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"COLUMBIAN'S" MEN RESCUED JUST IN TIME

Lifeboat Crew Had Just Consigned the Eleventh Body to Watery Grave.

SIGHT OF SENECA'S SOMKE ROUSED THEM FROM DESPAIR. Four Survivors Could Only Have Lasted For a Very Few Hours Longer.

AFTER cheating death in every form for thirteen trying days, four men are now lying in a private ward of the Victoria General Hospital here, fighting the battle of life all over again. The four are the survivors of the fifteen men of the Leyland liner, Columbian, who took to No. C. lifeboat when their ship was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago Sunday. When rescued by the United States Revenue cutter, Seneca, Sunday, they were all at the last stage of utter exhaustion. Not a drop of water or a crumb of food remained in the boat, and the men who had just sent the body of their eleventh companion to sea burial were without hope of surviving the day when the rescue ship hove in sight. They collapsed when taken aboard the Revenue cutter, but stood the journey from the ship to the hospital fairly well. Robert Tierre, the youthful officer of the Columbian, who commanded the boat, was in the most critical condition of the four. Cold and exposure had so swollen his feet within his heavy sea boots that gangrene had set in and the physicians are trying to save them from amputation.

Also Very Ill

Peter Belanger, a French-Canadian, who was the most exhausted of the quartette when rescued, was also very ill, but he will recover. All the men were resting comfortably at the hospital last night.

Hunger, thirst, cold, exposure, tempestuous seas, insane companions dying in the ravings of delirium and trying to murder them, the frequent alteration of hope and despair, and the knowledge that they were hopelessly lost and depended for rescue purely on chance, were some of the factors that combined to bring them to the last gasp of utter prostration when the Seneca sighted them on Sunday. All hope had been abandoned then. The eleventh man had just died.

Short Rations

For three days, six men had, between them, existed on five biscuits and a pint of fresh water. This was now all gone. Less than a handful of mouldy crumbs remained in the biscuit tin and death hovered night when the Seneca's smoke was seen. That pillar of smoke with its message of cheer spurred the exhausted men to one last despairing spurt of energy. Oars were got out and laboriously they pulled to cross the cutter's path.

For a time it seemed as if she would pass them. The boat was seen by the watch on the Seneca and taken for a fisherman's dory, but Capt. Johnson, who was on ice patrol duty six hundred miles away when the Columbian was destroyed, had followed all wireless reports as to the missing boat and had a premonition he might sight her, so the Seneca's course was altered and she stood down on the little craft.

The Seneca arrived at Halifax yesterday morning, and the survivors were quickly brought ashore and conveyed to the Victoria General Hospital for treatment.

Robert Tierre, the twenty-two year old Second Officer of the Leyland liner Columbian, lay in the sick bay of the U. S. Revenue Cutter, Seneca, yesterday, and in a voice which betrayed nothing of the sufferings he had undergone, told the story of the fateful thirteen days' cruise of the missing lifeboat in which three-quarters of its crew died of hunger, thirst and exhaustion.

A Remarkable Story

The plucky young Englishman's story was one of the most remarkable in all the history of the sea and swept the entire gamut of human emotion. It started with a series of explosions which ripped the big freighter asunder and hurriedly drove her crew to the boats, told of the high hopes raised when the White Star liner Olympic swept by them

Soon Bring In Amending Bill

London, May 21.—Premier Asquith announced to-day that the second Home Rule for Ireland Bill, amending the pending measure, would be soon introduced, but no definite date was decided on.

LECTURED AT CONVENT

Mr. H. H. O'Neill, of the Bear Brand Rubber Co., lectured to the girls of the convent to-day. To-morrow he will address the boys of St. Bon's College. Mr. O'Neill is a pleasing speaker and his address was appreciated.

GERMAN 'BARON' IS IN THE TOILS

Got Man to Advance Him Money For Investment in Farm Lands, Employing Investor as "Manager."—Latter Became Suspicious and Had the Alleged "Baron" Arrested.

