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THRILLING STORY OF SHIPWRECK

CREW ABOARD VESSEL AS SHE POUNDS TO PIECES

Rescuers Row Through Boiling Seas to Save Stranded Men.

New York, Sept. 21.—A thrilling story of shipwreck was brought to light yesterday by the crew of the Norwegian steamer Yumuri, which went to pieces beneath the feet of her sailors off Castle Island, one of the Bahama group in the recent hurricane. The men, after terrible sufferings, were rescued by a volunteer crew from the Prinz Wilhelm 1, of the Royal Dutch mail line. The rescue party in charge of Chief Officer Wangmaker, of the Prinz Wilhelm, rowed through a boiling sea in a broken boat and brought all the shipwrecked men in safety from the barren shores upon which the Yumuri had stranded. On the arrival of the Prinz Wilhelm 1 at the port yesterday, one of the rescued sailors was sent to the marine hospital on Staten Island, where he will probably die. The skipper of the wrecked boat is still suffering from the pounding he received in being washed ashore over the rocks. Many of the sailors have been under the doctor's care since they were rescued. The weather was fair when the Yumuri left Port Antonio, on Sept. 15, bound for Baltimore with a cargo of fruit. At noon on Sept. 15th, the ship was 85 miles east of Castle Island and by that time it was blowing so that the crew had to batter the boat and the wind at midnight turned westward. "We were unable to steer the ship with any exactness," said Capt. Edsbro, who was in command. "We ran at half speed astern for two hours, as I was afraid we would be driven to the rocks of Castle Island. The sea constantly came on board, and the hold became filled with water."

The next morning, Saturday, the sea became so high that they practically engulfed the ship. The fires were put out by the seas and this stopped the engines. It was blowing and raining and the sea was running so high that it was impossible to stay on deck. About 10 o'clock on the afternoon of September 12th, the steamship struck the rocks. The crew felt the steamship strike twice on the rocky bottom. It was death to stay where they were. The port lifeboat had been smashed and so the skipper called all hands on deck and told them to put on life preservers. By this time the vessel was pounding on the rocks with every sea that broke over her. In desperation the men worked their way down the deck and made an attempt to lower a life boat on the starboard side. It touched the water, smashed against the steamer's side and dropped into the boiling water a mass of kindling.

The men returned to the forecastle, where they remained all night exposed to the fury of the hurricane, the seas broke over the hull and finally the vessel broke amidships. Little by little the hull broke up and the men had little more than the bow of the ship to rest upon. In the morning the captain decided that their support would not hold together much longer, so he made them all jump and try to make the shore.

"It is no use trying to describe what followed," said one of the men. "We got through somehow. The first men ashore had to go back again to pull out their comrades. The captain was unconscious and bleeding from cuts. The chief officer was almost as bad and two of the men would have been drowned unless helped to the land."

DOMINION VETERANS' ASSN.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—Eight thousand Canadian war veterans, who are entitled to land in the Canadian west under the bounty act of last session, have decided to organize into a federation to be known as the Dominion Veterans' Association, with the object of advancing and protecting their interests in many directions.

DARING HOLD-UP AT VERMILION BAY

Bandit Covers Merchant While His Comrade Rifles Cash Register.

Kenora, Ont., Sept. 21.—On Saturday night a hold-up occurred at Vermilion Bay when N. Schmidt, a merchant, was robbed to the extent of \$2,400. While one of the desperadoes held Mr. Schlemman up with a revolver the other man rifled the cash register. The men then made their escape after firing two shots at a group of townspeople, who had at once responded to the alarm given by Mr. Schlemman and started in pursuit.

The police suspect that the two men responsible for this hold-up are the same who committed the series of burglaries recently in Winnipeg.

SHORTAGE OF \$150,000.

