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DENSE FOG EMPRESS OF BRITAIN CRASHES INTO COLLIER AND STAVES IN BOWS

HEAVILY LADEN COAL BOAT WAS CUT IN TWO BY COMPACT, WHILE CANADIAN PACIFIC LINER HAD FIRST FOUR COMPARTMENTS FLOODED WITH WATER

CREW OF SMALLER VESSEL RESCUED BEFORE SHIP SANK

CRASH CAME WITHOUT WARNING AND CONSTERNATION REIGNED AMONG PASSENGERS; WATER TIGHT COMPARTMENTS ALLOW EMPRESS OF BRITAIN TO RETURN UNDER OWN STEAM

QUEBEC, July 28.—During a dense fog the Canadian Pacific Railway company's steamship, Empress of Britain, which left Quebec at 7:15 Friday evening, collided with the steamship Helvetia, a collier, bound to Quebec and Montreal at 4:45 p.m. Sunday evening. The scene of the disaster was between Cape Magdalen and Fame Point. The first news of the accident came from Quebec about 6 o'clock Sunday by wireless and this was followed by another despatch that the Empress had her bows badly stove in and her four compartments filled with water. As far as can be gathered the Empress struck the Helvetia amidships, cutting her in two, the injured vessel sinking shortly afterwards. Those on board the Helvetia however, were all rescued and taken aboard the Empress.

Latest news of the disaster shows that Captain Murray was proceeding through the dense fog cautiously, when the Helvetia was seen, but too late to avoid a collision. The Empress plunging into the Helvetia, and it is said, cutting her in two. Successful efforts were at once made to rescue the captain and officers of the sinking vessel, a few moments after which this ship sank. The occurrence naturally created consternation on the Empress, but this was soon quieted and Captain Murray had an investigation up to the bow master, which his ship had sustained. He then wired the news of the disaster to the Canadian Pacific authorities and ordered his vessel to return to Quebec. The British carried 700 passengers. The progress of the vessel back to port is being accomplished very slowly, the vessel being impeded in its passage by the wreckage which hangs over its bows. At 1:15 this afternoon the ship reached Fame Point, where she was still at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Allan steamer Pretorian was standing by, to which some of the passengers and mail were being transferred. The Empress expected to again get under way shortly before 7 o'clock. She is travelling under her own steam. As she is making but eight miles an hour, she is not expected to reach Quebec before tomorrow morning at a late hour. The steamer Helvetia, which sank after the collision, was bringing a cargo of 8,000 tons of coal from Sydney. The skipper of the Helvetia was Captain Connell.

TO RELIEVE GRAIN CONGESTION GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST CONCESSION FROM U. S. INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

OTTAWA, July 28.—It is understood that in order to facilitate the shipment of the new Western crop as much as possible, the government will at an early date this autumn apply to the Inter-State Commerce commission for the rate on grain to Fort William and Duluth which was in force last spring, the rate being the same as that grain to Canadian railroads from Winnipeg to Fort William. The opening up of this route at an early date in the season, it is believed, will do much to prevent a recurrence of the serious and prolonged congestion of last season.

GOVERNORS OF TWENTY WESTERN STATES WILL ATTEND DRY FARMING CONGRESS AT LETHBRIDGE IN SEPTEMBER

Canadian Commissioners Have Had Flattering Receptions in Tour of Western States; Big Exhibitions Promised From Practically All of Western States

Lethbridge, July 28.—The reception accorded the Canadian commissioners of the International Dry Farming congress on their tour of the Western States has been most flattering in the extreme, and it is believed that as a result of their visits there will be official representatives from upwards of twenty states while a dozen or more will send exhibits. As indicating the trend of public opinion, it is anticipated that the governors of many of the Northwest states will accompany the special train that will bring the delegates from California and Western Oregon, which Tillman Reuter, Portland member of the board of governors, is arranging, and which will bring a large exhibit from the northern counties of California, gathered under the auspices of the Sacramento Development League.



THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH—Efforts have been made recently to effect a reconciliation between these two, who have been separated for some months, owing to domestic troubles. So far nothing has been arranged, so it is reported. The duchess was formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, a United States heiress, and prominent in society. She is said to be a great favorite of Queen Mary, who has interested herself in this unfortunate arrangement.



QUEEN MARY RIDING AROUND A BRITISH COAL MINE ON A TRUCK—This interesting picture shows Her Majesty inspecting the mine properties on a recent visit to the Silverwood Colliery, with the King. She is accompanied by a couple of lady friends. The colliers are pushing the truck around.

THREE HORSES SUFFOCATE IN BURNING BARN

Chief Smart Thinks Fire Was Caused by Cigarette Stub Tossed Into Hay

Dr. McLaren Saves Three Horses From Suffocation; Loss About \$900

A carelessly tossed cigarette stub caused a fire at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning resulting in the death of three horses by suffocation in the barn owned by A. B. Landels, 712, Seventeenth avenue west, across from the Western Canada College. The horses were owned by Jackson Bros, bakery, the firm also renting the barn. The fire broke out in the hay racks, west, across from the Western Canada College. The horses were owned by Jackson Bros, bakery, the firm also renting the barn. The fire broke out in the hay racks, west, across from the Western Canada College. The horses were owned by Jackson Bros, bakery, the firm also renting the barn.