North Bay, May 18.—A man giving his name as Baron Loner Rieventhal, who has been making his headquarters at North Cobalt, has run foul of the law, and is now in Sudbury jail as a result of his peculiar business transactions. Rieventhal advertised in German agricultural newspapers for a manager to conduct a Canadian farm consisting 1,400 acres. He also advertised in Germany for pupils to study Canadian farming, and to pay \$15 a month tuition fees.

Got His "Manager."

Rodolph Ruum applied for the position of manager, and after considerable correspondence agreed to come to Canada and manage the farm for three years, at the end of which time he was to receive 400 acres of land besides a monetary consideration. Ruum came to Canada and arrived at North Bay, where he met the "Baron," and the two went to Warren. The "Baron" induced Ruum to hand over \$550 as a evidence of good faith, and Rieventhal then quietly purchased a \$6,000 farm from a farmer near Warren, paying \$500 down to bind the bargain.

Ruum was introduced to his new duties, but became suspicious and caused his employer's arrest.

TWILLINGATE NOTES OF NEWS

Movement to Form Brigade, Says The Sun.—Celebrations On Empire Day.

A sociable was held in St. Peter's old school room on Wednesday night at which a fair audience attended. Miss Pearce acted as accompanist, and several musical numbers were well rendered. Mr. W. Lucas manipulated the magic lantern and showed views illustrating the work of the Church Army in England, besides others, local, foreign and humorous. Rev. Stirling announced the reason for the gathering and stated that a number of young men had decided to form a brigade in the Fall, and to that end had purchased the old High School building on the road to Back Harbor, and that this entertainment was to go towards paying for the same. In the interval tea and cake were handed around.

Early that morning, a blaze of light, and the despair into which they were plunged when she passed by in the darkness, less than three quarters of a mile away; the hopes that were raised by seeing two other steamers in the daylight next day, but too far off to see the little craft tossing on the water, the fight with rough weather for three days in which the boat was several times half full of water, and the expedients used, in order to devise sea anchors, then the gradual shortening of the ration of biscuits and water from three hard-tack and half a pint of water to four men, the death, in terrible agony, of men who drank salt water, of a fight with a madman who went crazy with exposure and tried to kill his six living shipmates with an axe, and finally of abandoning all hope and calm resignation to death, which suddenly changed to hope again when the Seneca hove in sight Sunday morning.

Police And Militants Fight a Battle Royal Near King's Palace

'Wild Women' Managed To Outwit The Guards

Burst From Ambush in a House and Were Amongst Police Without Warning.

STRUGGLE WAS A SHARP ONE AND LASTED FOR SOME TIME.

The 'Gun Women' Were Armed With Clubs and Used Them Effectively.

POLICE USED WATERING CART.

Some of the Spectators Involved in the Mix-up Got Badly Mauled About.

LONDON, May 22.—The attempt of the suffragettes to present a petition to the King at Buckingham Palace, failed, but not until a battle was fought, which for fierceness surpassed any previous militant demonstration. The rowd of onlookers suffered almost as much as the fighters.

People waited in the hot sun for hours for an attack which eventually came from a totally unexpected quarter. Police precautions had been directed toward repelling an assault from the direction of Westminster, where the suffragettes had advertised they would form a parade. Instead a small body known because of their militant record as "gun women," of the Women's Social and Political Union, burst from a private residence in Hyde Park and forced their way through the archway at the top of Constitution Hill, before the small squad of police on duty there had time to collect to resist them.

Flying Squad

Headed by Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the flying-squad of women swept down Constitution Hill towards the Palace. When half way along they met the most hated enemy of the militants in the person of Inspector Riley, who had charge of suffragette details at police headquarters. The shock of combat was short but sharp, and resulted in the arrest of many women, who, in fighting, used clubs. Many mounted policemen were thrown and their comrades on foot rolled them in the mud.

