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TERRIBLE TOLL OF LIVES TAKEN BY LAKE BLIZZARD

A Conservative Estimate Places the Death List at One Hundred and Fifty.

MANY VESSELS LOST ON LAKE HURON ALONE

Bodies Being Washed Ashore by the Dozen and Placed in Morgues—Other Ships Missing and No Wreckage in Evidence.

Fort Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—Each hour today added to the toll of disasters which occurred on Lake Huron during last Sunday's storm, and tonight the end was not in sight. Bodies of sailors of five, and perhaps six vessels, were found on the shore of the lake; wreckage from two other boats still missing, was cast up by the sea, and no trace had been secured of two vessels or their crews totalling more than forty men.

Never in the history of Michigan's maritime evidence has Lake Huron been the scene of such a succession of catastrophes.

Conservative estimates of the loss of life, fix the total at 150 at least. The damage to vessels and cargo will be several millions of dollars.

Lying in various morgues along the Canadian shore are bodies of sailors of the steamers James Carruthers, Reginald, John A. McGeen, Wexford and Charles S. Price. It is practically certain these vessels went down with all on board. There are a number of bodies unidentified. Perhaps these were of sailors on the unidentified freighter which less than a week ago in Lake Huron, 15 miles north of here, may still cling to the theory that she collided with the Regina and the latter sank.

Wreckage of the steamers Argus and Hydrus has been cast ashore. Neither of these boats has been heard from since the storm swept the lake. The freighters Isaac M. Scott and Midland Queen are also missing. Marine men said today that there was a possibility of one or both of these boats being safe. None of their wreckage has been found and no bodies of their sailors have been washed ashore.

This afternoon word was received from Capt. Eli of the tug Sarnia City that he had sighted the wreck of an unidentified steamer while his tug was passing Port Austin. She is believed to be a total loss. She may be one of the boats already reported missing.

Post and a heavy sea today prevented marine men from making a fourth attempt to learn the name of the overturned freighter, which is being tossed helplessly in a rough sea, has become a serious menace to navigation. A tug with a diver aboard will go out tomorrow morning, if the weather permits.

Awful Tragedies.
Greatest among today's tragedies was the confirmation of the loss of the steamer John A. McGeen, a 432-foot freighter. Twenty-eight bodies of her crew have been washed ashore. All are in morgues. Several have not been positively identified.

In addition twenty-one other vessels were partially or wholly destroyed, their crews escaping.

The list of lost vessels and their dead is as follows:
John A. McGeen, of Cleveland, crew of 25, taken somewhere off Sarnia, Ont., in Lake Huron.
Charles S. Price, of Cleveland, crew of 28, sunk off Goderich, Ont., in Lake Huron.

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STRONG APPROVAL EXPRESSED OF HON. J. D. HAZEN'S ACTION

Citizens Greatly Pleased with Coming of C. N. R. Liners—Halifax Board of Trade Expresses Regrets.

The general opinion expressed in the street yesterday in connection with St. John and the winter steamship arrangements was that Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, had proved himself a worthy representative of the people of this constituency. His assurance that St. John would receive fair treatment at the hands of the government of Canada showed that he was working for our best interests.

Citizens yesterday were enthusiastic in their praise of the fine speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Hazen at the banquet Wednesday, and many who straightened way in which he handled the questions in which every person in St. John was vitally interested. The general feeling was that the Minister of Marine had won for himself a warmer place than ever before in the hearts of his constituents and friends.

The announcement of the sailings of the Canadian Northern mail steamers direct from this port and the pro-

ALBERT CO. MAN KILLED BY FRIEND

Hiram Crossman Victim of Tragic Shooting Accident.

GUN CAUGHT ON FENCE POLE AND DISCHARGED

Victim and Willard Dow on a Gunning Excursion When Accident Happened—No Inquest deemed Necessary.

Special to The Standard.

Albert, Nov. 13.—As the result of a horrible gunning accident at Stony Creek, at noon today, Hiram Crossman was shot through the heart by a companion, Willard Dow, and killed. The shooting was purely accidental.

The men were on a hunting expedition and Dow, who is but 17 years of age, was walking behind the victim. They came to a pole fence which Crossman climbed without difficulty. While Dow was crossing the fence the trigger of the gun struck on the top pole and the weapon was discharged sending its deadly charge through the heart of Crossman.

