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Aranmore's Crew Had Strenuous Time.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 7.—Capt. D. Macdonald and forty-three members of the crew of the Canadian Government steamer Aranmore, which recently stranded at Wolf Cove, while en route to the Straits of Belle Isle, arrived in the city this morning from Sydney where they were landed on Sunday by the D.G.S. Montcalm. All but two officers of the Aranmore returned. Chief Engineer Fullerton and his second, Mr. Harris, remained on the steamer to clean up her engines and boilers. The Montcalm has gone to the Straits of Belle Isle to bring the lighthouse keepers back to the mainland and they hope to board her on her return voyage, otherwise they will have to remain on the steamer all winter.

Captain Macdonald reports the Aranmore is in good condition, and says that in the Spring she can be brought to Halifax and made as good as new. She is now beached at Wolf Cove. All the supplies, horses, cows, pigs and food which they took on board at Charlottetown for the lighthouses in the Straits of Belle Isle, are still on the steamer, and the inhabitants of the cove will look after the cattle. It is likely that the crew will be paid off this afternoon.

The Aranmore sailed from Charlottetown on Sunday, Nov. 30. Towards the Straits of Belle Isle she headed and was making good progress when she stranded. The steamer was going along on Thursday morning, Dec. 4th, when at 6.30 o'clock she struck a submerged rock, about two miles off-shore. At the time the temperature was four below zero, and a thick vapor was hanging close to the surface. The impact was heavy, and a S.O.S. call was immediately sent out. On investigation it was found that the steamer was resting on a rock and not leaking, so the crew remained on board

Thursday. On Friday it began to blow heavily and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon it was decided to take refuge on shore. The crew took to their boats and landed on a small rocky island several miles from the ship. They took bed clothes and food from the ship and erected a canvas tent on the island, also lighting a fire. They remained there all night, with the water at high tide coming up to the tent.

On Saturday some of the fishermen from the shore came and took the crew to the summer fishing cottages which they have at Wolf Cove, where they stayed until Sunday. Everything was done for their comfort. On Sunday the D.G.S. Montcalm arrived on the scene and the crew of the Aranmore went aboard. She then proceeded to the stranded ship, and soon succeeded in refloating her. Taking the Aranmore in tow the Montcalm returned to Wolf Cove, about four miles distant, and there the former ship was beached. When the Aranmore was hauled off it was found she was leaking, and the pumps were used.

After the Aranmore had been beached the crew worked on her all Sunday night and every day until the Montcalm left on Thursday morning for North Sydney, arriving there on Sunday. Despite their hardships the crew are all well. They speak highly of the treatment they received from the inhabitants of Wolf Cove.

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In the days when the church music was in the hands of precentors, at least in the Presbyterian congregations, it was the custom to give out one line of the piece at a time. One Scotch precentor announced the line from the 71st Psalm "To many I a wonder am." This caused a titter to go over the whole congregation. It partly unnerved the surprised gentleman, but he made another attempt and announced the line a second time. Again there was general laughter. The minister, taking in the situation at a glance, leaned over the pulpit and said to the precentor: "You are a wonder, Thomas, you've got your wig on wrong way about."

Another story is told of two judges, in the early days of this country, who were on their way from one circuit to another. En route they had to stop at a small town over Sunday. They arrived at church for the morning service unexpectedly to the people. The minister hurriedly looked up something appropriate to sing. Scanning the index of the hymn book he noticed "Speak, O ye Judges of the Earth." He announced this hymn, thinking to do honor to the distinguished guests, but the words were as follows:

Speak, O ye Judges of the earth,
If just your sentence be;
Or must not innocence appeal
To heaven from your decree?

Your wicked hearts and judgments are
Alike by malice swayed;
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The thought that flashed through the judges' minds are not recorded.

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Startling Fires at Christmas Time.

