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HUNDREDS DROWNED

Terrible Fate of Emigrants Bound For the New World.

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Survivor Says About 700 Must Have Been Drowned—Six Boats Smashed Against the Side of the Vessel and Their Helpless Inmates Were Caught By the Heavy Seas—An Heroic Officer.

London, July 4.—It is reported that over 700 emigrants bound from Copenhagen for New York on the Scandinavian-American Line steamer Norge have been drowned.

Twenty-seven survivors were landed at Grimsby, 15 miles southeast of Hull last night.

The Norge struck on a rock last Tuesday in the North Sea and foundered. There was a heavy sea and most of the boats were smashed. Only two of the boats succeeded in getting away and these were picked up by Grimsby trawlers.

A Survivor's Story.

The steam trawler Salvia put into Grimsby late last night with the 27 rescued Scandinavians aboard. Only one of them could speak English. He said:

"We left Copenhagen, June 22. There were 700 emigrants, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes and Finns, on board. The crew numbered about 80 men.

"All went well until June 28. I lay in my bunk waiting for breakfast. We heard a little bump and then another bump, and then I rushed on deck. Seeing that something had happened, I went below to gather up my belongings.

"Scores were rushing on deck and the hatchway was crowded with emigrants. They were launching boats and rushing into them, but there was no panic.

"There were four or five in the boat into which I got. Luckily, we had the only seaman who escaped, and he was able to navigate our boat.

Boats Capsized.

"We saw two other boats capsize, owing to the heavy sea and because no one could navigate them.

"We made straightaway, and when we last saw the Norge a large number of emigrants were on the deck. Captain Gundel stood on the bridge. Dozens of passengers had jumped into the sea. They wore life belts, but were drowned before our eyes.

"After 24 hours the Salvia bore down and picked us up.

"About 700 must have been drowned."

When last seen the Norge was sinking where she struck on the Islet of Rockall, whose isolated peak rises itself from a deadly Atlantic reef some 290 miles off the west coast of Scotland.

Early in the morning of June 28, the Norge, which was out of her course in heavy weather, ran onto the Rockall reef, which in the distance looks like a ship under full sail. The Norge was quickly backed off, but the heavy seas poured in the rent in the bows.

Six Boats Smashed.

The Norge quickly began to go down by the head. Eight boats were lowered and into these the women and children were hurriedly placed. Six of these boats smashed against the side of the Norge, and their helpless inmates were caught up by the heavy seas.

Two boat loads got safely away from the side of the sinking ship, and many of the emigrants who were left on board, seizing life belts, threw themselves into the sea and were drowned.

Capt. Gundel, so say the survivors, stood on the bridge of the doomed vessel until it could be seen no more.

The Norge foundered suddenly, and some 600 terrified emigrants were thrown into the water and drawn down with the sinking ship. Those who could swim tried to reach the boats, but these were already too full, and their occupants beat off the drowning wretches with oars.

The boats kept together for some hours. Practically all of their occupants were passengers and were not used to handling such craft. The boat occupied by the survivors landed at Grimsby was a life-boat.

The rescue of those on the life-boat took place at 8 o'clock in the morning of June 29, the survivors consisting of twenty men, one of them a seaman, six women and a girl.

An Officer's Heroism.

One of the survivors said that when he got on deck the Norge was half submerged and was rapidly getting lower in the water. Half mad with fright, the survivors all struggled for places in the boats. They fought their way to the big life-boat, and an officer stowed in the six women and the girl and then told the men to get in.

The officer then took charge and got the boat away from the side of the Norge. Seeing that the boat was already overladen, the officer with great heroism jumped into the water and tried to board another boat which was not so full. He failed and was drowned.

In the sea by this time was a mass of struggling men, women and children, gasping and choking from the effects of the water. The boat rowed clear of this seething Inferno, and just as she drew away the Norge went down.

WRECK ON THE WABASH.

Twenty People Reported Killed, But There May Be More—Forty Injured—Montreal Man Dead.

St. Louis, July 4.—A special from Litchfield, Ill., says that the Chicago Limited, on the Wabash Railroad, due in St. Louis at 7 p.m., and half an hour late, was wrecked last night inside the city limits. The train struck an open switch and was overturned and seven cars were burned.

