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## H.M.S. 'VICTORIA' CATASTROPHE

### HOW THE UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT OCCURED.

**The Ship's Bows Sank Slowly, Then She Stood up Straight, Turned Over and Disappeared, Taking with Her 430 Brave men.**

London, June 28.—The tragedies of the ocean form a big and solemn part of England's history. It is only in the presence of such a sweeping calamity as that which has now gripped upon English heartstrings that one comes to realize how the sea still dominates the imagination of these islanders and forms an integral part of their national life.

While the slow and imperfect tidings of the disaster were coming in it seemed as if almost everybody one knew had some bond of kinship or of friendship strained in suspense. All over the city in the east, all over the clubland in the west, men were continually met, whose sons, brothers, cousins or schoolmates were on the 'Victoria.'

#### HOW IT OCCURED.

A correspondent from Beyroust sends the following particulars of the sinking of the war ship Victoria by the war ship Camperdown off Tripoli on last Thursday. The Camperdown tore with tremendous force into the Victoria's hull and drove the ram with a crash right through to the Victoria's middle. It was just half past three o'clock when, with the great rip in her hull, the Victoria began to founder. Admiral Tryon tried at first to run her ashore, but the distance, nearly five miles, was too great. The great vessel turned over broadside and eight minutes after she was struck went down. Rigid discipline was maintained in the few minutes between the collision and the catastrophe. The invalids and prisoners were brought on deck and provision was made hastily for their safety in case of the worst. The crew remained at their posts. When five minutes were up Admiral Tryon apparently realized that his vessel was doomed beyond all hope of succor. He then gave the order, "Let every man save himself." Many of the men rushed from their posts to the vessel's side and jumped into the sea. Others were hurrying from below to follow them when the end came.

#### STOOD ALMOST PERPENDICULAR.

The bow disappeared gradually at first then rapidly plunged, so that the hull stood almost perpendicularly in the water, paused motionless for a moment, and finally rolled completely over. Two tremendous explosions were heard, and then the Victoria settled under. Admiral Tryon did not leave the ship. He was the last man seen as she first plunged her bow under water. He stood on the bridge as long as it was possible to stand anywhere above deck. His body has not been found. Two hundred and ninety of the officers and crew were saved. Many were severely injured by the concussion of the two vessels.

The Camperdown has a sixteen foot hole in her bows. She made a great deal of water and was only kept afloat by the closing of her watertight compartments and by pumping. The Victoria lies in seventy-six fathoms of water. It will be impossible to float her. The bodies of twenty victims have been found and interred in Tripoli. The Victoria had a band of Italian musicians on board.

#### A GALLANT ATTEMPT.

The officers of the Barham say that even after the men of the Victoria were ordered to save themselves they persisted in their gallant attempt to fix the collision mat in position. This usually occupies ten minutes. Admiral Tryon's signal for assistance was promptly obeyed, every vessel immediately sending boats to the rescue, but the suction caused by the sinking of the vessel dragged down the strongest of the swimmers. The great fatality was due the fact that when the vessel went down the propellers were still revolving rapidly. As the ship sank many of the sailors were observed crawling up the sides of the hull to the keel.

All agree that Admiral Tryon showed great heroism. After he had ordered all to save themselves the coxswain ran up to him with a life belt. Tryon refused to take it and told the man to seek his own safety. He stood on the bridge motionless and with folded arms awaiting sure death.

Without exception the officers and crew behaved nobly. The explosions after the Victoria turned over are supposed to have been the bursting of her boilers.

#### TO BE TRIED BY A COURTMARTIAL.

It has been definitely decided that Rear Admiral Albert H. Markham, who was second in command to Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon at the time of the accident off Tripoli, that caused the loss of the 'Victoria,' the flagship of the British Mediterranean squadron, will be tried by a courtmartial that will sit at Portsmouth. This courtmartial will be presided over by Admiral, the Earl of Clanwilliam, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, whose son, Lord Gifford, was flag lieutenant of the 'Victoria.' Rear Admiral Markham's flagship is the 'Trafalgar,' but advice received here show that his flag had been transferred to the 'Camperdown,' and that he was in charge of the manoeuvres of the fleet at the time the collision occurred.

#### TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY.

At a meeting of the Victoria Jubilee Lodge Sons of England B.S., held at Point St. Charles on Friday evening, 23rd, a resolution of regret was passed at the catastrophe which has occurred to H.M.S. 'Victoria,' and expressing regret at the loss of so many brave lives. The secretary, S. G. V. P. Bro. Edwards, was instructed to cable the following resolution to the Admiralty office in London:

'Accept condolence on the sad catastrophe of H.M.S. 'Victoria.' Edwards, secretary Victoria Jubilee Lodge, Sons of England.'

#### OUR FLAG.

Flutter and flap to the winds of God,  
Thou emblem of all that is proud and free;  
Nowhere is footprint of man in the sod  
Where men do not tremble and bow to thee,  
Thou foremost on citadel, mast-head, crag,  
Banner of Britain!—our flag! our flag!

On sea the supremest, the nations dip  
And in haste salute when thy color's known;  
The slave stands a moment on land or ship  
Kissed by thy shadow and freedom's his own  
Wherever thou art there must fetters crack,  
Banner of Britain—our Union Jack.

Fearful in war and in peace sublime,  
Jealous to champion the rights of the world,  
Symbol of freedom in every clime,  
And millions under thy broad wing curled  
Quiet their dreamings of blood and wrack,  
And worship thy glory, our Union Jack.