ALTHOUGH the Christmas of 1919 will not be quite so jovial as the pre-war ones, there is no doubt that the end of the war will revive the spirit of family enjoyment which is such a marked characteristic of the British people wherever they may be. Granted that such is the case it must not be forgotten that many terrible accidents have had to be recorded in bygone years during Christmas week owing to the carelessness of those who participated in the festive gatherings, and therefore the utmost care must be taken in planning and carrying through the arrangements. It is a curious fact that December is the worst month in the year for fires, at least in the old country. For example, in Christmas week, 1891, London had no fewer than eight very serious fires, in which several lives were lost. It was on Christmas Day, 1889, that the Charterhouse Square fire took place, and one of the great fires at Whiteley's was on Boxing Day, 1892. The Grand Theatre at Islington was destroyed in Christmas week, 1887. On December 30, 1890, sixteen firms were burnt out in Upper Thames Street and Queen Victoria Street. St. Benet's Church was damaged and the total loss was over half a million sterling.

The ordinary risks are at least trebled during the Christmas season, for at no other time of the year are such immense stocks of inflammable goods carried by stationery, drapery and fancy goods firms.

One risky custom is the lighting of dozens of candles on a Christmas tree covered from top to bottom with all kinds of inflammable toys, made of them made of cotton wool or of xylonite. Over and over again fires have been caused in this way.

The Christmas bazaar are another fruitful source of danger and an ever-increasing one, for almost every drapery firm now holds one yearly. They entail the use of cotton wool, tissue paper, Japanese lanterns, and all kinds of extra attractions which in most cases, are very combustible. Still another fertile cause of fire is the closing of shops and factories for several days at a stretch during the Christmas holidays. Fires are left burning, or gas jets unextinguished, while in some cases spontaneous combustion is responsible for the mischief. Occasionally, as in the case of the great fire at Whiteley's in 1892, it is the holidays that have given an opportunity to supposed incendiaries.

Traveling by rail is safer in Britain than anywhere else in the world. Yet it is the Christmas season which sees the biggest and most fatal accidents. In 1894 there were two bad railway accidents, one on the 22nd, the other on the 26th of December. In the former, at Chelford, fourteen people were killed; in the latter, which was at Low Moor, near Bradford, two excursion trains ran into one another with the result that sixteen persons were injured.

On Christmas Eve, 1881, twelve people were killed in a smash at Slough. Other lives were lost on Christmas Eve, 1877, at Holcombe, near Leeds. On Christmas Eve, 1874, one of the worst accidents ever known in this country took place at Shepton, near Oxford, on the Great Western. The train went over an embankment. Thirty-four were killed and more than seventy others injured.

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Dirty German Trick.

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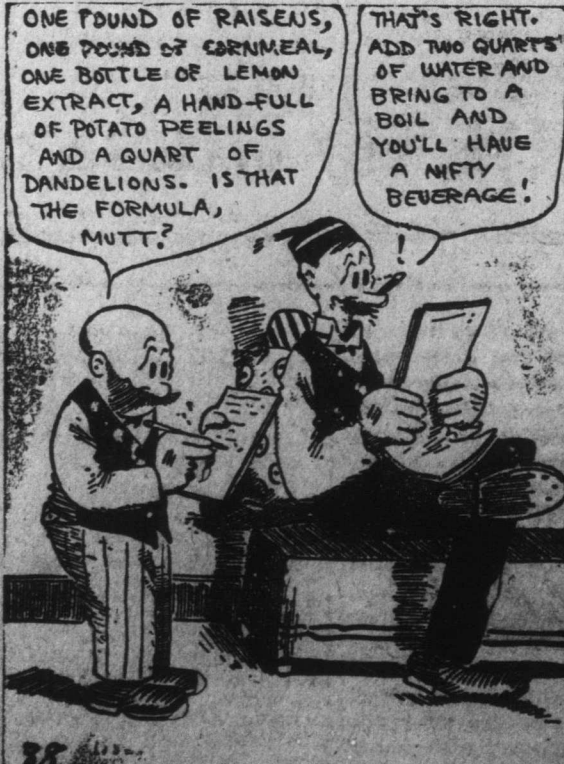
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