turn over. Water was pouring into a long deep tear in her side plates. Cries and wails of despair were to be heard coming from the steamer. Passengers were seen running about on the decks, as the steamer was about to go under. I saw a man throw himself into the sea with two little children in his arms. The shipwrecked people in the sea clung to floating debris. I had all my life boats lowered. It was particularly perilous work, for we were on the main path of the vessels going from the open sea to the English Channel. I stayed at the scene of the wreck until twenty minutes after eleven o'clock Saturday night."

London, May 21—Late tonight the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company announced that only 38 passengers had sailed on the Egypt and gave out a list of the names of 28 of those passengers, who were rescued and landed at Brest.

It was said late tonight that there might be more survivors of the disaster, since the steamer Cap Iracon was nine miles away at the time of the collision, and hurried to the spot and may have picked up some of those in the water who were missed by the small boats of the Seine.

It was also learned late tonight that the Seine brought in four bodies, and that the tugs Vaillante and Gannemare landed 22.

STOLE FROM ROYAL AIR MINISTRY

Lieutenant in Service Arrested as He Came Down Gang Plank at Montreal.

Montreal, May 21—Arrested as he was stepping from the gangway of the Anchor liner Elysia, Lieutenant Robert Denley Ward-James, was taken into custody here Friday afternoon and appeared before Judge Monet Saturday, charged with stealing $928, the property of the Royal Air Ministry. Ward-James pleaded not guilty and agreed to waive proceedings pending returning to England, where he is wanted by Scotland Yard.

"MAN OVERBOARD" CRY HALTED MAJESTIC

New York, May 21—The cry of "man overboard," halted the Majestic, the world's biggest liner, shortly after she had passed through the narrows yesterday on her second voyage across the Atlantic and led to the report that she had grounded. A boat was hastily lowered, but twenty minutes search, with 1,600 passengers lining the rails, failed to effect a rescue.

MANY DISORDERS IN BELFAST SUNDAY

Gunmen Were Active and Incendiarists Were Busy — Eight Killed.

Belfast, May 21—Gunmen were active again today. Two men were shot dead and several were wounded. Seaman Powell, who had just arrived in Belfast after a long voyage and who was not aware of his surroundings, wandered into the street. He was interrogated as to his religion and then was fired upon and wounded, it is feared fatally.

There were several incendiary fires today at Cloughmills, County Antrim.

A disquieting affair is reported from Bellybay, Monaghan. Seven men from the six county area were arrested by free staters at a fair there yesterday as "hostages," following the detention of business men from the 26 counties on business in the six counties. The attention of the Ulster cabinet has been drawn to the affair and representations to the London cabinet are almost certain.

An armed gang last night seized the watchman of the Rossbank weaving factory on the Crumlin Road, bound him and set the building on fire. Sharp rioting followed in which the military used machine guns, two persons being killed and many others wounded. Two men, McMurtrie and McDermott, were shot dead tonight at the pumping station in Belfast harbor.

These killings raised the number of deaths today to eight, and the total for the past week to twenty seven.

1ST JEWISH MUNICIPAL BOND ISSUE KNOWN

Authorized by Palestine Government—Arrange to Underwrite Loan in New York

Jerusalem, May 21—The first Jewish municipal bond issue in history, amounting to £80,000, has been authorized by the Palestine Government for the township of Tel-Aviv, the self-contained Jewish municipality near Jaffe. The obligations are secured by taxation, the bonds being issued at six per cent repayable in twenty years.

Bernard A. Rosenblatt of New York, United States member of the Zionist executive to Palestine, is leaving for New York on June 2 to arrange for the underwriting of the loan.

GRAIN STMR. BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

Fire, from Unknown Cause, Broke Out on Conestoga, Causing $250,000 Loss.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 21—The steamer Conestoga, loaded with wheat bound from Port Colborne to Montreal, burned to the water's edge in the Ogdensburg harbor early today. The fire is estimated at $250,000. The steamer was in charge of the harbor tugs and was towed into the harbor. The crew of twenty men escaped safely. The Conestoga was in the Port Huron-Montreal service. The steamer was valued at $250,000 and was owned by Canada Steamships, Limited, of Montreal.