Every effort was made to save the rapidly ebbing life but to no avail and in two hours the victim of the tragedy passed away. Young Dow, who is one of the most highly respected young men of the community, is prosecuted with grief over the sad affair. Hiram Crossman was a brother of Unlache Crossman, brigadesman on the Salisbury and Albert Railway, and was fifty-four years of age. He lived at Stony Creek with Morley Wright and was well known and greatly liked by all. The accident has saddened the community.

SECURES BIG SUM

New York, Nov. 13.—The volunteer committee of 1,000 engaged in a two weeks' campaign for \$4,000,000 for the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association today announced contributions to \$4,747. The total contributed for the first four days of the campaign is \$2,375,524.

The largest single contributor today was W. L. Dodge, with \$25,000. There were several contributions of four and five thousand dollars each.

ROYAL COUPLE MAY SOON BE SEPARATED.

Stockholm, Nov. 13.—Negotiations are proceeding between the courts of St. Petersburg and Stockholm, according to the Stockholm newspapers, for the dissolution of the marriage of Prince William of Sweden and the Princess who was the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, daughter of the Grand Duke Alexandrovitch.

TWELVE DEAD, MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED INJURED IN BIG RAILROAD ACCIDENT

Three Coaches of Central of Georgia Train Left the Rails.

EXCURSION TRAIN WRECKED AT EUFALA

Three Cars Literally Packed Rolled Down Steep Embankment—Relief Train Rushed to Scene—Many More Deaths Expected.

Eufala, Ala., Nov. 13.—Twelve persons were killed and more than a hundred injured some of them fatally, early today, when three coaches of a Central of Georgia passenger train left the rails at a point seventeen miles south of here and plunged down a steep embankment. The train, which consisted of five cars crowded with excursionists, was en route from Ozark, Ala., to Eufala, where a fair is being held. The identified dead are:

Pomp Outsey, aged 60, Clayton. Monroe Floyd, aged 60, Clayton. Miss Bonnie Brock, aged 18, Clayton. Curtis Ball, Clayton. Mrs. Wilbur McLean, Cl. Mrs. Laura Wilkinson, Cl. Child of B. F. Brock, Clayton. Mrs. Alice Adams, Elamville. Lennie Fryer, negro, Cl. Maud McRae, negro, Cl. Zack Peak, Clayton.

Among those who escaped with minor injuries was Jefferson D. Clayton, a wealthy Alabamian, and brother of Congressman Henry D. Clayton, of this state. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident. As the crowded excursion train rounded a curve the three cars at the rear, literally packed with passengers, rolled down the steep embankment. The coaches practically were demolished. Shrieks and groans of the injured rose from the wreckage.

Occupants of the two coaches which remained on the rails immediately bent their efforts to rescuing the hundreds who were caught in the tangled mass of wreckage. Word of the disaster quickly reached the relief train bearing surgeons and nurses were quickly despatched from Ozark and Eufala, where most of the dead and injured later were taken.

Many of the victims were cared for at Clayton, where the citizens turned their residences into emergency hospitals. All the physicians within a radius of many miles hurried to the scene and assisted in caring for the injured.

So large was the number of victims, however, that available space at Clayton soon was exhausted and many had to be placed on cots on porches and in front yards.

Because of the isolation of the place where the wreck occurred, and the confusion which necessarily prevailed, identification of the dead and wounded was slow.

Not until tonight were the names of a majority of the killed known with certainty. Many of the injured were brought here tonight from Clayton, most being taken to local hospitals by a special train. Others were transported by automobiles, carriages and other vehicles. A majority of the injured suffered from scratches and bruises from splintered woodwork and cuts from flying glass. There were many, however, who suffered broken bones and internal injuries of a dangerous nature.

A CHILD MURDERED IN BOSTON STREET.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 13.—Little Mary Joyce, twelve years old, was shot to death today because she did not move fast enough to the command of two boys. The police are searching for Christopher Harris, aged 14, and Thomas Foley, aged 16, both of whom were armed with revolvers. Which of them did the shooting is uncertain.

STOCK SELLING SCHEME.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—A warning to the public against subscribing for stock in a power project on the Bow River, in Calgary, is contained in a memorandum issued by the interior department. The press is asked to state that no authority has been given for any such scheme and that the stock said to be in process of extensive selling by promoters has no value in consequence.

TO ASSIST INDIANS.

Seattle, Nov. 13.—The revenue cutters Tahoma called for Kodiak Island today with medical and other supplies for the villages where Indians have been stricken with measles. Two hundred and fifty cases, and thirteen deaths have been reported, and the Governor of Alaska has appealed to the federal government for assistance.

