

THRILLING STORY OF RESCUE OF S.S. ST. CUTHBERT'S CREW BY WHITE STAR LINER

Awful Fate of Stowaway—Fifteen Souls Lost—Decks Red-Hot and Several Members of Crew Went Mad—Rescue Made in Terrible Gale and Blinding Snow

SOUTH WELFLEET, Mass., Feb. 6.—A wireless dispatch to the Associated Press from Captain Finch, of the White Star line steamer Cymric, tonight told a thrilling story of the burning of the Phoenix Line steamer St. Cuthbert, with the loss of fifteen souls and the rescue of the survivors by a lifeboat from the Cymric. According to Captain Finch's dispatch eleven men were drowned by the capsizing of a boat which was put off from the burning steamer, three others in another boat were drowned and a stowaway lost his life by falling into an open hatchway through which the flames from the dangerous cargo carried by the St. Cuthbert were issuing.

A Welcome Sight Shortly after nine o'clock, however, the Cymric hove in sight. Her appearance was the signal for a cheer from the sailors and from the firemen, who nearly went wild as they saw a prospect of rescue, and the officers had the greatest difficulty in maintaining order.

The captain of the Cymric signalled by semaphore to the distressed crew that he would stand by, and would send a lifeboat as soon as the sea moderated. At that time a strong westerly gale prevailed with violent snow squalls and the sea was running high. Shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon, the weather having moderated a very little, number 4 lifeboat was launched from the Cymric. This was in charge of Chief Officer Stacey and was manned by six crew members from the White Star liner. In spite of the violence of the sea, the Cymric's lifeboat made the journey to the St. Cuthbert without mishap.

When a favorable berth for launching the lifeboat had again been reached, Chief Officer Stacey again started to the rescue of the men on the doomed vessel. This time nineteen men were taken off and at 4.59 they were safely on board the Cymric. Still another journey of the St. Cuthbert was necessary, as there still remained on her six men, including the chief officer, the second officer, a fireman and a stowaway. By this time darkness had set in and the work of rescue was accomplished with the greatest difficulty. There was a heavy fall of snow, and the wind was blowing a gale. In the face of these conditions, Chief Officer Stacey and his men succeeded in getting the remainder of the crew of the St. Cuthbert on board their lifeboat and returning to the Cymric. The trip to the burning steamer, the six occupied nearly an hour, and on board the Cymric great anxiety was felt for the safety of Chief Officer Stacey and his gallant crew. A green light was burned on the Cymric and her horns blown at intervals in order to show the lifeboat's crew the position of the steamer.

Stowaway's Awful Fate Two stowaways, who were forward on the steamer, endeavored to escape by making their way on the upper stay which ran from the foremast to a funnel. One of the stowaways succeeded in accomplishing this feat and reached the stern in safety, but the other was less fortunate. While he was still clinging to the jumper stay the foremast began to totter as its foot was burned away, and he was hurled to the bottom of number 2 hold, out of which the flames were then shooting.

In a short time the foremast went by the board. Finding that the steamer was doomed the boats were launched and at about 4.30 on Sunday morning, one in charge of the second officer, containing eight men, while the other carried 11 members of the crew, immediately after leaving the side of the steamer the second boat was stamped by the fire part of the crew on board were drowned. The second officer's boat drifted away from the steamer, but as the oars had been broken, the situation of the crew of this boat was desperate. Three of the crew of the boat went mad, while they were testing helplessly about on the waves, which threatened each moment to overwhelm their little craft. Although the boat was at times half full of water, it remained afloat through the efforts of the other members of the crew, who bailed continuously. When daybreak came the St. Cuthbert was still afloat and still afire, miles away. By stepping the mast and rigging a small sail the men of the second officer's boat succeeded in reaching the steamer. In rounding the stern of the St. Cuthbert a mountainous wave threw the lifeboat against the steamer's counter, sinking it and tumbling all the occupants into the water. Lines were thrown from the stern of the steamer to the men struggling in the water and six were rescued in this way. The other three were rescued throughout the remainder of the day. Sunday, the men on the St. Cuthbert went untiringly to prevent the flames from reaching the lifeboat. The stowaway, which was already practically beamed ends. The fight was a desperate one, as number 5 hold in the bow of the vessel contained a quantity of naphthalene. Had the flames been blown to atoms and all on the stern of the vessel were extinguished, the fire would have been extinguished. The fire was extinguished by the use of water, but the stowaway was killed.