M. P. P. Disappears Suddenly, But Then Comes Back to Straighten Out His Accounts.

St. John, Sept. 21.—Walter B. Dickson, M. P. P. for Albert county, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago, leaving it was reported, a shortage of \$150,000 in his account, and against whom an absconding debtor's warrant was issued, has returned. He says he disappeared on the advice of a few friends, who believed his absence would be beneficial. Now, he comes back with the intention of endeavoring to straighten out his accounts.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—The Grand Trunk Pacific, officially opened the Grand Trunk Pacific railway this morning, running the first train to Battle River, a distance of 666 miles. The road will be completed to Edmonton this winter. Cheering crowds greeted the daily decorated first train at each station.

WISCONSIN TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

INHABITANTS FLEE BEFORE FOREST FIRES

Many Refugees Overcome by Heat—4,000 Homeless—Outbreak in Ontario.

Rhineland, Wis., Sept. 21.—The towns of Gagen and Woodboro were destroyed by forest fires yesterday and as a result nearly 4,000 persons are homeless. Men, women, and children fought vainly for their homes but without avail and at last were forced to flee for their lives, women carrying children in their arms and men and boys with packs on their backs ran towards Rhineland, many falling prostrate in the heat only to be hurled on by the stronger waves.

Nearly all of those burned out at Gagen reached Rhineland last night and are being cared for, but a few of the Woodboro people are here, and it is not known what has become of them. The fire is a fresh one and not a continuation of the fires which did so much damage last week.

Ontario Town Threatened.

Fort William, Sept. 21.—Fanned by a strong breeze yesterday afternoon the forest fires again blazed around the outskirts of West Fort, and from 11 o'clock in the forenoon until evening the fire brigade had its work cut out to prevent damage to property. In a very short time a fierce fire was bearing down upon several houses located in West Fort, close to the westerly limit. Fortunately the fire lasted several hours, in which several firemen had to be carried away overcome with the heat and smoke, the firefighters succeeded in checking the flames, and not a single building was burned.

PLAGUE-SMITTEN CITY.

Percentage of Mortality Among St. Petersburg Cholera Victims is Rising.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—The percentage of mortality of cholera cases has increased and is now over 50 per cent. Between 400 and 500 new cases were reported between noon yesterday and noon to-day. The figures do not show any material increase from those of the previous twenty-four hours.

POCKET-KNIFE DUEL HAS FATAL ENDING

Vein of Combatant is Severed and He Bleeds to Death.

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 21.—In a fight with ordinary pocket knives, Chas. Dunfield, of Pennsylvania was killed by Sam W. Rae, of Tennessee, as the culmination of a quarrel. The men, who were employed on the Hot Springs Western railroad, came to the city last night. They quarreled, fought at first with their fists and then with knives. Rae was cut about the face and Dunfield was slashed on the right arm, a vein being severed which caused him to bleed to death. Rae has escaped.

QUEBEC NEXT MEETING PLACE.

Bellefleur, Sept. 19.—The Inter-Parliamentary Union which is now in session here, has accepted the invitation extended from Canada to meet in Quebec in 1909.

C. P. R. TO ABSORB BIG RAILROAD

RUMORED PURCHASE OF CHICAGO-GREAT WESTERN

St. Paul Report Says Entire Holdings Will Pass to Canadian Corporation.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—A special dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Minneapolis, says that the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company, together with its terminal facilities, rolling stock and power equipment will soon become the sole property of a subsidiary line to the vast system of the C. P. R. company, seems to be a certainty, according to unofficial information from the headquarters of the Great Western in St. Paul.

TENNIS DANCE AT DUNCAN.

Enjoyable Entertainment Was Attended by 150 People.

Duncan, Sept. 19.—At the Duncan's Club tennis dance held in the Agricultural hall on Wednesday evening last about 150 were present. The floor was good and dancing was continued until after three o'clock. Miss Thain, from Victoria, supplied the music.

The hall was tastefully decorated with tennis nets, racquets and balls, and the supper room with rubeccas and asparagus fern.