GENERAL MIX UP IN SINN FEIN COURT

Plaintiff and Defendant Came to Blows, and Magistrates Fled To Escape Bullets.

Mullingar, County West Meath, May 21.—The Sinn Fein parish court was broken up here yesterday when the chairman of the body decided to adjourn the case on trial. The plaintiff began to abuse the Magistrates, and the defendant and the plaintiff came to grips. Blows were then exchanged and one of the participants drew a revolver and fired several times at the bench. The Magistrates and solicitors fled.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES AT MT. ALLISON

"Five Steps to Truth" Subject of Able Sermon to Student Body.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, N. B., May 21—Baccalaureate service in connection with closing exercises of Mount Allison University was held tonight. Fully twelve hundred people composed an audience which filled Fawcett Hall to the doors. As usual, students of three institutions marched in procession to the hall and occupied the main floor of the auditorium. After selections by conservatory orchestra, doxology was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Flemmington, of Perth, N. N. John Hurtley of Amherst, gave an effective rendering of a portion of Handel's Messiah, while the anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads," was sung by a choral class of seventy-five voice under direction of Prof. Noel Brunton, head of Mount Allison Conservatory of Music and was given in a finished and pleasing manner.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., professor of English Bible in Wesley College, Montreal, who took his text in first Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verses 19-22: "Quench not the spirit, despise not prophesying, prove all things, hold fast that which is good, abstain from all appearance of evil."

Dr. Rose's subject was: "Five steps to truth," and he handled it ably, forcefully, fearlessly. Twenty years ago such a sermon would have been thought heterodox and dangerous, and the speaker would likely have been called to task by some ecclesiastical court. Today, things are different and Dr. Rose's utterances no doubt struck a responsive chord in the heart of every person within sound of his voice. Singing of National Anthem, and Benediction by Dr. Borden, president of Mount Allison University, brought to close the service.

SPLENDIO CLASS OF IMMIGRANTS

Corsican Lands Large Party of Scotchmen at Quebec Who Seek Homes in Canada.

Special to The Standard.

Quebec, May 21—The Canadian Pacific passenger liner Corsican, Capt. W. Davidson in command, from Glasgow, arrived at Quebec this morning at 10.15 o'clock, daylight saving with 178 passengers; 91 cabins and 87 third class. The latter are Scotch farmers and as usual a splendid type of British subjects. After immigration inspection, they left by C.P.R. special train for their Western destination. When told that the Government immigration restrictions had been removed as regards immigration from the British Isles to Canada, they volunteered the information that this news would be hailed with pleasure in Scotland, where there were many farm laborers, as well as small farmers and domestics who were wishing to come out to Canada, but had been held back by Canadian Government regulations, and it would not be a surprise to them to see a large immigration from Scotland to Canada this midsummer, and a regular immigration from that country next year.

K. OF C. CONVENTION AT EDMUNDSTON

Fredericton, May 21—The annual annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus in the province of New Brunswick, will open at Edmundston on Tuesday next. Fredericton Council will send two delegates, Mr. Justice [illegible] and [illegible]

GENERAL BURGOYNE GIVES UP HIKE

Hamilton, Ont., May 21—"General" Burgoyne who led the Hamilton soldiers on the Ottawa hike has thrown up his command and returned. He complains of the treatment given him by the Toronto hikers.

PIRACY CHARGE AGAINST YOUTH

Eighteen Year Old Lad Said to Be Leader of Real Pirate Gang.

West Palm Beach, Fla., May 21—Federal authorities have entered a charge of piracy against Sanford Mobley, 18 years old youth held in jail here in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Stuart at that town near here last week, whom they allege, to be a leader of pirate bands responsible for numerous raids, recently, on the cargoes of vessels in the vicinity of the Bahama islands. Request by the federal authorities yesterday that Mobley be placed in their custody was made, they said, as the result of an extensive investigation by both United States and British authorities of recent raids on ships, which were said to have been conducted in true pirate styles, and, in one instance, to have netted the alleged pirate $15,000. Mobley is being held here with another youth with whom he was arrested after a chase leading half way across the state.