BEST CONVENTION EVER HELD IN KINGS COUNTY

Results in the Choice of Scovill, McAllister and Wetmore Great Attendance of Enthusiastic Delegates and Supporters—Splendid Speeches by the Candidates and Ora P. King—Dr. Pugsley's Good Wishes

HAMPTON, N. B., Feb. 4.—The Liberal convention here today was in the opinion of the veteran politicians, the most largely attended and enthusiastic gathering of the kind ever held in the court house.

The convention exceeded not only in numbers, but in the enthusiasm and aggressive spirit shown by the delegates. The ticket selected, G. G. Scovill, D. H. McAllister, M.D., of Sussex, and O. W. Wetmore of Clifton, was greeted with ringing cheers, and there was no doubt of the popularity of the trio of the ballot.

The popularity of the minister was shown by the storm of applause that greeted his telegrams. Mr. Scovill said he was at a loss for words to thank them for their kind reception and their selection of himself as a candidate. In this meeting Coun. Gilbert in a many, spirited party would have announced the pleasure he would have in supporting his personal friend Wetmore.

The names of the delegates as follows:—Walter Wright, James McMann, John Higgins, John Dobbin, Jr., A. M. Saunders, E. S. Carter, Kingston—Henry Gilbert, W. H. Hennessey, John Carney, John Lyon, A. P. Wetmore, Thos. Martin, Herbert Williams, Sussex—G. B. Robinson, Jas. Brown, John R. Crawford, Wm. Karch, Wm. Gilliland, Northampton—E. H. McNair, D. O. Langley, E. Harmer, A. Saunders, J. P. Havelock, E. H. Seely, J. W. Perry, Jas. W. Conley, Sterling I. Keith, Frank H. House, S. F. Chittick, Otago—J. H. Upham—Robt. Leackie, Thos. Reid, Geo. Reid, Walter Kirkpatrick, Harry Sims, Hampton—G. B. McDonald, John J. Sherwood, Jeremiah Crova, A. E. McMonagle, Walter B. Parlee, Thos. J. Scott, Greenwick—Capt. Peatman, H. B. Belyea, F. W. Short, Jas. N. Inch, D. A. Richards, R. Fred. Walton, Westfield—W. O. Nase, Jas. A. Lingley, Geo. W. Crawford, A. Z. McKenzie, C. B. McKenney, Edw. Whipple, Cardwell—Thos. Martin, R. C. Quinn, P. R. Frazier, H. S. Secord, F. L. Smith, Waterford—J. H. DeForest, G. Kars-J. Yawwari, A. Pickett, M. Merritt, M. G. Jenkins, Geo. E. Jenkins, Waterford—J. H. DeForest, G. Kars-J. Yawwari, A. Pickett, M. Merritt, M. G. Jenkins, Geo. E. Jenkins, Andrew Carr, Daniel Ross, Springfield—Wm. Damm, John Gallagher, Jas. H. Pickett, O. S. Sharp, F. L. Smith, Frazier Wheldon, Sussex—W. H. Cuthbert, Geo. Ryan, Thos. Armstrong, Peter McGuire, E. O. McIntyre, Jos. O. Hayes, Studholme—Andrew McClary, W. S. Mason, C. H. Cook, R. W. Stockton, Michael Guilfoyle, Edward Long.

The delegates retired to another room and W. H. Cuthbert of Sussex was called to the chair and F. E. Sharp acted as secretary. The names of O. W. Wetmore, M. D., Henry Gilbert and B. McVey were placed in nomination. Mr. Gilbert addressed the delegates and withdrew his name, stating that he would do all in his power for his friend, O. W. Wetmore, and others on the ticket. He made a ringing speech in a few words that won him great applause.

It is only fair to Dr. McVey to say that he was unaware of the result of the action of the delegates from the lower end of the county as noted above, and he permitted his name to be belittled upon. The result as announced to the convention by the chairman was the choice of Scovill, McAllister and Wetmore. Tremendous cheering greeted the report and the doctor from Sussex was picked up from the rear of the big court room and carried upon the shoulders of his friends to the platform. Thos. Martin of Clifton was given a great reception, as well as O. W. Wetmore. As he went to the platform a voice cried, "He'll make as good a shot as he ever did at Bisley," and there were more cheers.