Among those present were Mrs. Price of Cowichan lake, Mrs. Barclay of Westholme, who wore a beautiful white spangled gown trimmed with lace and canary colored silk; Miss E. Mainbury of Chemainus, in white; Mrs. Stephen Phillips, who wore a gown of white and pink; Mrs. W. J. Townsend, who wore a beautiful mauve silk trimmed with lace; Mrs. Walker in a French grey gown trimmed with lace; Mrs. Will Morton, who wore a Paris model of painted chiffon; Mrs. Nettie who wore black with handsome lace bertha; Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Wallis and others, in addition to the members of the club.

HARRY K. THAW'S "SANITY."

Whiteplains, N. Y., Sept. 21.—The argument on Harry K. Thaw's application for a jury trial as to his sanity in habeas corpus proceedings before the Supreme Court Justice Mills was adjourned to-day until next Saturday at the request of District Attorney Jerome, who had been unable to prepare his case in time for to-day's hearing. Charles Morschauer, attorney for Thaw, agreed to the adjournment. In the meantime Thaw will remain in Whiteplains jail.

KAISER'S COMMENTARY ON AERO DISASTER

Expresses His Deep Regret at Death of Lieut. Selfridge.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—When the news of the accident which occurred to Orville Wright and Thos. Selfridge at Fort Meyer on Thursday, was communicated to the German Emperor, he expressed deep regret at the death of the lieutenant, whom he described as an "officer engaged in the perfection of a military weapon for his Fatherland." The Emperor said that he could well understand the grief of the inventor, Wright, at the destruction of his aeroplane, and His Majesty added that he could not help feeling that mishaps in aerial navigation would unfortunately continue for some time to come, and that inventors had not even got so far as to navigate the air, regardless of sudden changes of the wind. His sympathy went out to inventors who he said, perhaps, obtained no fresh experience from their falls, but only discovered that success did not lie in a certain way and that the suitability of their plans must again be put to the test at the risk of their lives.

WILHELMSTADT, CURACAO, SEPT. 19.—The Netherlands cruiser Freisland arrived here from home waters this morning. She exchanged salutes with the forts as she steamed into the harbor.

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AT THE VICTORIA FAIR

Out-of-city friends will be welcome at The Times' tent, where subscriptions will be taken and payments of accounts can be made.

ANOTHER BIG FIRE AT CHELSEA, MASS.

Acres of Wooden Buildings Wiped Out—Damage Reaches \$300,000.

Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 21.—Nearly an acre of wooden buildings on the north side of the Boston and Maine tracks in this city, which escaped the conflagration of April 14th, were swept away to-day by another disastrous fire entailing a loss of \$300,000. The principal buildings destroyed were Atwood & McManus' box factory, Pope & Cottle lumber yards, Lee Bros.' shoe factory, the Chelsea Bottling Company's factory and apartment houses. Fire engine 26 of the Boston fire department was also destroyed. The destruction by fire of the large box factory of Atwood & McManus on Yulet street at 8 a. m. to-day, and the extension of the flames to the lumber yards of Pope & Cottle on Carter street, in a district which was not reached by the great fires of last April, caused a general alarm in the cities for help from both Boston and Everett. At 9 o'clock ten wooden tenements occupied by the poorer class caught fire and flames were sweeping unchecked towards Powder Horn hill. The Chelsea Bottling Works and Lee Bros' shoe factory also caught fire and it was believed would be destroyed. At 9:10 a. m. the large wooden building occupied by the Eastern Storage Company and situated near the Boston and Maine tracks was in flames and the fire had just reached the Standard Oil Company's station where a large supply of gasoline and kerosene was stored when it was got under control.

RELIGIOUS MOB RIOTS IN CHICAGO

Bombards Street-car Which Attempts to Break Through Ranks.