Were Overpowered

Eventually the strength of the policemen told. Over thirty women, including Mrs. Pankhurst, were placed under arrest, while others had been scattered into small groups. One group headed by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, reached a point almost across the drive from the Palace, where mounted policemen surrounded the women and placed Miss Sylvia and several comrades in custody. The crowd at this point became so dense that the attempts of the police to clear the drive were without success until they had recourse to water sprinkling carts which ruined many of the fine gowns of fashionable women spectators.

Members Grumbled

Several members of the House of Commons among the spectators denounced the police for not adhering to their promise to treat the women with gentleness. The police retorted that the terrific onslaught of the militants had left them no other alternative.

Casualties were not numerous, consisting of a few broken heads. At no time were there more than a couple of hundred women engaged in the battle, while there opposed them a force of 1500 police.

Crowd Gathered Quickly

With the exception of the few minutes when the King stood at a window watching the preparations to defend him from the attention of the women, the Palace presented a deserted appearance.

A police inspector said that when Mrs. Pankhurst was arrested, he carried her inside the Park gate, and she shouted "That is right; arrest

me at the gates of the Palace. Tell the King."

The police raided a West End flat and arrested four militants. They also seized bags filled with flint stone and also a number of hammers, to be used in a window-smashing campaign.

EARLY CLOSING

After Monday the Furness Withy office will close at 1 p.m. Saturdays and 5 p.m. other days.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS

S.S. Kyle, which arrived at Port aux Basques 6.30 a.m. yesterday, landed the following passengers: J. T. Herriker, W. J. Burgess, Miss N. Hunt, Miss J. Johnson, Miss F. Fox, Mrs. R. Ross, E. and Mrs. Pike.

AN INSPIRED OPPOSITION

Canadian Newspaper Correspondent In Ireland Expresses the Opinion That in the Minds of the Covenanters There is a Spiritual Factor in Their Defiance of Law.

(Special correspondence of The Toronto Star.)

LONDONDERRY, Ireland.—With nearly a fortnight elapsed since the landing of rifles from the Mountjoy, I have yet to find a single Ulster anti-Home Ruler who is prepared to denounce the many infractions of the law which marked that occasion.

An outsider wonders why, for these Ulsterites are not normally a law-breaking class. It is stating a simple truth to say that they are the pick of the business communities in the Province, in many places the mental and moral aristocracy.

The fact that they have the social aristocracy also with them is of minor importance, though it bulks large at reviews and on military show-days, and has much to do with the disaffection of army officers recruited largely from that class.

"Best" People Concerned

What one wishes to emphasize is that the majority of the people of Ulster—using "best" in no snobbish sense—are handling guns or learning to be nurses, as their sex may fit them, and that these people cannot see the culpability of an exploit which involved the use of force against His Majesty's officers in the pursuance of their duties as such.

The only explanation I can give is that the opposition of Ulstermen to Home Rule is in many cases deeply spiritual, a religious conviction which will excuse almost anything in the name of God. And when that conviction is supplemented by fear of business disturbances (I am convinced an honest fear) it becomes easier to understand the mental obfuscation which prevails with regard to gun-running. Actuated by motives both of heart and of pocket, these normally law-abiding people are prepared to justify the means by the end.

The Attractions of Society

One hears it sneeringly asserted by some Nationalists that the substantial middle-classes of Ulster have been drawn into the present conflict by the glamor of association with their social superiors. "Of course," said one man, "these silly women feel flattered when they are asked to meet at Lady So-and-So's to discuss ambulance work, and they like making pyjamas for the hospitals when they can do so in Countess This-and-That's parlor."

I have viewed the Ulster movement in the light of that sort of remark, and cannot agree that the motive described is the ruling, or even a substantial factor in the enthusiasm

1500 "Peelers" Guard The King

Against Attention of Militants Who Were Determined to See His Majesty.

London, May 21.—St. James' Park and the grounds of Buckingham Palace were crowded with police from an early hour this morning, 1500 men having been ordered there for the purpose of opposing the projected attempt by suffragettes to present a petition to the King.