Temperance Federation Request Before the speechmaking began Elias Harner read the platform of the Temperance Federation of Kings, and asked that the candidates subscribe to it in open convention. The programme, which has been published before, was assented to by the candidates and signed later. No three candidates could have been given a warmer reception when they arose to address the people. G. G. Scovill was the first before speaking. C. H. E. Crocker, South Farmington, Nova Scotia, read a telegram from Hon. Wil-

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the Liberal premier of New Brunswick and so help our Minister of Public Works to advance our claim. He referred to his successor, Dr. McAllister, as a man worthy in every way to be selected, a man with a clean, good, honest and just ticket was sure to be elected. He never saw a convention where the stamp of victory was so plain.

He believed that a highway board and amendment to permit the people to either work or pay would meet their needs. The law had to be tried to see where the defects were. Some want to pay and others want to work (hear, hear). And there would be no trouble in his mind in pleasing the people when the best authorities in the province considered the matter. This was only just and right.

In conclusion he paid a warm tribute to the attorney general, H. A. McKewen, who was present, and urged those present to work hard. Kings was a fighting county, and if a man couldn't fight he wasn't wanted. They must leave no stone unturned and victory would surely be with them. (Loud applause.)

Coun. Harry Gilbert was called upon and took the platform amid applause. He was glad to be there and assist them in the work. Some of his friends had asked him if he would run, and he had replied that he was in their hands. He had withdrawn, however, in favor of Mr. Wetmore and would do all in his power to elect him and the ticket in support of the highway board.

Dr. McVey said he was pleased to be there at such a magnificent convention and that the party had shown strong support before the opposition could speak of him as disgruntled, as being heartily in support of the ticket and the government.

Coun. Thos. Gilliland said it seemed to him that Rochester was much in evidence. Coun. V. Doucett had his name without excuse, but like any other man, he would be proud to have his name mentioned in such a way. He was a good party and believed in leaving these things to the people. They have made no mistake this time and as usual he was with them in the fight to elect the ticket.

E. E. Sharp made a splendid, vigorous speech, full of spirit and enthusiasm to the audience. James Moore, representing the opposition, made a speech in which he asked that a committee be appointed to confer with their committee, and G. G. Scovill moved that the resolution be adopted. H. P. Robinson, Ora P. King, J. M. Scovill, Henry Gilbert and Fred E. Sharp were appointed. There was a pleasant speech by the chairman and an explanation that owing to the attorney general having an important engagement, he was obliged to leave on the evening train but the candidates had finished speaking.

Mr. King talked about the fact that it was his duty to be a member of the opposition to the Central Railway for \$2,000 a year. He had no objection to that, but he was stating that the railway was a sink hole and had lost over \$1,000,000 of money and yet he voted against a business proposition to rent for \$2,000 a year. He wants Mr. Hazen to understand that he could not run with his hands and heart with the hounds. He could not deny the road in his campaign speeches and have the people forget that he had helped to vote down an offer that would have repaid the province every cent spent upon the railway.

What Does This Mean? It means, better bridges, better service in many ways for the province. Though in speaking of bridges he told them that out of 55 steel bridges in the province Kings county had 16 of them. In entertaining fashion Mr. King told of the award of four and a half million, known as the Halifax award, for fishery claims. Sir John again appeared upon the scene and gobbled the whole of it, and instead of giving the money to the province gave a bonus to the fishermen. Then Sir Charles Tupper stepped in and divided the bonus on the basis of money to New Brunswick \$1,000,000 and Nova Scotia \$1,000,000 yearly. "To use an apt phrase," said Mr. King, "we were trimmed to a finish." In this matter," continued Mr. King, "and the difference between what we got and our right amounted to \$37,500 yearly, which computed with interest amounts to over two million of dollars. "Just as sure as the sun shines, New Brunswick will get her dues some day in this matter," continued Mr. King, "and if you return the men you have nominated today you will strengthen

of her crime, and at times stated she had taken the child by the head and dashed its brains out on the lobby. Other times she denied all knowledge of the crime and asked to be taken home.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Thomas V. Doucett, who in a fit of violent insanity this morning battered out the brains of her baby, and attempted to destroy her baby daughter, this afternoon in the lockup made an attempt to destroy herself. A close watch is being kept on her case. One of the officers while on his round of inspection noticed suspicious red weals on her neck. Further investigation revealed the fact that Mrs. Doucett had taken the shoe laces from her shoes and tried to hang or strangle herself. Being disturbed, or because of some fresh idea in her mind, she had given up the attempt, but the livid marks on her neck had betrayed her secret. The incident has caused still closer watch to be kept on her. Her baby daughter has been moved from the unfortunate woman's possession.