It is believed that twenty persons perished in the second and third coaches, and that forty were injured.

The injured are being cared for in the St. Francis Hospital in this city. A partial list of the dead follows:

St. Pierre V. Bald, Montreal.
L. O. Eschald, Chicago.
Mrs. C. F. Luther, Milwaukee.
Dan H. Davis, Decautar, Ill.
Joseph Barder, North Dakota.
James V. Sanford, engineer, Decaur, Ill.
Samuel V. Smith, fireman, Decatur, Ill.
Mrs. Perkins, Chicago.
I. R. Milis, Decatur, Ill.

The train consisted of seven cars, all heavily loaded with passengers. The three rear cars, a diner and two sleepers, were not derailed. The other four cars were piled up in an indescriminate mass, and with the crushed freight cars took fire.

The engine, after running into the switch, struck a string of freight cars, and with the first three coaches was piled into a heap across the track and caught fire immediately.

The track was reported clear at the last station, and as the train was running about fifty miles an hour the open switch was not noticed.

It is probable that the exact number of the dead will not be known for several days, as the passengers here assert that bodies were cremated in the burning debris.

The following is a list of dead and injured sent to President Joseph Ramsay, jr., of the Wabash Railroad last night:

Dead—I. R. Mills, Decatur, Ill.; H. M. Deitrich, Toledo, Ohio; Jacob P. Berder, Hart River, N. D.; Rev. N. M. Mills, Bridgeton, N. J.; R. A. Deitrich, Chicago; Florence Smith, Chicago; Hugo Peero, Montreal; Miss Hakins, Chicago; Mrs. C. F. Luchere, Milwaukee; J. B. Stanford, engineer, Decatur; Howard Groves, train despatcher, Decatur; unknown boy, about 15 years; Daniel H. Davis, Decatur; T. A. Eschstadt, Chicago; Miss Perkins, Chicago.

A FIREWORKS EXPLOSION.

Caused Panic and Injured Many in Crowded Retail Store.

Worcester, Mass., July 4.—Accidentally stepping on a large torpedo, Albert Childs, a clerk in a store, started a fire Saturday night which caused the explosion of $700 worth of fireworks, cutting off 40 customers and clerks who were in the store from the only exit.

Caught under a freight elevator as it was descending with 25 women on it into the cellar, Manuel Ovigninian was taken to an hospital, where his right leg was amputated. Jacob Bedik of New Haven is dangerously ill from inhaling fumes, and 25 women and children received minor injuries.

A CLAIRVOYANT'S MESSAGE.

Letter in Pocket of Hamiltonian Drowned at Soo Predicted Death.

Sault Ste. Marie, July 4.—The body of a man, identified by papers found on him as Joseph H. Edwards, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., was found in the power canal yesterday. It had been in the water for some days.

Edwards, who was employed in one of the mills, had been missing from his boarding house for nearly a week. Among letters found was one from his wife in Hamilton appealing to him to return to the assistance of her and their young child.

The letter also said that the woman had visited a clairvoyant, who had told her that her husband would be dead within eight months. The letter was dated June 10.

Fell Under Moving Train.

East Toronto, July 4.—The sad death of William O'Connor at the Emergency Hospital yesterday morning has cast a gloom over the town. O'Connor was employed as a brakesman on the G.T.R., and in this capacity was employed largely on the transfer freight between East Toronto and the city. At 8 o'clock Saturday night, while the transfer freight was backing over the crossing at Bathurst street, O'Connor, while stooping over to pick up his lantern, fell forward across the rails, one car passing over his legs above the knee. The ambulance was summoned and O'Connor taken to the Emergency Hospital, but never rallied from the shock, dying shortly after 2 o'clock. O'Connor was the only support of a widowed mother.

Just Escaped Death.

Toronto, July 4.—Bert Walton, in a new and risky feat of the "leap the gap" order, invented by himself, nearly came to his death on Saturday during one of his trial trips. He was in a convulsion for 25 minutes as a result of the spill, but, though badly shaken up, he thinks he will be able to try it again ere long. The police razed his bicycle slide, but he says he will build a new one when he gets out of the hospital.