CONSIDERS MEASURE.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—The German government today considered the expediency of advising all German subjects resident in the interior of Mexico to remove to the coast towns for greater safety. It is thought most probable that this measure will be adopted shortly.

PICTURESQUE AND BEAUTIFUL N. B.



VICTORIA HOTEL, ST. GEORGE, N. B.

AND THE TELEGRAPH HELPED TO CIRCULATE FALSE STORY

Prompt Denial to Statement that Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden in New York Said Canadians Had No Objection to Reciprocity.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Some amusement has been caused here by reports, appearing in Liberal newspapers in Eastern Canada, to the effect that the Right Hon. R. L. Borden, when in New York a short time ago, delivered an address in which he said that Canadians had no objection to a reciprocity treaty.

The authority for this preposterous assertion is the report in the New York Herald of a dinner of the New York Lotus Club which Mr. Borden, then alleged by the Liberal press to be dangerously ill, attended.

The Herald report of Mr. Borden's speech was inaccurate and misleading, and the newspapers which have seized upon it are barking up the wrong tree. This is not the first time that the New York Herald has made statements respecting reciprocity which were not borne out by the facts, or that Liberal newspapers were misled by paying too much attention to it.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE BOSTON AMERICAN

Last Sunday's Issue Contained a Malicious and Scandalous Article on Hudson Bay Works—Evidently a Movement on Foot in Certain Canadian and American Circles.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Action will likely be taken by the government in regard to the malicious and scandalous article which appeared in last Sunday's issue of the Boston American concerning the Hudson Bay route. The article in question claimed that the effort to send supplies and mail to Hudson Bay on one of the ships which went up this last summer, and that the ships, material and supplies had returned to the Maritime Provinces, leaving over a hundred men marooned for the winter at Port Nelson short of food, devoid of shelter and obliged to live on pemmican and seal blubber during the long winter months.

There is evidently a movement on foot in American and certain Canadian circles to discredit as far as possible the government project respecting Hudson Bay. One American journalist has gone so far as to write the minister of railways and canals intimating that he made the voyage to Hudson Bay on one of the ships which went up this last summer, and that when they met ice in Hudson Bay he took certain photographs which he proposed to use in newspapers and magazines, but thought that possibly the department would prefer that his negatives and articles did not appear in print.

As the letter had every appearance of an attempt to be made to outline the plan of the project, to which plan certain Liberal newspapers in Canada have been lending themselves, possibly in ignorance of the project.

TWO CURRENCY BILLS IN U.S.

Democrat and Republican Senate Committees Hard at Work Preparing Opposing Measures.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Two two wings of the senate banking and currency committee today worked steadily, preparing separate currency bills to be presented to the senate. Senator Owen and the five other Democratic members of the committee who have supported the administration struggled to reconcile their differences and agree on the bill which the president wants, and Senator Hitch-

NATIONS OF EUROPE SHOW SUPPORT UNITED STATES

THREE KILLED IN PECULIAR TRAIN WRECK

Fear Crazy Passengers Stepped in Front of Flying Freight.

EXPRESS DERAILED WHEN LINES CROSS

People Fought by Brave Traveller Who Saved Many Lives With His Fists—Twelve Injured.

Wooster, Ohio, Nov. 13.—Three persons were killed and a dozen injured, one probably fatally, when the east-bound Pennsylvania train, No. 17, was wrecked near here tonight. The passenger train was derailed, falling on another track the path of a freight train, and the second accident caused the fatalities.

The engine and tender and baggage cars leaped the track under the impact, where the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad crosses the Pennsylvania, four miles east of here. The panic-stricken passengers rushed out of the train into the path of a west-bound freight train, and two of them were killed. Engineer C. M. Crease, of Allegheny, Pa., was so severely scalded that it is feared he may die. Fireman Gascolone, of Allegheny, and Express Messenger Demarest, of Mansfield, Ohio, also were seriously injured, but both will recover.

The greater part of the passengers who had crowded out on the track in the freight train's path, leaped into the creek at the foot of the embankment and escaped. B. L. Hawk, of Canton, a travelling salesman, stood at the exit of one coach and fought back the passengers who tried to retreat, probably saving the lives of many.

Automobiles brought the dead and injured to this city.

PREPARING FOR THE PARCEL POST.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—A meeting of heads of Canadian railways with Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, will be held in this city on the 20th to conclude negotiations for the carriage of the parcel post. The system will be in operation in Canada after Christmas but rates and maximum weights of parcels to be carried are matters still to be announced by the postmaster general.