Chicago, Ills., Sept. 21.—A street car was demolished and its crew injured yesterday when a religious parade of 12,000 persons, led by Bishop Paul Rhoads, became unruly and mobbed on Chicago Heights. It was with difficulty that the bishop, who was on his way to dedicate a new cemetery, prevailed upon the marchers to restore order. The riot took place near the city hall of the suburb when the motorman of the car attempted to pass through the line of the parade. The marchers became offended when their ranks were disturbed and in an instant the air was filled with flying stones and missiles. The windows of the car were smashed, the woodwork broken and the crew hurt. The passengers in the car fled in terror and several suffered slight wounds from broken glass and crowding. Ten of the rioters were arrested and released later on \$500 bail each.

JUVENILE DELEGATES.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 19.—An order-in-council provides that this year's juvenile delegates act can be enforced only in cities where there are proper detention homes, conducted on the line of family residences situated at a distance from the jail, that there be an industrial school to which delinquents may be committed, and that there is a proper court or county court judge to officiate in juvenile courts, that there is a municipality-supported staff of probation officers and that some society or committee is to act as the juvenile court committee.

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COTTON STRIKE IN LANCASHIRE

140,000 OPERATIVES ARE WITHOUT WORK

Forty Million Spindles Lying Idle—Outlook is Not Discouraging.

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 21.—More than four hundred cotton mills in Lancashire are idle to-day as a result of the dispute over wages between the operatives and employers. This means that 40,000,000 spindles are idle, that more than \$250,000,000 capital is not bringing in any return, and that 140,000 operatives are without work and losing something over \$700,000 in wages a week.

In view of the present glutted condition of the market it is not believed that this cessation of work will entail heavy damages to the employers. It is not felt here that the strike will last long for card-room workers are expected soon to take a second ballot and agree to the five per cent deduction in wages which already has been accepted by the spinners.

So far the idle operatives have been perfectly orderly.

BUILDING IN NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Sept. 19.—The unprecedented building boom still continues in Nanaimo. No one seems to know what occasions so much activity in the building here just now, but still it is a fact that more building is going on in the city this summer than for several years past together. A good deal of it is going on in the business section of the city. To add to the general air of prosperity, there is much cement sidewalk being constructed, from the rate the citizens are asking for these walks it will only be a question of a couple of years until nearly all of the streets in the city are supplied with them.

AMBASSADOR MAY RETIRE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Several of the St. Petersburg newspapers print a report that John W. Riddle, the American ambassador to Russia, is about to retire on account of his health.

WINNIPEG SELLS DEBENTURES.

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—The Manitoba government has disposed of \$345,000 telephone debentures in Montreal and New York at 98. This is considered a good price at this time.

DEADMAN'S ISLAND.

Vancouver, Sept. 21.—Theodore Ludgate to-day made a formal offer to the city to let his fifty-year lease of Deadman's Island for a quarter of a million dollars.

HURRICANE KILLS HALF POPULATION

Town on Island of Gua is Devastated—90 Negroes Are Dead.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 21.—The steamship San Juan, which arrived yesterday from Ponce, followed the trail of the hurricane as the way up the coast. Just before she left Ponce on the 15th one of the officers said last night a wireless message was received saying that the ninety persons in Mathestown, Gua, had lost their lives in the hurricane there. That is nearly one-half of the population of the island, which is composed of nearly all negroes.

WHAT ROOSEVELT SAYS.

Will Be Calamity if U. S. Fails to Elect Taft.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 21.—President Roosevelt, in a letter to William B. McKinley, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, made public on Saturday, appeals to distinguish citizens to join with the national Republican committee and the congressional committee in a movement to elect William H. Taft as president and a Republican congress to support.

After reviewing some of the important legislation of the past seven years, the president declares that Mr. Taft and the Republican candidates for congress seek election on a platform which specifically pledged the party to continue and develop the policies which have been acted upon for several years past.

All the aid that can be given to perpetuate the policy of the government, as now carried on, the president says, should be given by every good citizen, as it is far more than a partisan matter.

FOUND DEAD IN WELL.

Sherbrooke, Que., Sept. 21.—Allan Stearns, two miles from Bedford, Que., has been found dead in a well near his house. He is supposed to have fallen into the well while drawing water.

