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PACIFIC COAST DISASTER OVER ONE HUNDRED DROWN

Lumber Steamer Hits Passenger Boat During Fog,
Sending Her to the Bottom.

SINKS IN FIVE MINUTES AFTER BEING STRUCK

San Francisco, July 22.—More than 100 lives were lost last Saturday night, when the steamer Columbia bound north from this port for Portland, collided with the lumber steamer San Pedro off Shelter Cove, Mendocino County. Eighty other persons, who were on the Columbia, were rescued after being in the water several hours. There was a heavy fog at the time, and the San Pedro, heavily laden with lumber, struck the Columbia on the port bow, with such terrific force that she was cut down to the water, and sank in about five minutes. Of the 800 passengers many succeeded in reaching the San Pedro, which remained afloat. Only 80 of them remained, however, when after many hours the steamer Ronoke came to their rescue. Captain P. A. Doran, of the Columbia, went down with his vessel. The San Pedro was picked up by the steamer George W. Eldor, and is now being towed into Eureka.

Only one steamer named Columbia, listed in shipping registers, as sailing from a Pacific Coast port, is owned by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and sails from Portland, Oregon. She is 310 feet long, registers 1,746 tons, and was built in Chester, Pa., in 1889.

The San Pedro sails from San Francisco, and is 163 feet long, registers 559 tons, and was built in 1899 at Aberdeen, Washington.

San Francisco, July 22.—It is reported that eight of the passengers and crew of the Columbia were saved and that 150 were drowned, including Capt. Doran.

Hon. Edward Blake Resigns His Seat in the British Parliament

Famous Middlesex Boy Is Com-
pelled to Yield to an Attack
of Paralysis.

A cable from England this morning announced the rumored resignation as member for South Longford, Ireland, of the Hon. Edward Blake.

Major Cronyn, manager of the Hume and Erie Loan and Savings Company, who is a nephew of Mr. Blake, was seen by The Advertiser in regard to the dispatch, and he stated that from letters received from his uncle's relatives within the past few weeks, he has no doubt that Mr. Blake has already resigned.

Some time ago he was stricken with paralysis, of the throat, and since that time his health has been in a most precarious condition.

A Middlesex Boy.

Edward Blake is regarded by most of the older school of Londoners as belonging to this city. He was born at Cairngorm, near Strathroy, Ont., on Oct. 13, 1833, and is the eldest son of the late Hon. William Hume Blake, who was chancellor of Upper Canada, and Catherine Hume, grand-daughter of William Hume, M. P. for Wicklow, in the British House of Commons. He began his political career in 1867, in that year he being elected to both the House of Commons of Canada and the Ontario Legislature. On the defeat of the Sandfield Macdonald Government in 1871 Mr. Blake was called upon to form a new administration for Ontario, and succeeded in the task.

Upon the abolition of dual representation some time later Mr. Blake resigned the premiership of Ontario, and devoted his whole attention to federal politics. He was succeeded afterwards by Sir Oliver Mowat.

In Dominion Politics.

When Hon. Alexander Mackenzie became premier, Mr. Blake accepted a place in his cabinet, but without portfolio, and in 1874 he resigned owing to ill-health.

In May, 1875, he accepted the office of minister of justice of Canada. After the defeat of the Mackenzie Government he was chosen leader of the Liberal party in 1878. He held this position until 1887, when he was succeeded by Hon. (afterwards Sir) Wilfrid Laurier.

Went to Ireland.

In June, 1882, Mr. Blake accepted an invitation extended to him to take a seat in the British House of Commons under the Irish leader. In 1885 he was elected a member of the executive committee of the Irish parliamentary party. He is also one of the ablest lawyers Canada has as yet turned out, and he frequently appeared in important cases before the Privy Council in which Canadians were interested.