BLACK HAND GETS ANOTHER ITALIAN

Twentieth in Series of Crimes in Which Italians Have Figured in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont., May 21—The murder of Jimmie Lovia, in the Beverly swamp on Wednesday night by persons not known to the police makes about the twentieth in a series of such crimes in which Italians have figured in this city and district during the last three or four years. All these crimes are attributed to the black hand, and few of them have been punished. In this city alone, during the period mentioned, there have been six murders of Italians, and Niagara Falls, Guelph, Welland and St. Catharines have all contributed their share. On the occasion of the murder of Sciaroni at Niagara Falls, N. Y., recently, a police officer, who has been closely in touch with these murders, predicted there would be two others. The murder of Lovia fulfilled half of the prediction.

WOULD CHOKE OFF CANADIAN CEMENT

Provision in U. S. Tariff Bill Aimed Directly at a Canadian Industry.

Washington, May 20—(By Canadian Press)—Strong objection by Democratic Senators to the finance committee provision in the tariff bill imposing a duty of five cents per bushel on cement today led Senator McCumber chairman of the finance committee, to disclose that it was aimed directly at Canadian producers. He said the duty would affect only cement producers along the borders, mostly in Michigan and West of that State, who, he said, have direct Canadian competition. He said it cost more to produce cement in the United States than in Canada. Then, too, he added, the producers of United States cement are cut off from the Canadian trade by a tariff of eleven cents per 100 pounds while the people of Canada are exporting their product into the United States free of duty.

AMERICANS ACQUIRE FORMER KAISER'S BOOK

To Publish It Under An Option Covering World Rights — Will Make 100,000 Words.

Berlin, May 21—A book, written by former Emperor William, dealing with the world war, is understood to have been acquired for publication by a United States group, under an option covering world rights. It is expected the arrangements under the option will be definitely closed within a short time.

The manuscript of the former Kaiser makes a good sized book of about 100,000 words. Those who have been instrumental in acquiring it say it is to appear in the identical form prepared by the ex-emperor.

It is suggested that the ex-Kaiser deals with the period leading up to the war, vaudeville the conditions throughout Europe in such a way as to constitute a defense of his course, and an accusation that a series of circumstances, outside of Germany, were largely responsible for bringing on the world war.

GENOA RESULTS GRATIFYING TO LLOYD GEORGE

Declares Himself Absolutely Convinced Russians Are Sincere in Desire for Pacification.

MEETING ENGENDERED BETTER FEELING

Nations, Formerly Not On Speaking Terms, Became Civil and Courteous.

London, May 21—Premier Lloyd George, in an interview on his arrival home yesterday, dwelt mainly on what he characterized as "the most dramatic speacle I ever witnessed in any conference," when the representatives of more than 30 nations arose and solemnly pledged themselves in the face of the world to non-aggression.

"We must remember," he added, "that only a few weeks ago armies were massing on frontiers, extending thousands of miles, with the evident intention of marching against each other. By the Genoa Conference this has been arrested."

The Premier declared himself absolutely convinced that the Russians were sincere in their desire for pacification and dilated on the significant fact that nations, which formerly hardly were on speaking terms, gathered around the same table, exchanging civilities and courtesies. He believed this better feeling would be permanent.

The Premier also declared that he had not the faintest doubt that an overwhelming majority of the French people desired peace.

Remarking that he had been working morning, noon and night and had not had a meal which was not a meal to discuss things with some one or other, he said he was going to the country for three days, but would return on Tuesday for a cabinet meeting.

The premier confirmed the report that he was not going to The Hague conference.

The Prime Minister's adherents in the Lords and the House of Commons staged for him an enthusiastic welcome on his return to London yesterday from Genoa.

Sir Robert Stevenson-Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and C. A. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary of the treasury, had met the premier at Dover and accompanied him to London. Tremendous cheering greeted the prime minister as the train steamed in and Mr. Lloyd George had to stand a rapid fire of congratulations from peers and commoners surging around the door of his compartment.

The Duke of Atholl, representing the king delivered a message from the sovereign in the following words:

"Mr. Prime Minister, I have been commanded by the king to welcome you home in his name, and to express his majesty's hope that your health has not suffered from your arduous and prolonged efforts in the cause of peace and the economic reconstruction of Europe."

According to the Duke of Atholl, the Premier was so overcome by the warmth of his welcome and the king's message that his only reply was "to squeeze my hand until it made the fingers ache and say: "Tell him how much I thank him; tell His Majesty how greatly I appreciate his kindness."