The inquest into the tragedy was opened this afternoon when the husband, daughter and son of the insane woman took of the case. Elias Doucett, a nineteen year old boy, said she had been contented by the baby's cries but did not think there was anything wrong and went to sleep again. The second youngest child, Desiderius, said she had given up the attempt, but the livid marks on her neck had betrayed her secret. The incident has caused still closer watch to be kept on her. Her baby daughter has been moved from the unfortunate woman's possession.

Officer McKim, who was called in just after the tragedy, said that when Doucett was still holding his wife on the floor he said, "I think she struck baby with an axe." She said no, I didn't. I took him by both feet and pounded him on the ice. Thomas Doucett, the woman's husband, said he had noticed that since Sunday something was wrong with his wife. She had been in an asylum twice. The last occasion being three years ago. When she retired last night she appeared sane enough. He and his wife had no altercation or wrangling that night. At times his wife was irritable with the children, but was generally kind. Last winter she had made threats of what she would do to the children and on that occasion neighbors were called in. This child was her favorite, being the youngest.

INSANE MOTHER KILLS INFANT CHIEF; ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. Revolting Action of Moncton Woman—An Inquest Held.

MONCTON, Feb. 4.—While in a fit of insanity, Mrs. V. Doucett took the life of her two year old child by dashing its brains out and was in the act of taking out another little one when the police arrived. The woman was arrested immediately after and an inquest will be held this afternoon.

Suffering from a fractured rib sustained in an accident a few days ago, Doucett put up a desperate struggle to subdue his violent wife as she attempted to carry out her threat to kill her child and dispose of it in the same horrible way as she had killed the first. She had the child in her arms, when her husband awoke, having just taken it from the cradle, and after hard fighting he with the other children was able to get the little one away from her, and the woman was taken to the police station.

The Doucett family consists of father, mother and eight children. Doucett is an I. C. E. employe, and has been working on the steam crane up to a few days ago when he sustained a fractured rib, and has since been confined to his house. His wife became violently insane about half past four in the morning and committed the terrible crime. She arose without disturbing her husband, took the little one from the cradle, carried it out to the back door and there smashed its head in evidently by dashing its head against the ice. When she returned she took the other little child aged three years, but in doing so awakened her daughter Elias, aged eighteen, and the father was aroused. It was then that a desperate struggle ensued to prevent the insane mother from destroying her little one, and finally she was overpowered. The son ran for a policeman while the struggle was going on, returning with an officer, when the woman was handcuffed. Search being made for the little one it was found in the throes of death at the back-door of the house. Medical aid was sent for but the child was dead when the doctor arrived. On the way to the police station the crazed mother

OPPOSITION STILL KEEPING UP FARCE DEBATE IN COMMONS. OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The Commons spent the day discussing Mr. Lake's want of confidence motion in government for the manner in which timber berths in the west have been disposed of. The first reply by the government was made today. Mr. Oliver, whose department is affected, being the minister who undertook the defense. He showed that all competition and that the policy which has been followed by the present government was the policy of the late Conservative government to the time it went out of power. A bill was introduced by Mr. Reid of Grenville to compel railroads to sell 500 and 1,000 mile tickets at the rate of two cents a mile, and that when a traveler gets on the train of another road his ticket must be accepted and the road carrying him must collect from the road which sold the ticket. The timber debate was resumed by Mr. Boyce of Algoma. He declared that Mr. Turriff, M.P., when land commissioner, must have known there were spurious tenders for berths. Mr. Turriff—The honorable gentleman is indulging in more insinuations. I ask him to make open charges. I opened the tenders as they came to me and I awarded the limits to the highest tenders. Hon. Mr. Oliver stated that the discussion had become a farce. R. J. Bruden, in reply said there had been no insinuation from Conservative backbenchers. It was no answer to the charge against the government to say the Conservatives had done worse. He claimed the country would not be satisfied with Mr. Oliver's explanation. Mr. Sifton adjourned the debate.

MET WITH ACCIDENT. AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 4.—E. S. Paterson, foreman of the News department, met with a serious accident today. His hand got caught between the bed and the rollers and the fingers were badly broken, and the hand lacerated. Mr. Paterson will be laid up several weeks.

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