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MANCHESTER HERO IN TROUBLE

Steamer on Way to St. John Sent Out Distress Signals—Other Vessels in Difficulty.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—The British steamer Manchester Hero, from Manchester for St. John, N. B., is sending out distress signals by wireless. Radio-grams received here from the steamer give her position at latitude 44.15 north, longitude 68.14 west, which is about sixty miles south of Halifax, and add that the ship is not under control.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—The Dominion government steamer Lady Laurier arrived off Sable Island yesterday with supplies and passengers for the government station there, but was unable to land owing to the unfavorable weather conditions. The steamer is proceeding to Louisbourg to replenish her bunker supply, after which she will return to the island to complete her mission.

Imperator Delayed. London, Dec. 17.—The Cunard Line steamer Imperator, which sailed from New York on last Thursday, has been delayed by the weather and necessity to overhaul the machinery, and she is not expected to arrive in Plymouth until next Saturday.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—Chief Engineer Fulton and Second Engineer Harris of the steamer have remained behind at Wolf Cove, Labrador, to attend to the machinery, and the vessel is expected to arrive in Plymouth until next Saturday.

CONDITIONS NOT SO BAD IN CUBA

Newspapers Answer Statements Made with Regard to Gambling Conditions.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 17.—Plans of the Interchurch world movement for a campaign to "revive Cuba from the moribund state of the western world," announced recently in New York, have excited widespread interest here and drawn sharp editorial retorts from the newspapers.

The general tenor of opinion appears to be that gambling conditions are worse in Cuba than in the United States, and that the only "solution" of the island faces is that which may be "imported" by visitors from "States recently gone dry."

Commenting editorially on the intended campaign the Havana Post, an English language newspaper, says: "We would modestly remind the interchurch world movement and Dr. Inman that the president of the United States long since enunciated the supreme principle of self-determination, and if Cuba, which has never found herself the worse for liquor, insists on continuing her moribund state of indolence and laziness, we would remind Dr. Inman that Havana is a city long before any American city was invented, and does not need instruction in the use of liquor or treatment of visitors within her gates."

They are going to let their state," says El Diario de La Marina, "if they imagine that a campaign by the sale of liquors will prosper in Cuba. First, because a country producing millions of tons of alcohol; second, because liquor is one of the sources of Cuba's riches, destined to develop immensely, and third, because Cuba is a drunkards' land, and because few of her citizens have always been few."

With prohibitions in the United States and liberty here, such cases are more frequent in a single American port of court than in the four Correctional courts of Havana."

THREE YEARS FOR MAIMING MARE. London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Ivor Hudson, 77, a farm laborer, was sentenced to three years penal servitude for horse-maiming. Evidence was adduced showing that his employer told him he should not be allowed to work a mare any more, whereupon Hudson threatened that he would maim the animal so that no one should work it. The mare was found permanently lame through nails driven into the hoofs.

ARRESTED AFTER TEN YEARS. London, Eng., Dec. 17.—For a ten-year old offence, Sergeant Walter Stevens was fined \$125. A relieving officer said he had left his four children chargeable to the union and they had cost the taxpayers about \$5,000. The warrant for the sergeant's arrest was issued in 1905.

Dog Fights Way Ashore With Life Line In A Mighty Sea; Saves The Lives Of Many

Brave Newfoundland Hero in Rescue of Passengers and Crew of Steamer Ethie—Does What Man Does Not Dare in Tossing Waters.

Curling, Nfld., Dec. 17.—The passengers and crew of the coastal steamer Ethie, numbering ninety-two, were brought ashore on a life line run out from the ship by a Newfoundland dog on Martin's Point. Boats could not make the hazardous passage from the straggled steamer. An effort to shoot the line ashore failed when the line became caught. Men did not dare attempt the trip through the waters and so the dog was put to work.

Directed by officers of the ship, the animal succeeded in releasing the rope by holding it tightly in his teeth, fought his way through the breakers to the shore.

With block and tackle, the ship's crew, aided by fishermen on the shore, rigged a cable from the wrecked vessel to the shore. One by one in this chair ninety-one of the ninety-two persons aboard were hauled to safety. A baby, eighteen months old, was pulled ashore in a carling.