The police formed a ring around the grounds as the women had threatened to scale the high walls enclosing the gardens. All the detectives from the police headquarters and Scotland Yard were on duty.

In order to throw the suffragettes off the track, the King and Queen did not go direct to Buckingham Palace, but drove to Marlborough House, the residence of the Dowager Queen Alexandra.

of Ulster women. Yet, on the whole, I have found them even more ardent in their partisanship than the men. Perhaps it is that women are naturally more religious, at any rate more easily swayed and possessed by sentiment. I do not know. But I do know of men only mildly interested in the volunteer movement who were told by their wives to "go and drill," and got no peace until they did.

These are, of course, exceptional cases. One does not wish to imply that even that type of "Home Rule" is favored in Ulster.

The Facts About Derry

I have been looking over the volunteer forces in Derry with a view to confirming or dissipating earlier impressions. Coming from Dublin, where there is so much of charm, so much of wholesomeness, about the people prominently identified with the Nationalist movement, one almost doubted one's recollection of the Nationalist section of Londonderry, a section where not all, but certainly a majority, of its Nationalists live. That recollection I renewed to-day; renewed and strengthened. And I feel free to say that I know of no section of Toronto where slum conditions are anything like so bad as among these people.

Not a Nice Picture

It is not a nice picture. Deformity and filth personified in little children, profanity and rags personified in adults, poverty and wretchedness personified in both—one sees things and shudders in the slums of Derry. Bare feet torn by the passing stones and bandaged with dirty clothes are the commonest sights.

Mothers sprawl in the doorways, barefoot like their little ones, who sprawl upon the sidewalks. Voices are rough and tongues are quarrelsome. The homes are hideous in their bare equality. Down the narrow, ill-smelling streets, slung men whose very gait is an index and a reproach. Beggars abound. But the most pitiful sight is the unbelievably unclothed, unspeakably ragged, company of children. It is a heartbreak to watch them, these products of a city of only 42,000—their faces, prematurely old, singularly lacking the natural happiness of childhood.

No General Assertion

I am not saying that all Derry Nationalists live in that quarter, nor even that all the people who live in the quarter are such as I have described. I make no assertion, either, as to conditions in other cities, or as to whose is the responsibility of creating or tolerating the Derry slum.

Nor does one for an instant make an indictment of culpable poverty against it. On the contrary, one is simply a camera pointed at that section of an Ulster city which partially explains the attitude of local Ulster volunteers. It is not strange that they, looking on these people with eyes already prejudiced, get an idea of the Nationalist movement which is uncomplimentary to it, probably unjust to it.

The U.V.F. in Derry

The Ulster Volunteer Force in Londonderry is the antithesis of

Case of Dr. Tait In Court Today

Heard Before a Special Jury.—Moakler Girl and Mother Examined.

The Tait case occupied the attention of Judge Emerson and the Supreme Court to-day.

The following is the special jury: Ed. Cahill, Frank Martin, Thos. Carnell, Wm. White, Fenwick Crane, Geo. Butterworth, Ed. Cunningham, N. Codner, R. H. Trappell, Jas. McDonald, John Clouston, W. Mews. Up to 1 p.m. Mudge Moakler, her mother, Dr. O'Connell and Dr. Scully gave evidence. Recess for lunch was then taken till 2.30.

CARRANZA WILL SEND DELEGATE

To the Peace Conference Now Being Held at Niagara Falls, Canada.—The Constitutionalist Leader, However, Definitely Refuses to be Bound by Any Decision of the Mediators.

Washington, May 22.—Constitutionalists are preparing to send a representative to Niagara Falls to confer with the South American mediators, now endeavoring to settle the Mexican problem.

This is done on the distinct understanding the representative give information as to Carranza's purposes without committing the Constitutionalist to any plan for the pacification of Mexico the mediators determine upon.