Almost a Fatality.

London, July 4.—In stepping off a street car, Rev. Mr. Rawlings of the King street Presbyterian Church was knocked down by another coming in the opposite direction. His escape was miraculous, he receiving only a cut on the head and a severe shaking up.

Dangerous Fun.

Windsor, July 4.—Detective Skirving of the Pere Marquette Railway, says the 17-year-old son of a prominent Windsor man, in company with a Blenheim lad, stretched a piece of wire cable across the tracks near Chatham, which nearly ditched a passenger train. The boys claimed they wanted only to have some fun with the sectionmen.

Mr. Christie Declines.

Whitby, July 4.—Mr. Peter Christie has declined the Conservative nomination for the Dominion House, tendered him last Wednesday.

JAPS SMASH AGAIN

Sink Russian Guardship and Destroyer at Port Arthur.

DESPERATE TORPEDO ATTACK

Loss to the Japs Was Small—The Vladivostock Squadron Again Eluded Admiral Kamimura in the Darkness—Japs Chased Fleet But Did Not Get Near Enough to Launch Torpedoes—Russian Claims.

Tokio, July 4.—A belated report from Admiral Togo records a desperate and successful torpedo attack at the entrance of Port Arthur last Monday night, June 27, in which a Russian guardship and a Russian torpedo boat destroyer were sunk.

The guardship is described as having two masts and three funnels. She was either a battleship or a cruiser and she was torpedoed and destroyed. The torpedo boat destroyer was struck and then blew up and sank.

Admiral Togo reports the loss of one officer and 13 killed and one officer and two men wounded. He makes no mention of damage to his fleet.

The 12th torpedo fleet, under the command of Commander Yamada, delivered the attack. The Japanese vessels were revealed by the Russian searchlights and the shore forts opened a heavy fusillade on them. The Russian guardship was surrounded and attacked by the Japanese, who saw this vessel sink amid huge volumes of water thrown up by heavy explosions. Following this the Russian torpedo boat destroyer at once attacked the Japanese vessels, which responded to the onslaught. A Russian destroyer while within the area lit up by the searchlights was seen to explode, rise, fall back into the water sideways and sink.

The guardship sank near the base of Golden Hill.

KAMIMURA ELUDED AGAIN.

Japs Chased Vladivostock Squadron But It Extinguished Lights and Vanished.

Tokio, July 4.—The Vladivostock squadron eluded Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadron eastward of the Island of Tsu Friday night in the darkness. A drizzling rain and fog favored the Russian vessels.

The two squadrons met early in the evening, the Russians being north of Iki Island, and the Japanese south of Tsu Island. They were then ten miles apart. The Russians bolted to the northwest, when they were discovered by Vice-Admiral Kamimura. The latter chased them at full speed.

The Japanese torpedo boats steamed ahead and entered within the range of the Russian guns. The Russian vessels vigorously shelled the Japanese torpedo boats. This firing explains the cannonading heard on Tsu Island and gave rise to the belief that a general engagement was in progress.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura gained on the Russian ships and was only five miles in the rear, when suddenly at 9 p.m. all the Russian vessels extinguished their lights and disappeared in the darkness. At that time the Japanese torpedo boats were pressing the Russians, who had been using their searchlights.

The torpedo boats failed to get close enough to the Russian squadron to discharge torpedoes.

Japs Successful on Land.

Che Foo, July 4.—It has been learned here that a big battle has been fought on land near Port Arthur on June 26 and June 27. The Japanese were successful, and on the morning of the 28th they occupied certain heights within ten miles of Port Arthur. The first Japanese division, which suffered so heavily at the battle of Nanshan Hill, and the eleventh division, fresh from Japan, were engaged. The Japanese losses have not been learned, but the Russians are said to have suffered very heavily.

Refugees who left Port Arthur Saturday, and who have arrived here, declared that wounded Russians were being brought in by the hundreds.

The two divisions which attacked Port Arthur were composed of forty thousand men and an independent artillery corps.

Did Japs Lose 8,000?