The Ethie, which had been engaged in the coast service between Curling and Labrador ports, went ashore on last Wednesday during a gale which had been blowing since Monday. The wreck was reported by fishermen on the shore. A baby, eighteen months old, was pulled ashore in a carling.

Allegations Against N. W. Mounted Police At Winnipeg Trial

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Yesterday afternoon's session of the trial of R. B. Russell was featured by startling allegations against the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, which were made by counsel for the defence. It was alleged that a man who had been cited as a witness, Harry Dushak, formerly a civil service agent, had been bribed and coerced with a view to his giving evidence which he knew to be false. Letters were produced which, it was contended, showed that such bribery and coercion had been resorted to.

Colonel Stearnes, officer commanding the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in Winnipeg, in one of the letters is stated to have admitted to the writer of the letter that he had promised Dushak \$500 for giving evidence. Mr. Stearnes, K. C., crown counsel, hotly refuted the allegations made by the defence, so far as the crown was concerned. He said that the crown had done everything possible to get the witness to come to Winnipeg, and characterized the statements in the letters as "absolutely untrue and false."

Counsel for the defence pressed his motion to force the crown to call the witness in question, and his lordship declared that he would issue a bench warrant for Dushak and have him brought to Winnipeg under escort. Mr. Andrews said that the absent witness had been subpoenaed to appear at the present trial, but had not done so. He further stated that Dushak's evidence was unreliable, and that therefore the crown had not been disposed to force his appearance.

The crown closed its case a little after five o'clock, most of the time having been occupied with the filing of documents. In an address outlining the defence to be put up, Mr. Bird urged the jury to be on their guard in dealing with the evidence against the mounted police. He contended that the evidence was unreliable, and that the time had come for men animated with the right spirit to get control of the labor temple in order to force the government to grant the legitimate demands of labor.

Mr. Bird spoke in scathing terms of the citizen committee.

THIEVES AMONG TOMBS. London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Repeated thefts of wreaths from graves in the cemetery at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, has led the borough council to offer a reward of \$5 for each culprit traced.

Nippy Weather. Montreal, Dec. 17.—Extreme cold continues in Ontario and Quebec. In Montreal it was fifteen degrees below zero this morning. Reports from Toronto gave the temperature there this morning at seven below zero.

Capture of Deraud. London, Dec. 17.—A Moscow wireless message reports the capture by the Bolsheviks of Deraud, in Siberia, 238 miles southwest of Tomsk.

GERMANY MAY FACE REVOLUTION THIS WINTER. Berlin, Dec. 16.—Dr. K. W. W. Heine, Prussian minister of the interior, declared in the Prussian national assembly: "We must reckon with the possibility of revolutions rising this winter. We know how to deal with them."

BERLIN EXPLOSION KILLS FORTY-THREE. Berlin, Dec. 16.—Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than 100 injured in an explosion at the Martensfeld ammunition depot, near Wilhelmshaven today. The explosion occurred while shells were being reloaded.

As Hiram Sees It

"Did you sit up all night?" the Times reporter asked of Mr. Hiram Hornblower. "Me?" said Hiram. "What for?" "To be ready for the storm and the earthquake," said the reporter.

"Hanner got up to get extra quilts," said Hiram. "He heard a rattling sound, but we wasn't looking for any earthquakes. He saw some fool been prophesying."

"A professor," said the reporter. "Harrigan, eh?" "You'll find it in the papers," said Hiram. "Many people have been anxious and alarmed."

"They orten been over in France when the war was going on," said Hiram. "I heard a rattling sound, but we wasn't looking for any earthquakes. He saw some fool been prophesying."

"That appears to be a fairly good working philosophy," said the reporter. "Yes, sir," said Hiram. "You'll find it in the papers to your life. The worst storms are earthquakes is the ones that never comes."