OPPOSITION MADE 'BEDLAM' OF COMMONS

Became Mad Because Their Motion to Adjourn Was Defeated AND CREATED UPROAR BOTH LOUD AND LONG.

Transaction of Business Was Impossible and Sitting Was Suspended.

London, May 21.—The sitting of the House of Commons was suspended to-day until to-morrow, in consequence of the disorderly opposition members, who succeeded in forcing an adjournment, a motion for which had been just defeated by a vote of 286 to 176.

After the vote had been taken the Unionists started the refrain, "Adjourn." The uproar was long and loud. The Speaker finally rose and asked the Leader of the Opposition whether he assented to the demonstration. Amid shouts from his supporters of "Don't Answer," Bonar Law refused to reply, and the Speaker declared the sitting suspended, saying there was nothing else he could do, as Law declined to assist him in maintaining order.

WARMEST DAY YET

This is the warmest day for the season. At noon the thermometer registered 75.

Derry's slum. I do not mean that it is aristocratic, but that it is clean, wholesome, sane—a product of sunshine. The men are fine specimens of the human race. A second visit to their drills re-convinces me of that fact. There are among them, of course, some products of inferior morals and mental environment. That is inevitable. But judging them by averages, they rank high. They are the young, strong, progressive men of the community, who are content and proud to be privates in the ranks.

These things have been said before, but they need re-saying because it is hard for an outsider to reconcile the two conditions of normal high citizenship and actual disregard of law. Yet these two conditions are assuredly present in Derry. The lawlessness of recent acts does not alter the fact that they were perpetrated by men of fine calibre and more than the fine calibre of the men alters the lawlessness of the acts.

"VATERLAND" OCEAN GIANT ON MAIDENTRIP

Arrives in New York From Hamburg—Averaged 34 Knots On One Day's Run

BIG SHIP IS 950 FEET LONG AND TONNAGE IS 58,000

Tugs Had Much Difficulty in Berthing Her at New York Docks

New York, May 21.—The Vaterland, the biggest steamer afloat, arrived here early to-day on her maiden voyage from Hamburg. Her run yesterday was 594 miles, an average speed of 33.9 knots.

The Vaterland is 950 feet long, 100 feet beam and 58,000 tons. She carries one commodore, 4 captains and a total crew of 1,234, including crew and passengers, she carried 3,000 persons.

When she headed in for the pier more than 50 tugs had her in charge. As the bow neared the pier the strong ebbing tide caught the vessel astern and she began to swing around heading for the wooden pier nearby.

After the vessel drifted more than a mile the tugs succeeded in getting her in tow again, and she was headed up stream under control.

BODY OF MAN FOUND ON ICE

At Baateau Cove, On the West Coast, Says The Western Star.—Navigation Opens at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay.—Fined \$200 For Breaking Law.

Report reached us yesterday (May 19) that the body of a man had been found embedded in a pan of ice off Baateau Cove. The report stated that some men of the place seeing a dark object on the ice, travelled off to investigate, and discovered the body of a man lying face downward and embedded in the ice. They returned to the shore to procure an axe and other materials to assist in removing the body, but before they got back the ice had made a shift and they were unable to again locate the corpse.

Third Reading Of Home Rule For Tuesday

London, May 21.—An official announcement has been made in the Commons that the division on the third reading of the Home Rule Bill will be taken Tuesday next.

North Of Ireland Is Still Arming

London, May 20.—A Belfast despatch to The Daily Chronicle states on reliable authority that in many parts of North Ireland elaborate arrangements are being made for the distribution amongst selected members of the volunteer forces of rifles and ammunition recently imported. Intimation has been made that members are making enquiries regarding the possible consequence of harboring illicit weapons. The farmers have not objected to drilling, but actual warlike preparations seem to have caused serious alarm.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT

Mr. Fox, the C.E.I. football captain, met with a painful accident yesterday morning while practising football.

He fell and broke his hand which will probably prevent him from playing this year.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate winds, fair. Saturday: South East winds, showery.