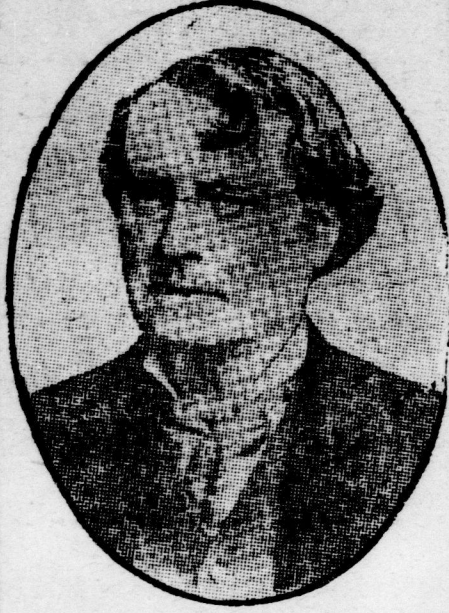
It is with the greatest regret that Londoners hear of his retirement from public life, for they feel a warm interest in him and in all his undertakings.

Mr. Blake is a brother-in-law of Mr. V. Cronyn, of this city; a son of Mr. Blake's is married to Miss Florence Cameron, daughter of Postmaster John Cameron, of London.

KILLED BY NATURAL GAS

Little Boy Asphyxiated While Playing
in Yard.

Tilbury, July 22.—The two-and-a-half-year-old son of Capt. F. C. Denison, Tilbury East, was asphyxiated by natural gas while playing with a companion in the yard on Saturday. The child was dead when found. The remains were taken to Toronto today for interment.



HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

BALLOTS COUNTED THIS AFTERNOON

Result of the Mail Order Fielcer
Will Soon Be Made
Known.

If the attacks which are now being made upon the mail order vote are any criterion of public feeling toward it, its result, no matter what it may be, will not go far toward solving the water question in London.

One man at the city hall today stated that while there are about 7,500 freeholders in London, according to City Clerk Baker's statement issued some months ago, the water commissioners only had 6,000 ballots printed. This may account for the tremendous objection being raised to the vote by many freeholders, who have not, they declare, been supplied with ballots.

Mr. Darch Makes Statement.

Chairman Darch still maintains, however, that every man whose name appeared upon the voters' list as a freeholder was given a ballot, and that if by any chance any man was overlooked it was simply through the errors of the clerks who looked after the sending out of the ballots.

The ballots will be counted today at 4 o'clock, and until that time it will be impossible to know anything of the result. It was estimated at the city hall that only about 1,000 ballots were in the box, but, of course, this is only guesswork.

Curtain Lawn Services.

The water in the reservoir went down below the 11-foot mark on Saturday night and Sunday, for the first time this year, and the commissioners have now issued an order prohibiting the use of water for lawn purposes, except on Saturday nights, until further orders.

As the people are being charged no rates for water for lawns, it will be theft if they attempt to use the hose outside the time laid down by the commissioners, and they will be hauled in to the police court forthwith.

BRIDGE CRASHES DOWN SCORES IN THE WATER

Lorain, Ohio, July 22.—A score of men were precipitated into the river here this morning, and several were drowned, a bridge crashing beneath them. Two bodies have been taken from the water. Another is known positively to be in the river, and several more are missing. It is probable that they were also lost.

The men were employed in the ship yards. They used a foot bridge from the Nickel Plate railroad bridge to cross the portion of the foot bridge was opened to permit a vessel to pass. The men were leaning against a rail waiting for the bridge to be closed, when the rail broke, and about twenty fell into the river.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL

Verna Mason, of 553 Grey Street, Fell
From Cherry Tree Saturday.

Verna, the 16-year-old daughter of Fireman Thomas Mason, of the central fire station, met with a painful accident on Saturday evening.

The little girl had been visiting at the farm of her uncle, Mr. Harrison, of Lobo, and was picking cherries from a tree, when she fell and broke her collar-bone. She was removed to her home in this city, where she is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

ILLNESS DUE TO SUICIDE

Wealthy Farmer Residing Near Ox-
ford Takes His Life.

Woodstock, July 21.—Hugh Sutherland, a farmer living near here, took his life by hanging on Friday.

His brother James was returning from the field, and found the dead body hanging from a rope in the barn. Deceased was 60 years of age, highly respected and well-to-do financially. He was unmarried. Illness of a protracted nature is supposed to have been the constituting cause for the rash act.