DARING HOLD-UP MEN.

Enter Buffalo Hotel and Lock Up Clerk and Telephone Operator in Basement.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Two men with their faces covered with handkerchiefs entered the Lenox hotel early to-day, and, with revolvers, forced Clerk Geo. J. Smith and Telephone Operator Doyle to leave their positions and then marched them into the basement, where they locked them in a small room. Returning to the office the two men began a search for valuables. They secured only about \$100 in cash, but had succeeded in opening the safe when Smith and Doyle, who had succeeded in liberating themselves, raised an alarm, and the hold-up men fled and have not been captured.

GRAIN BLOCKADE IN WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—Reports of a blockade of grain are coming in from all parts of western Canada. Winter wheat shipped five weeks ago from Alberta has not arrived here yet. The lack of locomotive power is crippling the C. P. R. service.

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

PARIS TELEPHONE BUILDING IS GUTTED

Postoffice Is Also in Ruins—Troops Protect Fire Fighters.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Fire broke out on Saturday night in the Central telephone building and spread with such rapidity that the telephone employees were forced, after brief and ineffectual attempts to extinguish the flames, to flee hastily to the streets. The entire building was soon in flames and this, together with the postoffice, which is located close to the Place des Victoires, was totally destroyed.

The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000, but a much greater loss is likely to be involved through the complete interruption of all telephonic communication in the centre of Paris, as well as communication with the provinces and abroad.

The telephone building was comparatively new and fitted with the costly central battery system. It will take more than a month to re-establish communication. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is believed to have been due to a short circuit. It is also asserted that it may have been of incendiary origin, but nothing has as yet been found to prove this. Telephone operators, when they first discovered the flames, tried to extinguish them, but were forced to desist on account of the volumes of black smoke and the pungent fumes from the burning gutta percha. In a short time the flames enveloped the entire five stories and were bursting through the roof, leaping skyward like a blast furnace.

The firemen were impeded in their work by the crowds, which the police were powerless to hold back. Messengers were dispatched for police reserves and troops, who eventually were forced to charge upon the spectators before they cleared the scene. It was not until late yesterday morning that the fire was gotten under control.

The fire chief reports that there was no loss of life and that no one was injured.

BIG GATHERING OF ODD FELLOWS IN CHICAGO

Winnipegger is Running for Deputy Grand Sire of El J. Bel Rebekahs.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 21.—Fully 5,000 delegates and visitors of the order are in the city to attend the eighty-fourth annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The convention began its deliberations this morning in the auditorium and will conclude on Saturday morning.

Coincident with the Odd Fellows meeting are the informal meetings of the Rebekahs in El J. Bel temple. There is but one office to be filled by vote, all the other vacancies being provided for by custom and succession. This one office is that of deputy grand sire. As it is a custom that the man who serves as the deputy grand sire for a year succeeds at the end of his term to that of grand sire, the highest in the order, the contest for deputy grand sire is made all the more keen. There are seven candidates already in the list including R. Hill Myers, of Winnipeg, Man.

ST. PETERSBURG IS CITY OF DEAD

PESTILENCE RAMPANT; CORPSES LIE UNBURIED

Cholera Ravages Daily Growing Worse—Hundreds Dying From Plague.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—St. Petersburg is in the grasp of Asiatic cholera, which has exceeded in severity and numbers the visitation of 1892. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming pace and unless the authorities show a greater ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand.

The government's threat to apply the provision of martial law has driven the municipality officials to bend all their energies to clearing the city of the scourge. The aldermanic council yesterday voted \$250,000 to enlarge the hospital space, to purchase and distribute disinfectants, the supply of which in St. Petersburg is well high exhausted, and to expedite the interment of bodies, which has been notoriously slow. The dead houses are overcrowded and many corpses lie unburied.