WOULD KILL YUAN SHI KAI

Tien Tain, China, Nov. 13.—It is alleged that a member of the president's staff of secretaries, named Chu, was arrested today in the palace in Peking. Chu, it is said, was armed with a revolver and confessed that he intended to murder President Yuan Shi Kai.

PEACE BETWEEN GREEK AND TURK.

Athens, Nov. 13.—A treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey was signed tonight. The peace delegates reached an agreement to conclude negotiations for the carriage of the parcel post.

THIRTY DROWNED

Marquette, Mich., Nov. 13.—Thirty lives are reported to have been lost in the wreck of the steamer Henry B. Smith, of Cleveland, in Lake Superior, near this city. One body has been washed ashore, and the ship's name was obtained from wreckage picked up on the beach. The Smith is owned by the Hawwood Avery Trust.

Purse Strings of World Tied Against President of Mexico.

MAY LIFT EMBARGO ON ARMS TO REBELS

President Wilson Confident that Peaceful Settlement is in Sight—Continual Pressure on Huerta Will Have Effect is Thought.

Washington, Nov. 13.—United support from the great powers abroad for the American policy toward Mexico, shown in a variety of quiet diplomatic activities, gave President Wilson and Secretary Bryan a confident feeling today that the elimination of General Huerta as provisional president of Mexico would soon be an accomplished fact.

That the financial blockade instituted by the United States had effectively tied the purse strings of Europe that diplomatic pressure was being exerted incessantly on all sides at Mexico City, that close friends of Huerta were applying their influence, and persistent reports saying Huerta had gone into mysterious seclusion raised the hopes of the Washington government that at last it was making definite progress toward solving the Mexican problem.

An exchange of cablegrams with Ambassador Page, an agreement by Great Britain to leave the solution of the Mexican problem in the hands of the United States, and an announcement that no moral or normal financial support would be granted by England to the Huerta regime, set forth in The London Times dispatches, created a favorable impression through official Washington. It was felt that Great Britain, France, Germany and other nations now stood together in acquiescence to the plan of the United States for the elimination of Huerta.

President Wilson had prepared, early in the day, a statement of the situation reciting what had been contained in the communications presented by Charge O'Shaughnessy and John Lind but within a few hours such favorable advice were received as to cause the President to withhold the document from publication. He stuck it away in a drawer with many another summary of international affairs which it has been found unnecessary to make public.

New Elements in Case.

"There are elements in this case," said the President, "which I cannot at present discuss, but which make it look to me very much more favorable than it has been for some time."

The President spoke thus of the situation to a half-dozen Washington correspondents at their semi-weekly conference. His manner was calm, and it was apparent that he felt decidedly encouraged by recent advice. The President is not usually quoted after these conferences, but today he permitted quotation to the extent of the single sentence. This he did to allay any tension that might have arisen in this country over the situation described in the despatches from Mexico City. Asked about the word "favorable," he explained that the President "favorable" to a settlement.

The President gave no details to show upon what his optimism was based, but he made it clear that the primary condition of a settlement was the ousting of Huerta and all those who stood for the kind of government he had been conducting. It was evident that the President had received important despatches, but he declined whether they were from Mexico City or Nogales, the Constitutionalist's headquarters. Later, however, it was learned from other high officials that the plan of financial isolation was bearing fruit and that the plan for Huerta's elimination was being advanced.

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TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED TEXAS TRAIN MEN NOW OUT ON STRIKE

Atlantic Division of Southern Pacific Railroad Practically Tied Up—Schedule Cancelled by Management—Strike Result of Six Months of Trouble on Both Sides.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 13.—Approximately 2,500 trainmen and engine men on the Atlantic division of the Southern Pacific Railroad, known as the El Paso Lines, went on strike at seven o'clock tonight in accordance with an ultimatum presented to the officials of the railroad yesterday by a committee representing the four union organizations involved. The walk-out comes after more than six months of futile negotiations which sought an amicable adjustment of difficulties between the road and the men.

An eleventh hour appeal to the federal board of mediation and conciliation by the railroad failed to stop the

walk-out, and with engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen idle from El Paso to New Orleans, the south-west tonight faces a possibility of one of the most serious tie-ups of traffic in years.

Railroad officials were silent tonight as to what efforts were being made to relieve the situation, but reports from other points indicated preparations were being made for the coning of strikebreakers. All trains due to leave the west coast tonight after seven o'clock tonight were annulled until further notice. Those leaving before that time, it is stated by union officials, will complete their runs after which their crews will join the other strikers.