THIRTY-TWO DEAD.

Detroit, July 22.—Banner Huggins, aged 29, of Ionia, Mich., one of the injured in the Pere Marquette wreck, at Salem, Mich. Saturday, died last Sunday night, at St. Mary's Hospital, bringing the total number of dead up to 32.

MR. HOLIDAY FOR LIBRARY BOARD

Understood He Will Be the
Nominee of the Local
Labor Men.

It was stated at the city hall today that the Trades and Labor Council is endeavoring to have a labor man succeed the late Mr. W. T. Hamilton, as representative from the council on the library board.

It is said that Mr. Joseph Holiday, a well-known member of London Typographical Union, No. 123, has been chosen by the labor men for the position, and his name will now go before the city council at its next meeting.

The late Mr. Hamilton was appointed for a three-year term a couple of years ago, and Mr. Holiday is to be named to fill the unexpired portion of his term.

London Man in Big Wreck On the Pere Marquette

Mr. John H. Walton, Prominent
Local Mason, Who Escaped
Practically Unhurt.

Word was received in this city this morning that Mr. John H. Walton, a former Londoner, was with his wife in the terrible wreck on the Pere Marquette near Salem, Mich., on Saturday, and that he was slightly injured. He will recover, though at first a statement was given to the press that he would die.

Mr. Walton was a well-known Londoner until a few years ago, when he went to live in Ionia, Mich., and it is understood he was in the employ of the Pere Marquette Railway there. He is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 2084, of this city, and his name still appears on the local records. On the 20th of June Secretary Jas.

Keenleyside, of 209a, received his dues and sent him on a receipt to 420 Lafayette street, Ionia.

Will Recover.

Today's Detroit News says: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Cummings were very much relieved Sunday to find that John H. Walton, their relative, who was coming with his wife to Detroit on the Ionia excursion train, which was wrecked, was not seriously hurt. It was at first reported that his injuries were very severe.

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So far as known no other persons from this district were in the wreck. The Pere Marquette officials today informed The Advertiser that they have received no messages for relatives of persons who were in the disaster.

Desroches at Large.

Man Who Killed His Wife and Daughter Escapes From Asylum.

Hamilton, Ont., July 22.—Alexis Desroches, an asylum patient, escaped from custody while out walking, with an attendant, Saturday, and has not yet been captured. Searching parties have been looking for him ever since, but he has so far managed to elude them. Desroches is the man who two years ago at Penetang killed his wife and daughter with an axe. He was tried on a charge of murder, and being declared to be insane, was sent to the asylum. Up till Saturday he never gave the authorities any trouble. In company with another patient he was sent out in charge of an attendant for a walk. Near Dundas he made a break for liberty. The attendant had to return to the asylum with the other patient before he could take up the chase, and Desroches got a good start. The asylum authorities say that the searchers had got track of him and are on his trail, and that they expect to land him before night.

To Visit England.

Milan, July 22.—It is announced that King Victor Emmanuel intends to visit England, accompanied by an Italian fleet.

The Weather.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, July 22—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh southwesterly to westerly winds; gradually clearing.

Tuesday—Fine and moderately warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 60 48 Fair

Winnipeg. 60 48 Fair

Port Arthur. 64 58 Clear

Parry Sound. 62 42 Rain

Toronto. 64 58 Rain

Ottawa. 66 64 Cloudy

Montreal. 66 64 Cloudy

Quebec. 64 56 Cloudy

Father Point. 54 50 Rain

The first column records the temperature at each station this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

SHOWERS ARE OCCURRING OVER THE greater part of Ontario this morning, accompanying a depression which since Saturday has moved from the west to New Ontario.

During Sunday fine weather prevailed over Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, where showers and local thunderstorms occurred.

Toronto, July 21—8 p.m.—Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred today over Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but otherwise fine weather has prevailed throughout Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 53-79; Sunday, 57-75; Port Simpson, 50-64; Vancouver, 58-73; New Westminster, 57-76; Calgary, 48-70; Swift Current, 48-74; Winnipeg, 64-74; Port Arthur, 54-64; Parry Sound, 56-64; Toronto, 58-66; Ottawa, 56-62; Montreal, 62-78; Quebec, 60-74; Halifax, 56-74.