St. Petersburg, July 4.—Russian feeling has greatly improved over the reports of Russian success at Dalin and in Major-General Mistchenko's engagement. Japanese losses during the fighting of June 26 and 27 are stated at 8,000 men and in Mistchenko's operations at 500. Prisoners say that the Japanese are running short of provisions, and that for two days they had practically nothing to eat.

Telegrams from Liaoyang agree that the Japanese are withdrawing from the positions recently captured at such enormous cost, and that the Russian troops are assuming the offensive and inflicting further losses.

Credit for the Japanese retreat is ascribed to General Kuropatkin, and the remainder of the campaign, it is believed, will be directly favorable to the Russian arms.

Land Battle Expected.

Che Foo, July 4.—A small Japanese force occupied Kaiping on June 23 and found the Russians had fallen back to Taitchekiao, where the Japanese expect that a big battle will be fought.

Beef Trust Beaten.

Pittsburg, July 4.—As a result of the hue and cry raised against excessive prices for meat, it is announced that the Chicago beef interests have cut the price from one to three cents a pound, and numerous small dealers who were forced to quit by the high prices have decided to reopen.

THOUSANDS MASSACRED.

Awful Tale of Turkish Barbarities in Persia—The Armenian Bishops Appeal to the United States.

Washington, July 4.—Secretary of State Hay Saturday received the following cablegram from Persia:

"Ispahan, July 2.—Turkish barbarians massacring thousands of Armenians. We humbly solicit United States Government, in the name of Christianity and humanity, to save innocent lives.

"(Signed) Armenian Bishops in Persia."

Killed As Revolutionists.

London, July 4.—In connection with the cablegram which American Secretary of State Hay received from Ispahan, Persia, July 2, signed by "Armenian Bishops in Persia," the Daily Chronicle this morning prints the following telegram dated Tauris, Persia, June 30:

"It is announced from a perfectly reliable source that in the vicinity of Van, a fortified city of Turkish Armenia, on June 24, Kurds and Turkish regulars attacked Armenian travellers, killing them as revolutionists. This is the beginning of a general massacre in the Province of Van. The people are in terror."

6,000 Slain.

New York, July 4.—Dr. John Archagouni, president of the Armenian Union of America, said last night:

"Six thousand Armenians were very recently slain by Turkish brutality in the Province of Sassoun alone. At the town of Akhibi their bodies clogged the river. Twenty-nine villages were destroyed.

The Armenian Archbishop, Rev. Dr. Sarajian, of Worcester, Mass., sailed yesterday for Europe, having received a mysterious message to come at once."

BULLET STRUCK HOTELMAN.

Warrant Out For High Constable Tisdale of Oxford Charging Him With Shooting Wm. Swartz.

Woodstock, July 4.—As a result of the shooting of William Swartz, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Embro on Friday night, a warrant was sworn out yesterday for the arrest of William Tisdale, high constable of Oxford County, charging him with shooting without proper justification.

Meanwhile Swartz lies in the jail with the bullet lodged in the fleshy part of his thigh. The shooting took place while he was fleeing from Constable Tisdale, who had placed him under arrest. Tisdale had arrested him on the charge of common assault, preferred by his wife, and was standing in the hotel corridor talking when Swartz ducked and fled by a rear door to the back yard. Both Tisdale and the chief followed in close pursuit. The course was though a shed and over a fence, and while alighting on the ground after scaling the fence a shot was fired from a 32-calibre revolver. Who fired the shot will be determined at the investigation which is to follow. The accused charges Tisdale, Chief Zeats says the revolver was discharged while Swartz was making good his escape, but by whom he knows not.

Constable Tisdale says he will make a full and complete statement when the proper time comes. Swartz is not yet out of danger, the doctors say.

Whitby Old Boys' Jubilee.

Whitby, July 4.—Yesterday, the third day of the Ontario County Jubilee, the religious aspect of the celebration was emphasized by the presence of former pastors in the pulpits. In All Saints Rev. Canon Cayley of Toronto, preached, Rev. Dr. German preached in the Methodist Tabernacle, Rev. Dr. Ballantyne in the morning, and Rev. Norman McGillivray of Cornwall, in the evening, preached to the United Presbyterian churches, and in the afternoon a memorial service was held in the spacious grounds of the Ontario Ladies' College.

