

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK STEAMER

Carelessness of Machinist's Helper Caused Explosion Which Killed Five.

MEN AND BOATS WERE HURLED INTO THE SEA.

Six Men Badly Hurt and Several More Unaccounted For— Lighted Candle Taken Into Hold Did All Damage.

New York, June 27.—Two hundred tons of fuel oil on board the steamer tank steamer Mohawk, owned by the Standard Oil Company, exploded with a terrific roar and a burst of flames, this afternoon, while the vessel was at anchor off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, in New York Bay, killing five persons and injuring six others. A dozen more are unaccounted for, but are believed to have escaped on crafts that came to the Mohawk's aid, or by swimming ashore. Two bodies were seen floating in the hold while fire boats were still pouring streams of water into the wrecked after-end of the steamer late tonight. The other three victims probably were blown to pieces. The dead are: Edward Donahue, 25, steam fitter, Brooklyn.

John Donovan, 26, a machinist's helper, Brooklyn. Two unidentified sailors, members of the Mohawk's crew. Fourth engineer of the Mohawk, a foreigner, name not obtainable. Three of the injured, Gustave Elmgren, 40, pipe fitter; Phillip Lepic, 32, sailor, and Herman Welsmann, thirty-one, sailor, were taken to hospitals on Staten Island. Elmgren was probably fatally burned. Percy Payne, a machinist, and third engineer Vandergrief, of the Mohawk, were slightly burned.

Carelessness Caused It.

Carelessness of a machinist's helper was reported to have caused the explosion. Fifty men, including the crew and twenty machinists, who were making repairs preparatory to the Mohawk's departure for Texpan, Mexico, tomorrow morning, were on board. Perhaps a dozen of them were in the boiler and fire rooms.

A helper was declared to have dropped a washer into the hold below the fire room. Seeking to recover it, he is believed to have carried a lighter candle, which caused combustion among generated gases in the hold. The explosion, a volcano of debris, flash of flame, a column of smoke, the detonation, a volcano of debris, and the Mohawk settled while the fire boat, tugs, Standard Oil wrecking tugs and other harbor boats came to the scene.

Men Blown Overboard.

The Mohawk's life boat was tossed a hundred yards and a score of men were blown overboard. These men were rescued and taken to the hospital. Others, clinging to stanchions or rails or were hurled in the bow, whence they were dragged to safety by passing boats. The Mohawk's crew was getting up steam to start the second half of her maiden voyage from Mexico and return. She was without cargo. Shortly after nine o'clock tonight the fire was under control, and the crew returned on board and began the pumping the vessel out. The stern was completely under water, but it is believed the rest of the hull is practically intact and that the steamer can be readily gotten into dry dock for repairs.

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE HUNDRED YEARS OF PEACE

Canadian Peace Centenary Association Appoints Organizing Secretary and Starts on Active Work—Two Recommendations Taken Under Consideration.

Ottawa, June 27.—E. R. Scammell, of the E. C. I. and P. C. I. S., of Toronto, has been appointed organizing secretary of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association, and has already actively upon his duties. Active organizing work to forward the objects of the association will now be set on foot, and it is expected that at an early date Mr. Scammell will visit the Maritime Provinces and the United States. The Canadian association is now in a position to prosecute with vigor the program recommended to it by its delegates to the recent international conference at New York for the discussion of methods of celebrating the hundred years of peace between the peoples of the British Empire and the United States. These recommendations chiefly have relation to two important aspects of the commemoration, the erection of visible monuments and the establishment of educational interests looking

PREMIER WILL COME EAST FOR LONG HOLIDAY

Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden Will Spend Some Weeks on At- lantic Coast—Hon. Dr. Roche Much Improved.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, June 27.—Hon. R. L. Borden leaves the capital tomorrow for the Atlantic coast for an extended holiday. Mr. Borden has not enjoyed any but very brief vacations during the somewhat strenuous political work of the last 4 years. He will probably be away until the latter part of August. A. E. Blount, the premier's secretary, also leaves tomorrow for Banff where he will spend the summer with his family.

Hon. T. W. White and Hon. Martin Burrell are leaving for England. With most of the cabinet away there will be no council meetings. Hon. George Perley, acting minister of trade and commerce, Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, and Hon. Bruno Nassef will probably remain in Ottawa during the summer.

Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, who has been on a visit to the old country in search of health since his recent operation, is expected back in Ottawa by the first of the week. Dr. Roche has so far benefited by his trip that it is likely he will be able to remain at the head of the interior department for the present at least.

FIND BED OF SMALLPOX GERMS IN TOWNSHIP

Disease Rampant for Days and Source Could Not Be Located— Chairman of Board of Health a Victim.

North Bay, Ont., June 27.—Provincial health inspectors have been trying to trace the source of the smallpox cases which have appeared in various places in the township, principally in lumber mill towns and lumber and construction camps. His quest led him to an outlying township ten miles north of the C. P. R. main line, where he found a veritable breeding bed of smallpox germs which all sanitary regulations totally disregarded.

Almost everybody in the settlement had been infected with smallpox, even the reverend, the chairman of the Board of Health and the school teacher. The disease had been concealed and no physician called in until one man who contracted it thought he was going to die and called in a doctor. Inspector Young established a quarantine, arranged for disinfection and has the cases well in hand.

SWEET CHARITY COMES TO RESCUE OF HEAT SUFFERERS.



With the thermometer flirting near the one hundred degree mark in New York these days and hospital records showing deaths and suffering by heat, charity workers of that city are bending every effort to relieve the suffering among the poor by pouring money into various funds for the distribution of free ice. Eager applicants appear early every morning at the various free ice stations scattered throughout the city and receive a sufficient portion for the day's needs.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATION OF SUBMERGED DAM TO RAISE LAKE ERIE LEVELS

Investigation Into Case Has Occupied More Than Ten Years— Outlines Practical Control of Lake Erie Water— To Offset Effect of Water Diversion to Chicago Drain- age Canal.

Washington, June 27.—After more than ten years investigation, the International Waterways Commission today, through the President, recommended to Congress the construction of a submerged dam, or weir, in the Niagara river, to raise the level of Lake Erie and its upper waters. The commission stated the value of the proposed work to "Lake Erie ports could hardly be estimated and that it would result in extensive improvements to harbors and locks. Several years ago the commission reported against the advisability of constructing an ordinary dam across the Niagara because of frequent damage to property below it. This dam would have completely regulated the height of the water in Lake Erie, but the last plan contemplates only partial control. The cost of the weir and consequent works to avoid damage to property, is estimated at \$3,500,000. The commission recommends its location at Gibraltar, on the American shore and High Island, on the Canadian side above Welland river. The dam would raise the level of the Niagara three feet for a distance of one and one-half miles. The commission suggested the construction of a weir at Gibraltar, on the American shore and High Island, on the Canadian side above Welland river. The dam would raise the level of the Niagara three feet for a distance of one and one-half miles. The commission suggested the construction of a weir at Gibraltar, on the American shore and High Island, on the Canadian side above Welland river.

JUDGE DECIDES SENATOR CLORAN MUST PAY BILL

Liberal Member of Upper House Must Pay \$213 for Dress and Cloak Which, He Claimed, Was Gift to Wife—An Inter- esting Story.

Montreal, June 27.—Senator H. J. Cloran, an Irish lace dress and cloak, as well as a claim for the latter, entered against the Senatorial Budget—such were the features of a case discussed by the court today. As a result of proceedings, the judgment of the lower court was affirmed, and the senator was called upon to pay \$213 for the article of wearing apparel, which he had repudiated as having been given as a present to his wife in consideration of his efforts to obtain a sub-contract for a "laced" firm, in connection with work on the Victoria Royal Museum, Ottawa. Allegations and counter-allegations had it that the senator defendant had undertaken to interest himself with his father-in-law, the principal contractor, in the matter of obtaining a flooring contract in connection with the work on this building. The persons who were seeking the sub-contract averred that it was understood that in event of their getting the work, the senator would have a right to a commission of 5 per cent. on the job. They also indicated that they had agreed to make the senator's wife a present of the dress, should they obtain the contract.

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ST. STEPHEN HORSEMAN THROWN FROM SULKY BUT NOT BADLY HURT

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St. Stephen, June 27.—While exercising his mare Lady Fondly on the track this afternoon, Hugh Love was thrown from his sulky and rendered unconscious for several hours, but is believed to have escaped more serious injury. The accident was caused by the mare bucking the hobbles. Mr. Love being thrown over her head, and alighting on his shoulder, Lady Fondly was unharmed and made no attempt to get away.

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