JAPANESE EMPEROR IS DYING; PHYSICIANS GIVE UP HOPE

Death is Expected Hourly; Has Been Unconscious Since Dawn

Tokio, July 29.—The condition of the Emperor of Japan is such as to cause abandonment of all hope of his recovery. From dawn he has been unconscious. An examination by the court physicians at six o'clock in the morning disclosed a high temperature, weak and rapid pulse and shallow respiration, which was greatly accelerated by the Emperor's condition.

MOTOR LAUNCH EXPLODES; 1 DEAD; 2 INJURED

Craft Took Fire, But Help Came in Time to Rescue Four From Death

One Man in Attempting to Swim to Safety, Drowns Within 15 Feet of Shore

Montreal, July 28.—An explosion of a small motor launch opposite Sherbrooke Park on Lake St. Louis today resulted in the death of one man and serious injury to two others. Medard Palemont, owner of the boat, had taken five friends for a cruise. When the explosion occurred the craft took fire. Oscar Sauve, aged 23, a barber who lived at St. Anne de Bellevue, with his mother, declared that he would swim to shore, and leaped overboard. Fifteen feet from shore he was under and was seen no more. Medard Palemont, the owner, and S. Angell, were severely burned, and others of the party sustained minor burns, but they were taken off the burning craft just in time by boats which put off from shore on seeing their danger. The launch is a total loss.

LARGE ATTENDANCE ASSURED AT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

INDICATIONS of a large attendance at the meeting tomorrow evening in the Blow block to organize a Progressive Municipal league continue to make themselves evident on every side. The gathering has been called for 8 p.m. in the basement of the building which is on Eighth avenue, between First and Second streets west.

Beyond the effecting of an organization and discussion of the objects of the proposed league, it is not likely that direct action of any kind will be taken. That the gathering will be a representative one, however, is evident from the invitations to attend which have been sent broadcast through the city to such organizations as the local Labor unions, the Board of Trade, Builders' Exchange, Industrial Bureau, Young Men's Clubs, and well known citizens in all walks of life, business, professional and labor. The aim of the men behind the movement is to make the gathering responsive to the will and ideas of the citizenship at large as to what action should be taken to assure clean, businesslike administration of the city's affairs by business men. A number of the men active in the movement desire to see that the work of the league shall apply to every city office, including not only mayor and commissioners but councilmen and the heads of all city departments.

RAILWAY COMMISSION HAS POWER TO ORDER SUBWAY CONSTRUCTED AT ITS DISCRETION

William Georgeson Talks of Subway From the View of Those Who Want It

Says Fourth Street West Was a Main Trail Before Canadian Pacific Came

Therefore is Not a Street Controlled by the City, But By the Province

But City Assumed Subway Cost in Connection With Shop Negotiations

DISCUSSING the question of the Fourth street west subway, William Georgeson, of Georgeson and company, who appeared before the recent meeting of the Dominion Railway commission to argue in favor of the subway, yesterday pointed out that the railway commission has the power to order the subway put in whenever the members believe that it is necessary. Reviewing the subway proposition from the side of those who want it, Mr. Georgeson said: "It is beyond question that the Fourth street subway agreement should be understood in all its phases before the citizens are called upon to vote the necessary funds for its completion. Street Was Main Trail. "In the first place, Fourth street west was a main trail before the Canadian Pacific Railway came here. It is a division between sections, and I understand, a division between municipalities as well. It was therefore not a street controlled by the city, and any arrangement affecting it should have had the approval of the governor. The Canadian Pacific Railway, when they took the bargain with the city, they assumed the total cost of the construction of the subway, signifying that it should be constructed when the company thought it necessary. "One of the functions of the railway commission is to protect the public in just such matters as this, and the late Mr. Mayne informed the Canadian Pacific Railway that the commission would order the construction of the subway when the railway was practically destroyed. Reports of great damage also came from Harding, Mack and Cypress River, Manitoba, while the report from Mooseomin, Saskatchewan, says that lightning accompanied the storm and two men were struck by the bolts of fire but not killed.

FIERCE WIND AND HAIL STORM WRECKS BUILDINGS AND DESTROYS CROPS IN MORDEN, MANITOBA, DISTRICT

MORDEN, Man., July 28.—The most destructive wind storm and when the full extent of the damage is known, likely had Saturday evening between half past six and seven o'clock. As part of the result of the work of the wind at that time, the Morden curling rink is completely demolished, the large stable at the agriculture grounds is minus a roof, the Parlington hotel is short a few bricks off the wall and also its back verandah and kitchen steps. J. H. Black's residence, the C.P.R. freight sheds, the Ogilvie elevator and a number of other buildings have had numerous parts torn off of them. The C.P.R. box cars were shifted off the track and reports from the country indicate that many stables and small frame buildings have either been destroyed or moved by the storm. The full extent of the loss by hail is impossible to ascertain. At present inquiries over the rural-phone lines which were not put out of order, show that the hail was confined to a belt about five miles wide, coming from Thornhill direct west of here, practically straight to Morden, with the town a centre, then turning in a southeasterly direction where it is believed the heaviest damage was done.