Mr. Lloyd George looked exceedingly well.

SONS OF ENGLAND AT FREDERICTON

Observed Sunday by Attending Divine Service in a Body at Parish Church.

Fredericton, N. B. May 21—According to custom, which has been followed many years, Islington Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society, observed the Sunday preceding Victoria Day by attending divine service. The service was held tonight at Christ Church Parish church. The preacher was Rev. A. F. Bate, rector of Fredericton, who has been chaplain of the lodge for three years. Music for the march was furnished by the Fredericton brass band.

Rev. Mr. Bate preached from Proverbs, taking as his text "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." He emphasized the glories, privileges and responsibilities of a citizen of the British Empire, which, upon Wednesday next, will observe the memory of a great Queen. He referred to the fact that Great empires had fallen in the past after having been used by the Almighty in his purposes, but that a preservation of honor and righteousness had kept the British Empire the greatest power for good in the world today.

BOLIVIA GIVEN COLD SHOULDER

Washington, May 21.—Another formal but unsuccessful request for a voice in the Chilean-Peruvian conference here was made today by the government of Bolivia, in a note declaring that any settlement of conference problems reached without Bolivian recognition would only be a source of continuing friction in South America. Both the Chilean and Peruvian delegations promptly indicated their sympathies in the matter.

BIGAMY CHARGE AGAINST SCREEN ARTIST

Felony Complaint Grows Out of Hollywood Actor's Marriage to New York Girl.

Los Angeles, May 21.—A charge of bigamy has been placed against Rodolph Valentine, screen actor, at the district attorney's office with the issuance of a felony complaint growing out of the Hollywood actor's marriage last Saturday at Mexicali Mexico, to Winifred Hudnut, also known as Natacha Rambova, while he was legally married to Jean Acker a movie actress.

R'WAY DEADLOCK CONTINUES IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Company Offers to Sell Railway to the Gov't as Means of Settling Trouble.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 21—An offer to sell the Nefoundland Railway to the Government of the Colony, as a means of terminating the present transportation deadlock, has been made by the Reid Newfoundland Company, Premier Squires announced today. The company has set a price of $2,500,000 on the property.

The Premier's announcement, following a sitting of the legislature lasting far into last night, reviewed negotiations between the Government and the Reid Company since operation of the railway system was discontinued last Monday. The company, the Premier said, admitted its inability to continue operating the system and was willing to abandon it, together with all properties belonging to the company and connected with the railway for the price stated.

Should the Government refuse to take over the railway on this basis, the Premier stated, the Reid Company threatened to demand arbitration of its claims against the Colony aggregating several million dollars. An itemized statement of claims, amounting to $6,000,000, already has been presented to the Government, Mr. Squires said, and the company also claimed further amounts, the details of which it would not disclose until arbitration began.

The Premier added that the Government was exploring every phase of the subject before reaching a decision and would make a further report in a few days.

Operation of the railway was discontinued Monday, when the company in a notice to its employees, announced that April wages could not be met owing to delay of the Government in advancing sums guaranteed to meet operating deficits.

CHICAGO OUT TO END REIGN OF TERROR

More Policemen, Prosecutors and Criminal Court Judges to Handle Situation.

Chicago, May 21—One thousand additional policemen, ten more prosecutors and four new criminal court judges have been promised to help Chicago rid itself of terrorists and bombers.

The Criminal Court Committee granted the request of a committee of citizens that four additional judges be assigned to that branch.

County Commissioners promised the same committee they would provide $100,000 to employ ten additional assistant States Attorneys. The City Council will meet Tuesday to arrange for an increase of one thousand uniformed policemen.

EAGERLY AWAITING BUDGET SPEECH

Speculations Are Rife as to Tariff Proposals Mr. Fielding Will Make.

Ottawa, May 21—The members of the House of Commons are eagerly awaiting Hon. W. S. Fielding's budget speech on Tuesday, and speculations are rife as to the tariff proposals.

Mr. Fielding, however, is keeping budget secrets strictly to himself and changes will not be definitely known until he announces them in the chamber Tuesday afternoon. While the Minister of Finance is not saying anything it is generally conceded that the budget will contain provision for a lowering of the customs tariff on farm necessities, with a possible slight increase on other articles to equalize the loss of revenue.