Shall we rend thee, who love thee? It may not be!  
We will widen thine empire—God's empire thou!  
Flap on forever! Float far and free!  
To thy righteous rule let the nations bow!  
Stream from the mast-head, the rampart, the  
Banner of Britain—our flag! our flag!  
—Onward.

#### FUNDS DISTRIBUTED.

**The Life Boat, Toronto, Comes in for a Share.**

Brockville, June 20th.—In connection with our excursion to Kingston on May 24th, after paying all expenses, we cleared \$48.00, which was distributed as follows: Organ, \$16.15; Surgeon's fees for juveniles, \$15; S. O. E. Life-boat Toronto, \$5; Incidental fund, \$12.75—\$48.00.

The thanks of the lodge was heartily given Bro. W. White, for the services he so readily gave. And as it involves a great deal of time, this lodge cannot better express their thanks to Bro. White and others of the committee than through the ANGLO-SAXON.

The lodge of Prentice Boys of Brockville have invited Lodge Suffolk, through a deputation, consisting of Mr. Allan Stayner, to join them in an excursion to Belleville on August 15th, but the matter was left over until quarterly night.

During this quarter we had 18 propositions and 14 initiated; that is something like a rally. Mr. Allan Turner, druggist, an old subscriber to the ANGLO-SAXON, being one of the number.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown, June 20th.—Eton Lodge is doing very well indeed, having taken in quite a number of good men this spring. With reference to spreading the Order in this province, it is hard work, in the first place outside of Charlottetown there is only one town of any note, and that is 49 miles away, and is well filled up with societies. Then it is a new place in the country where you can get enough Englishmen within reach of each other who are willing to take hold. Wishing you every success.—J. H. B.

#### WHAT OUR READERS SAY.

**ADVISES OTHERS TO SUBSCRIBE.**  
Belleville, June 22nd, 1893.—"I enjoy your paper very much, and as an Englishman I would advise my fellow-countrymen, who have not yet become subscribers to your valuable paper to do so."—S. J. Record.

#### WHAT ONE OF THE FOUNDERS SAYS OF THE ANGLO-SAXON.

Toronto, June 22nd.—"Go ahead Mr. Editor, the ANGLO-SAXON is the best paper yet published in the interests of the Sons of England. Please find enclosed \$1.00, one year's subscription."—James Lomas.

#### WHAT IT IS WORTH.

Hamilton, June 16th.—"I hope to be able to get 15 more subscribers for the ANGLO-SAXON. I am sure it ought not to be much trouble, for if the paper is not worth a dollar a year it is not worth anything."—John W. Hannaford.

#### SPREAD THE NEWS OF OUR ORDER.

Bro. W. F. Martin, of Prince George Lodge, No. 162, Quebec, in a letter to the ANGLO-SAXON, referring to the S. O. E. lodge, recently opened in New Rockland, Quebec, says: "I am very glad to see that the Order is spreading throughout the Province of Quebec, and I am sure that when its Aims and Objects are better known, there will be very few towns in this Province that will not boast of a lodge of the Sons."

#### PERSONAL.

Bro. Dr. Clarence Church, of Ottawa, an honorary member of Bowood Lodge Sons of England, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Church, left for Europe last week.

Bros. Ed. Ackroyd, the energetic D. D., of the Ottawa Valley, and H. Cawdron, of Derby Lodge, have gone to England.

Bro. Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P., flatly denies the report that he intends resigning his seat in the Commons to accept the management of the Ottawa Experimental Farm.

We are sorry to learn of the sad accident which has befallen Bro. J. M. Williams, secretary of Kent lodge, Toronto. Bro. Williams was thrown from an electric car, which ran off the track while rounding a curve, in the north part of the city.

George H. Bradbury, of Ottawa, has left for Winnipeg. Mr. Bradbury intends returning to business in the Selkirk district. He has been spoken of as the Conservative candidate in Lisgar should Mr. Ross be appointed lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

Bro. J. Gadsby, of Hamilton, was in Ottawa recently, as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Foresters. He took the opportunity of visiting Bowood Lodge. Bro. Gadsby made an effective address to the brethren, dwelling upon the extension of the Order and matters of interest to Englishmen.

E. J. Lomnitz, president of Lodge Birmingham, Toronto, was in Ottawa last week in connection with business of the Peoples Life Insurance Co., of Toronto, of which he is manager. Bro. Lomnitz visited Derby Lodge, and gave the brethren a good address. In speaking to a representative of the ANGLO-SAXON, he spoke freely of the progress and status of the society. It will be remembered that Bro. Lomnitz made almost a successful run for the office of Supreme Grand Vice President in Montreal. We expect to see him there yet.

#### LIFE BOAT AND LIFE-SAVING STATION, TORONTO.

**Receipts and Expenditure for the Year.—Twenty-five Persons Saved During the Month of June.**

A statement of receipts and payments in connection with the Life Boat and Life Saving Station has been prepared and certified to as correct by R. W. Timms, T. N. Hopkins and George Clay, public accountants. From July 1, 1892, to June 1, 1893, \$862.60 was received and \$911.75 paid out, leaving a balance due the treasurer of \$49.15.

In addition to the sum due the treasurer a balance remains due on the boat of \$49.93, making the total liabilities \$99.08. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by Bro. Richard Caddick, treasurer, 24 Adelaide street east Toronto.

It is stated that Bro. T. E. Collins, the look-out man for the Sons of England lifeboat on Lake Ontario, at the foot of York street, Toronto, has, during the month of June saved no less than 25 persons from drowning, often at much personal risk. Several of the rescued were drunken men, who after capsizing their boats resisted being saved, one actually stabbing Collins.

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