"So you slept like a top last night, did you?" queried the reporter. "No," said Hiram. "I didn't. When it turned so cold as Hanner got up to get another quilt, I got thinkin' about the poor critters that's in' in some of them shacks in St. John that we read about once in a while in the papers. They ain't got warm houses—they hee hee hee!"

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The World Goes On, Despite Predictions

The Disastrous Happenings For Today Have Not Materialized—The Superstitious Awaited Action in Anxiety.

LOCAL NEWS

EMPRESS THIS EVENING. The C. P. O. S. liner Empress of France is due to dock this evening at 6 o'clock, according to latest advice. She will be placed at No. 2 and 8 berths, Sand Point.

SLIGHT FIRE TODAY. The fire department was called out for a slight fire in the cellar of Mrs. J. K. Scott's house in Hazen street. Aside from a part of the ceiling having to be torn away to get at the fire, little damage was done.

WILL GO WEST. Halifax Echoes Capt. W. H. Teed, formerly of St. John, arrived on the Carmania on Saturday after three years absence in England and France having served with the 26th Battalion in 1913. Captain Teed was in Halifax for an officer's course in 1916. He will leave for the west shortly to join his wife, who was a nurse in the Canadian service.

POLICE COURT. One lone prisoner on drunkenness charges appeared before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning. The magistrate cited an incident recently which a man was found frozen to death in Montreal presumably from the effects of being drunk. The magistrate intimated that Dempsey shall have the vigilance of the police force the accused might have met the same end. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

TRAFFIC MATTERS. Montreal, Dec. 17.—Genuine alarm was felt by thousands here over the speeding of the motor cars on Monday night, when the newspapers have been bombarded with queries from historical people for days. James Weir, director of McGill Observatory, issued a statement that two years ago much the same situation existed as today, and it had the effect of calming many people. The police force, however, issued a statement that the beginning of a shift in the earth's position which would reduce a glacial period here had set in.

SCARLET FEVER. Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical health officer for the province, has issued instructions to the board of health here that the city should be placed under a more rigid quarantine. It is requested by the board that no visitors be allowed to enter the city and only those allowed to go out there absolutely necessary. These measures are being taken by the board and will be enforced. It was announced that there are a few cases of scarlet fever, but that they are not the form of an epidemic and is not likely to.

SOCIETY OF MUSIC. A meeting of the St. John Society of Music was held last evening in the rooms of the Fraser Merchants' Association. The program was most interesting and was conducted by J. Fraser Gregory. The King Edward school choir was invited to sing and their performance was most successful. It was decided to commence this work early in the new year. It was also announced that King Edward school could be used in this connection. It was decided to apply by the Mexican government to the next meeting of the matter of the appointment of a conductor will be taken up.

A NARROW ESCAPE. While stepping from the ferry to the east side boats last evening at 7:30 o'clock a woman fell between the boat and the bank. The ferry swung over to one side when the boat was being moved, leaving a considerable gap between the boats and the bank. The woman was walking into the gap and was about to fall when she was caught just as her head was disappearing, and two men quickly seized her and lifted her back to safety. She was badly frightened, but fortunately escaped without injury.

BROTHERS RESCUED AFTER AN ICY BATH. Lynn, Dec. 16.—George and Elwood Thomas, brothers, eleven and eight years old, of 9 Edgemoor road, were rescued from drowning in Floating Bridge Pond by Stanley Wright of Harmony Camp, a carpenter, and his sixteen-year-old assistant, Lester Mitchell, of 91 Oakwood avenue.

The boys were taking a short cut through the pond and school they broke through the thin ice, thirty feet from shore, at a point where the water is only five feet deep.

Wright and Mitchell, who were at work repairing a rehouse on the shore of the pond, heard the cries of the boys and placed boards upon the thin ice. Mitchell crawled out on them until he was able to grasp the lads. George had lost his grip on the edge of the broken board and was disappearing beneath the surface when Mitchell caught him. The younger boy succeeded in clinging to the ice.

They were taken to their home and given first aid treatment by patrolmen Phillips and Vaughan.

Some years ago Wright jumped from a boat of Egg Rock and rescued a man who had become entangled in fish lines when his dory was capsized.