ALL OTTAWA OUT TO GREET PREMIER

Titantic Non-Political Demon-
stration at the Capital
This Evening.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, July 22.—The arrangements for the reception to Sir Wilfrid Laurier tonight have been completed. Premier arrives at 7 o'clock this evening.

The demonstration is to be of a non-political character. All parties will participate. An address will be presented from the mayor and city council.

The decorations, not only at the railway station and city hall, but all along the route are elaborate and well executed.

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SUNFIELD UNCONCERNED

Alleged Murderer of Fellow-Pole Takes
Predicament Coolly.

Hamilton, July 22.—The preliminary hearing of the charge of murder against Jacob Sunfield, who is alleged to have shot and mortally wounded Andrew Rodzyk, a Pole, about a week ago, was set for this morning, but there were so many minor cases on the police court docket that it was noon before the murder case was reached.

Great interest is being taken in the case, and hundreds of people surrounded the city hall, where the trial is taking place. All morning men and women and children climbed into neighboring buildings and wagons and looked through the windows in the hope of getting a glimpse at the prisoner, who appeared to be the most unconcerned man in the court room or vicinity. Only a couple of witnesses were examined before the court adjourned at noon, and their evidence was not important. Their stories being practically the same as they told at the inquest. John Swartz, told about seeing the prisoner and the wife of the murdered man in the yard at the rear of the Rodzyk home half an hour before the shooting.

WINCHESTER FIRE-SWEPT

Flames Started in Hotel Buildings
and Spread to Other Structures.

Winchester, Ont., July 21.—A conflagration started here on Saturday evening in the hotel sheds of the Commercial Hotel, and spread to the Bowen House, Hart's law office and house, Holmes' tinshop, all of which were destroyed. Manning's store and the Beaver Block, Dr. McLaughlin's office and dwelling, and Capt. Suddaby's house and contents were more or less damaged.

Fortunately the night was calm and there was a good water supply, so most of the town would have been burned.

The loss is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

SITUATION AT LISBON

Paris Newspaperman Reports Condi-
tions Have Been Exaggerated.

Paris, July 22.—A correspondent of the Matin, who was sent to Lisbon to investigate the situation arising from the strained relations between King Charles and the parliament, reports that conditions have been exaggerated, and that the dissatisfaction is confined mainly to the political opinions of Premier Franco. Business interests, the correspondent says, endorse the dictatorship of the premier.

FOUGHT IN 1814.

New York, July 22.—Augustus Rodney MacDonough, son of the late Commodore MacDonough, of the United States navy, who was in charge of the United States fleet in the battle of Lake Champlain, Sept. 11, 1814, is dead at his home here from ailments due to old age. He was 87 years old. For many years he was prominent in the practice of law in New York, and he was secretary of the Erie Railroad Company up to five years ago.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Man With Gun Made Everybody Duck

Lively Escapade, in Which Hill
Street Gentleman Played
Wild West.

Saturday evening just as the sun

set down Mr. William Provan, who resides near the Pere Marquette crossing on Hill street, armed himself with a huge six-shooter and proceeded to shatter the twilight hush. In his own back yard he commenced a bombardment, which not only frightened away all the birds of that neighborhood, but caused many a man, who had never been known to turn his back on danger, to take refuge in the innermost chamber of his home or behind the bullet-proof bushes and fences of that part of the city.

When the first shot was fired it did not disturb the equilibrium of the section to any very serious extent, but when the third and then the fourth explosion rang out anxious faces peered out at kitchen doors, from behind curtains, and under blinds. It was then that all the small boys became curious and ran toward the quiet little backyard, where there was evidently something doing. But they did not stay long there, these curious youths of Hill street, for one look was enough, and they ran hither and thither heralding the news abroad that over there in that back yard was a man with a revolver as big as a cannon trying to shoot everyone who came near. It was then that certain critics of the humane society, which they had always said was not doing its duty, should make that man kill

that animal at once and not have to shoot so often.