HEAVY CROP LOSS FROM STORMS

Reports of fierce hail and rain storms which covered a large area in Manitoba and Saskatchewan were received late last night. The storm has done considerable damage to the crops in that district, but it was impossible last night to determine just how great the damage was. The greatest damage appears to have been wrought near Morden, Manitoba, where buildings were unroofed and the crops laid flat to the ground.

CAMROSE'S WATER SYSTEM IS COMPLETED

City Council Boosts License of Tent Shows; Many Attractions Pass Town By

Contract Let for Overflow School Building; Steam Laundry Opens

(Special to The Albertan.) Camrose, July 27.—This past week has seen the completion of the water works system in Camrose. The water mains have been washed out and pure water supplied from the reservoir. Besides giving a supply of water which will eliminate the practice of keeping water standing in barrels, the completion of the system will mean excellent fire protection for the town. The action of the town council in imposing a license fee of \$75.00 on tent shows coming to town, has had no effect on the number of these shows. There is one company, however, that will be along on August 6th, with a new circus. The contract has been let by the Public School board to Thomas Shea for the two room building on the Public School grounds. This building will accommodate the overflow of the present building until such time as the new Normal School is completed. The building now under construction is to be ready for classes on August 6th. Ever since the Camrose Steam Laundry opened its doors, there has been a steady increase in business throughout the Camrose district. The laundry staff has had to work until midnight to turn out all the work that has accumulated. Mayor Layton and family returned from Vancouver this week. Mr. Layton left directly after for Saskatoon and will not be back for several weeks. Local men have secured the contract for heating, painting and plastering the new Fernhill hotel, which will be completed in about four weeks' time.

DOCK STRIKE OFFICIALLY OFF, BUT MEN ANGRY

Assert They Were Betrayed by Leaders into Unconditional Surrender

Thirty Thousand in a Mass Meeting in Southwest Park Make Fierce Protest

London, July 28.—Although the strike committee has cleared the strike of the dock workers at an end and has ordered the men to return to work at once, it is by no means certain that a settlement has been reached. Thirty thousand angry dock workers held a mass meeting in Southwest park today and unanimously rejected the manifesto issued by the committee respecting resumption of work. Protesters declared that their leaders had betrayed them into unconditional surrender, the men adopted a resolution not to resume work until they had consulted their unions.

WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID SATURDAY

In Victoria: Fisheries company lets contract, erection cold storage plant, Skidegate, Juan Charlotte Island, cost \$200,000. In Winnipeg: Calcutta, India, company to establish jute bag factories and distributing warehouses at Winnipeg and Vancouver. In Lethbridge: Eight governors, twelve state exhibitors, delegates from twenty states, thirty-one nations of the world will be officially represented at the International Dry Farming congress in Lethbridge the week of October 21-28. In Vancouver: Work is proceeding on excavating a foundation for the new Canadian Pacific station. In Edmonton: The city asks for competitive schemes to enlarge the street railway system.

LETHBRIDGE WILL BURN NATURAL GAS TODAY

Lethbridge, Alta., July 28.—On Monday evening the branch gas-pipe line from the main line at Royal City will be completed to Lethbridge, and for the first time in its history Lethbridge will have a supply of natural gas for all purposes right at its door. The Canada Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat and Power company expect to open an office in the city within a very short time, where gas fixtures will be sold.

NEW ORLEANS RATS CARRY BUBONIC PLAGUE GERMS

New Orleans, July 28.—Bubonic bacilli was discovered today on a rat found on the water front. The discovery was made after several hundred rodents had been examined in the past few weeks. Dr. J. H. White, of the U. S. Marine Hospital, said the discovery need not cause alarm.

POPE HAS NOT REPEALED NE TEMERE DECREE

Rome, July 28.—The report that the pope has repealed the decree "Ne Temere" is absolutely unfounded, nor is it likely ever to be revoked as it embodies provisions which have governed the church procedure for two centuries. It is probable that the misunderstanding with respect to the repeal of the decree arose through the suspension of the provision relating to mixed marriages in Germany and Hungary. The other provisions of the "Ne Temere" with this exception is still in force. Thus a marriage between a Catholic and Protestant without the sanction of the parish priest is null. It is declared that possibly the United States and Britain may later secure a change in that provision.

FAIR WEATHER THROUGH ALL OF CANADA

Toronto, July 28. A few scattered thunderstorms have occurred today in Ontario, but otherwise fair weather has prevailed throughout Canada, and it has been moderately warm in all directions.

DISASTROUS END TO RACES ON MONTREAL TRACK

Montreal, July 27.—The week's racing at King Edward park ended disastrously Saturday when in the first turn of the last race three horses went down in a heap, and Sir Edward was so badly hurt he had to be shot. Jockey Connors, who was up on Cuttyhunk, Jockey Johnson, who rode Sir Edward, and Jockey Small, who mounted Naughty Lad, were all badly injured and were removed to the hospital.