Daring Burglary Near Kingston.

Kingston, July 4.—Burglars entered the store and dwelling of J. R. Smith of Westbrooke on Thursday night and stole $785. The entry was made by a cellar window to the store, where the cash drawer was taken. The men then entered the postoffice and took the money there. Proceeding upstairs they entered the room where Smith was sleeping. One of them crawled quietly to the foot of the bed and deliberately searched Smith's clothes, from which he took a roll of bills and some change.

Carried Sunday Passengers.

Kingston, July 4.—When the steamer America reached port at 1 o'clock yesterday, after taking the 14th Regiment to Cape Vincent, it was found that landing was debarred, as she had passengers on board and under the Sunday laws could not come into port. The Kingstonians had gone across to camp with the soldiers. The matter was finally arranged and the steamer went into her berth.

Open Verdict Against Incendiary.

Rainy River, July 4.—The verdict at the inquest on the death of little Mary Lillian Reese in the Miller fire on June 13, attributed her demise to suffocation in the fire caused by some person unknown. William Robinson, who had boarded with the Millers and quarreled with them, and whose trunk was the only one saved, was suspected.

Does "Territory" Restrict C.P.R.

Ottawa, July 4.—Saturday the Railway Commission listened to argument on the question that the word "Territory" debars the C.P.R. from constructing branch lines in Ontario, and that its privileges under its charter restricts it to lands in the Dominion. Judgment was reserved.

Will Go to the Pole.

Hamilton, July 4.—E. A. Baxter will be a member of Capt. Bernier's Polar expedition.

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LONGSTREET'S ORDERS.

The Way His Soldiers Managed to Evade Them.

General Longstreet used to tell a good many stories to show that the men of his command always treated captured Union soldiers with as much consideration and kindness as was possible under the circumstances. He said that his orders on this point were very strict, and he never knew any of his men to disobey. As he went on to explain how proud he was of the record of his men on this point a listener employed in one of the departments at Washington interrupted him.

"Undoubtedly your orders were strict, general," he said, "but I happen to know that they were evaded. For example, in east Tennessee you ordered your men to respect the belongings of prisoners, and this is the way some of them did it: I wore a good pair of army shoes, nearly new. One day a good natured fellow in gray with no shoes to speak of walked along our line looking intently at the shoes of the captured Unionists. He put his foot by the side of mine and, remarking that I was just his size, added: 'Old Pete [Longstreet] says he will have every man shot who steals anything from a prisoner. To save my life, won't you trade shoes with me? For I must have them shoes.' Of course I traded, as did other prisoners."

At this Longstreet smiled, but insisted that the story didn't prove anything.

Difficult Horseback Feat.

There are no better horsemen in the world than the cavalry officers of the Italian army, yet even among them there are very few who could perform the feat recently achieved by one of them.

To run an ordinary foot race is easy enough, but to run at full speed for several hundred yards holding in one hand a spoon on which rests an egg and to reach the goal without dropping the egg is a feat which must be practiced carefully a long time before it can be performed successfully, and as a result there are not many who can be sure of accomplishing it whenever they try. Great, therefore, was the surprise when an Italian officer mounted on horseback performed this difficult feat. Moreover, he selected a course in which there were two or three high fences, and these he cleared at full gallop without losing the egg.

Parliamentary Ruling.

"He said he could not help kissing you," whispered the first congressman's daughter. "He said when he sat beside you in the conservatory and looked into your eyes he was moved by an irresistible impulse and simply had to kiss you."

"Did he?" smiled the second congressman's daughter, who was listening with some interest to the apology thus being made for the boldness of the handsome cousin of the other girl.

"Yes. He said it was your eyes that won him. He"—

"Well, he'll have to come around and correct the minutes of that meeting. The eyes won it, but the nose got it."—Judge.

India's Sacred Fires.

The sacred fires of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated twelve centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every two hours with sandalwood and other fragrant materials, combined with very dry fuel.

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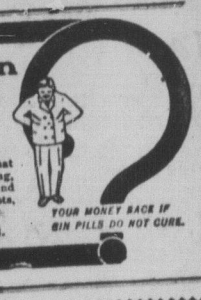

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