Enter the Small Boy.

By this time little Jack, little Eddie and little Henry had all reached home and the fathers, backed up by the big brothers, had set forth, followed still further back by the rest of their families.

Out rang another shot and substantial-looking trees, fence posts and whatever appeared to be bullet proof, were sought in great haste. Once more there was silence. Not a man moved. At last the suspense became too great and a few of the more reckless started out from shelter only to rush back to cover. Others whose legs had never fired, then yet when in danger, ran, while others became so excited that they could do nothing at all.

But the worst was yet to come, and it came. Presently there was a terrific volley of shooting, and bullets commenced to whir and buzz through the air in every direction. Some of the flying missiles struck houses, while others passed through trees, making various noises, which were not at all pleasant to those hiding at the stumps below.

Too Close for Comfort.

It was at that moment that Mr. John Lamey, of 509 Ottawa avenue, was enjoying a quiet smoke under a cherry tree near his house. First one bullet and then another passed so close to him that he jumped and ran into the house for shelter. He had no sooner got safely inside his dwelling than a policeman, who had heard the racket, Continued on Page Eight.

Crystal Hall Patients Are Still
Progressing Very Favorably
at Victoria.

Two of the young ladies who were in the wreck of Brewster's store on Tuesday last will be allowed to leave Victoria Hospital tomorrow.

They are Miss Ethel Earl, of Egeon street, and Miss Libbie Smith, of Simcoe street.

Both are walking around the grounds of the hospital today, and Dr. McKillop says they may go home tomorrow.

Percy Robertson, another victim of the wreck, was allowed to leave the institution on Saturday.

Dr. McKillop states that all the other patients are doing well, including Mr. Loney, of Cartwright street, whose condition was for a time very serious.

The Aftermath.

The work of taking the stock out of the Reid building continues.

Mr. Peter Smirlies, who has been expected in London for a week, is still absent from the city, and his representative here states that he is ill in Grand Rapids, and will be here as soon as his physician will allow him to be moved.

All interest is now centered in the inquest, which will be held on Wednesday night.

It was said today that the jury, with the mass of evidence which is to be placed before it, will not bring in a finding for several weeks, as there will likely be repeated adjournments.

Grateful Parents.

London, July 22.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

We wish to convey through your paper the very grateful thanks of Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith for the heroic rescue of our daughter Libbie. We wish to extend especially our ever remembering gratitude to the two young men, that at the risk of their own lives, helped to save the two girls, Libbie Smith and Ethel Earl, and our prayer is that the Lord will wonderfully bless them. We also thank the public generally for the sympathy shown since the terrible accident. Yours sincerely,

MR. AND MRS. BURTON SMITH.

317 Simcoe street.

FOR DEFENSE.

Rome, July 22.—The general staff of the army has recommended an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for defenses on the frontier.

DROPS DEAD ON STAGE.

Butte, July 22.—James R. Davis, aged 23 years, an actor in the Grand Opera House Stock Company, while speaking his lines during a matinee yesterday, fell to the stage dead. The audience was at once dismissed. Davis came to Butte from Chicago. Heart disease caused death.

CAID CANNOT WRITE.

Tangier, July 22.—The bandit Ralsul has forbidden Caid Sir Harry MacLean to write to the outside world, fearing that if this privilege is continued, the caid will disclose Ralsul's retreat.

Auto Drops 150 Feet

Pittsburg, July 22.—John J. Wallace, a well-known businessman of this city, is dead with a broken neck, his wife dying at her home with internal injuries, and J. S. Henner and wife, friends of the Wallaces, are in a serious condition, as a result of an accident to their motor car, which plunged over a 150-foot embankment on the road to Butler last night. About five miles out from this city the chauffeur stopped the car to inquire as to the direction to Butler. The car started without apparent cause and the chauffeur jumped upon the side step of the machine, but before he could get control the machine, with the entire party, plunged over the embankment and landed in a big tree. Wallace was dead when picked up. The others were unconscious.