KISSES FOR PONY. London, Eng., Dec. 17.—When the magistrate at Old street police court ordered the destruction of an old pony belonging to Alfred Bates, who is eighty years of age, the man and his wife went into the courtyard and with tears streaming down their faces, kissed the animal good-bye.

"My only means of livelihood is gone if my poor old horse must die," Bates had declared when he was charged with working the pony in an unfit condition.

POSSIBLE PEACE BY CHRISTMAS

That is Belief in Paris—Hungry Children of Enemy Land Being Cared For.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Vienna will have bread for Christmas, it is hoped, as a result of measures taken yesterday by the supreme council for the relief of Austria.

An effective peace by Christmas is the hope of the supreme council, following the consideration of the German note on the signing of the protocol.

The arrival of the Germans' technical experts in Paris and the substance of the German reply are considered as justifying this hope. Little now remains to be settled except technical details, which it is considered may easily be arranged by the experts.

The Allied and the German naval experts will meet again this afternoon to discuss the Scaev Flow question. The Germans are semi-officially reported as having first asked a reduction in the quantity of the dock material demanded by the Allies and to have made a second proposition to the effect that they should deliver to the Allies units of shipping construction now under way instead of the material referred to in the protocol.

German claims in connection with settlement of the peace terms details were again before the supreme council today, in dealing with these, the council had unanimous agreement to permit the Germans to collect their customs duties in gold.

In a further discussion of the question of compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow, a discrepancy was developed between the claims of the German reparations committee and those of the German experts regarding the total of mercantile tonnage and floating docks available for reparations purposes as German ports. This discrepancy amounted to about 100,000 tons.

Italy Feeds Austrian Children. Rome, Dec. 17.—Hungry Austrian children to the number of 2,000 have already arrived by special train from Vienna and others are on their way to accept the hospitality of northern Italian cities which have offered food for their limited supplies to the starving offspring of their recent enemies.

MOOSEJAW ALDERMEN ARE OUT ON STRIKE. Refuse to Set in Council with Mayor Hamilton in the Chair.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 17.—Following the refusal of Mayor Hamilton to apologize to members of the city council for references made regarding them during the recent city elections, the aldermen refused to sit under his chairmanship on Monday night. The reference to which objection is taken was that of Mayor Hamilton when he characterized members of the council as liars.

CLEMENCEAU KEPT TO HOUSE FOR SOME DAYS. Paris, Dec. 17.—The condition of Premier Clemenceau was reported to be satisfactory this morning. His physicians, however, ordered him to remain at home for several days.

DEATH IN BRANDON FROM SLEEPING SICKNESS. Brandon, Man., Dec. 17.—The first death here from sleeping sickness occurred in this city on Monday night, when Besie Scott, sixteen years of age, succumbed to the disease. Miss Scott was ill about three weeks. There are two other cases in this city.

Reds Claim New Success. London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kier and the occupation of Kupiansk, Bolshevik statements received from Moscow by wireless today.

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Watch For Briggs Color Comic Page in Times Saturday "Mr. and Mrs."

Beginning Saturday, December 20, a new comic page by Briggs, the creator of "When a Feller Needs a Friend," "Days of Real Sport," "A Grand and Glorious Feeling"—will appear exclusively in The Times-Star each week.

The page "Mr. and Mrs." will be a humorous family page, and Briggs knows "the family."

Every page is a breezy, humorous portrayal of the "men and women" of the house. Start each week-end right by laughing at and with "Vilet and Joe."

In addition to this new page The Times-Star will feature exclusively a page by Dirks, the creator of the Katchonjammer Kids, entitled "The Captain and the Kids."

—and by the way have you noticed the special Boston and New England dispatches appearing daily, bringing to readers live news of special interest to those having relatives and friends in that vicinity.

The daily humorous jingles of the incomparable Walt Mason. Brief notes of Canadian history furnishing a thumb nail mention of the past. The Business Column, featuring store management, selling in all its ramifications, etc., of direct interest to all business men. This column is edited by Mansfield House, editor of the Retail Public Ledger and a recognized advertising and merchandising authority.

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