Under the authority of the prefect of St. Petersburg, General Drachefsky on Saturday prohibited the sale of liquor throughout the city, including the government vodka shops, until September 22, and he has further ordered that hereafter the sale of liquor shall be suspended at 2 p. m. on Saturday until 10 a. m. Monday. This action has been taken in order to diminish alcoholic excesses, which very materially increase the liability to cholera infection and the general spread of the disease.

The situation assumes a graver aspect from the appearance yesterday of a very virulent type of the disease in two cases, of which death followed within fifteen minutes of the first symptoms. As announced by the official bulletins, the cases numbered 349 and the deaths 128 during the twenty-four hours between Friday noon and Saturday noon. This is a considerable decrease from the preceding day, but there is doubt of the accuracy of the official statement. The record for the same twelve-four hours, ascertained from unofficial bulletin sources, shows the actual number to have been far in excess of that. Whether or not, however, there was no actual decrease, the disease resumed its march on Saturday, the statistics posted showing that from Saturday noon until Sunday noon there were 396 cases and 191 deaths, this being the largest number so far.

AWFUL DEATH ROLL.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—(Lat.)—The cholera continues to increase rapidly in St. Petersburg. The efforts of the authorities in stopping the sale of the liquor between Saturday and Monday and the other preventative measures taken have had little effect in checking the spread of the epidemic.

Between noon Sunday and noon today the hospitals reported the entrance of 380 cases and 155 deaths, and the addition to the statistics from the military and suburban hospitals for the same period will swell this total to formidable proportions. There are 34 cases of policemen alone in the Semenovskiy military hospital.

Dispatches received here from three provinces report 488 new cases and 201 death in 24 hours, Restovo on the Don, furnishing 182 cases and 80 deaths.

STEPMOTHER'S PUNISHMENT.

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—Thirty days in the county jail was the sentence enforced by Judge Selph on Saturday on Mrs. Augusta Schneider, of Hobart Station, for beating her 16-year-old stepdaughter Louis with a heavy strap on Wednesday morning.

"Parents ought to have the right to correct an unruly child," said Justice Selph, "but there is no cause for punishing such severe punishment that the child is left in pain for several days."

JAPANESE AND WHITES FIGHT AT SAN JOSE

Church-going Orientals Are Knocked Down and Kicked by Mob.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 21.—While on their way to the First Presbyterian church to attend the service last night five Japanese became involved in a fight with four white boys, one of whom had jostled the Orientals. A mob came to the assistance of the whites and the Japanese were knocked down, kicked and rolled around the street. They fled and a mob of fifty were soon at the heels of the fugitives.

Finally the Orientals were taken to jail and later released upon bail furnished by the pastor of the Presbyterian church.

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reputations already gained in their respective localities, and the greatest amount of fruit from their products it is necessary to organize for the packing, shipping and marketing of the fruit.

One of the chief difficulties observed throughout the district is the lack of proper facilities for the fruit before being placed in the car for shipment.

If the fruit is not properly cared for being placed in the car for shipment it will not sell well, even though the car be well ventilated.

This is particularly true of small fruits and the soft varieties. The young orchards here are making remarkably good crops and the fruit output of British Columbia is enormous, notwithstanding the fact that the demand is diminishing owing to the influx of population into our provinces, and the rapid development of the country lying between the coast and the Great Lakes. Reports from the forthcoming shows at Spokane, Mr. Smith to remind all Vancouver Island of the importance of the event of last year, asks that all will do their best to repeat this year. "It is up to the B. M. men to maintain the standard year by sending their best fruit to Portland and to Spokane."

The prizes at Spokane are very attractive and the competitors, Mr. Smith, will be keen and, as Kelowna is concerned, they endeavor to repeat their performance of last year.

Firemen acknowledge the reason Henderson Bros., wholesale of \$20, which has been placed in credit of the Relief Association in connection with the fire. The gift is made in recognition of services rendered at the fire at Son Bros. recently.

THAW.

with the company in two weeks. Mrs. Thaw refused to talk.

Wash, a star of the company. From what Mrs. Thaw tells me 'broke' and has to go to work. I am glad to have her with us if we title terms."