CHARLOTTETOWN MAN BECOMES SUICIDE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 21—The body of Nathan Wood, a well-to-do farmer of Tyrone, aged fifty, was found hanging in the woods near his home last week. Mental depression was said to be responsible for the act.

POLITICAL FACTIONS OF SOUTH IRELAND REACH AGREEMENT

Made Possible Holding of June Elections and Formation of Coalition Cabinet.

MINOR POINTS OF DIVERGENCE WAIVED

On the Face of It Republicans Appear to Have Everything It Asked.

Dublin, May 21—An agreement, making possible the holding of Irish elections in June and the formation of a coalition cabinet, was reached, yesterday, by the leaders of the two political factions in Southern Ireland and was unanimously approved by their respective followers in the Dail Eireann.

Michael Collins, head of the free state provisional government and Eamon De Valera, the republican leader, arrived at the agreement after all possibility of reaching any semblance of reconciliation had been virtually abandoned.

The minor points of divergence concerning the proportion of representation in the ministry were waived by the agreement, and the question, as to the issues to be decided by the June elections, was ignored. In the pre-election campaign, those in favor of the Anglo-Irish treaty establishing the Free State will be free, under the terms of the agreement, to say that the election will be on ratification of the treaty, and those opposed to the treaty may deny that proposition.

Conform to Boland Terms

The actual terms of the agreement correspond closely with those put forward by Harry C. Boland, for some time representative of Mr. De Valera in the United States, who represented the republican section of the peace committee appointed a few days ago by the Dail.

There will be a coalition panel presented to the electors. It will contain the names of candidates representing both sides at their present strength in the Dail and will be recommended to the electors as to the ticket of the Sinn Fein organization. Wherever there is no contest, the existing members will come back. Contests cannot wholly be avoided, however, because the labor party will nominate candidates, and theoretically any other body can do the same. But it is generally believed there will be many uncontested constituencies, and the election, it is thought, will almost reproduce the last one, when unopposed returns were the rule.

Coalition Cabinet

After the election has been held there will be a Coalition Cabinet of eleven members, including the President and the Minister of Defence. The remainder will be composed of five pro-treaty members and four Republicans, the President being empowered to decide the offices that each will hold. In the near future it is provided by the agreement that if the Coalition Government should find it necessary to dissolve, a general election will be held as soon as possible.

On the face of it, the Republican section obtained everything it had asked, but apparently, yielded on two points, not insisting on formally barring the treaty as an issue, and assenting to the election being for the 26 counties of Southern Ireland only.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the result, but, doubtless, it will be a disappointment to the British Cabinet, since it tends to unite all the Irish sections in all future negotiations of the treaty, and on the constitution and conduct of the Irish Government generally.

It is generally believed here that unity in the Irish army likely will follow speedily along the same lines, with the chiefs of the army now occupying the Four Courts building joining in what would be called the official troops of Ireland. Public sentiment is concerned in such an agreement mainly because of the hope that it would result in putting down disorders.

The articles of agreement follows:

First—That a national coalition panel, for this the Dail Eireann, representing both parties in the Dail and in the Sinn Fein organization, be sent forward on the ground that the national position requires entrusting the Government of the country into the hands of those who have been the strength of the national situation during the last few years without prejudice to their respective positions.

Second—That this coalition panel be sent forward as from the Sinn Fein organization, the number from each party being their present strength in the Dail.

Third—That the candidates be nominated through each of the existing party executives.

Fourth—That every and any interests are free to go up and contest the election equally with the national Sinn Fein panel.

Fifth—That constituencies where elections are not held shall continue to be represented by their present deputies.

Sixth—After the election, the executive shall consist of a president, elected as formerly; minister of defense, representing the army and nine other ministers, five from the majority and four from the minority party, each party to choose its nominees. The allocation will be in the hands of the president.

Seventh—That in the event of the coalition government finding it necessary to dissolve, a general election will be held as soon as possible on adult suffrage.

After the speaker had announced that an agreement had been reached, its terms were read and were greeted with applause. Mr. Griffith then proposed his motion for elections in June, subject to the agreement, which was unanimously adopted. The Dail otherwise discussed the granting of dotes, pay for relief of disposes and adjourned until May 31.