

# PORT ARTHUR CATASTROPHE.

## Flood Bursts Dam and Sweeps Away Bridge.

## Engine Plunges Into River and Five Persons Drowned.

## Immense Damage to Water and Power Plant.

### THE KILLED.

ENGINEER SAVARD.  
FIREMAN M'BRIDE.  
BRAKEMAN INMAN.  
TWO UNKNOWN.

Port Arthur, May 28.—In one of the worst disasters that has ever been experienced in this country five men were killed and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage done at Current River, on which the corporation has its water-power.

This stream got on the rampage last night, and to-day practically the whole system, that has cost the city thousands of dollars, is demolished. The park has been torn up, and large streams of water now run through it in several places.

### Burst the Dam.

Last night about 11 o'clock a great torrent of water caused the breaking open of one of the system of dams on the river, and in a short time a vast volume of water was on its torrential way down to the lake, carrying everything before it. The river overflowed its banks at all points, and soon the whole channel was filled with logs and debris.

At Black Bay the Government bridge was torn away. The next obstruction was the storage dam at Port Arthur. When the water struck the dam the report could be heard for a great distance.

### Power House Submerged.

Engineer Richmond, who was in charge at the power house, with great presence of mind, immediately shut off the power, and in a minute the power house was submerged and the water was pouring through from all points. He grasped the lantern, intending to go out and flag approaching trains. However, he was unable to do so. The water was up to his waist, and was rushing to the lake in torrents. His lantern was put out, and he had to get back into the power house. The water had torn away the track on both sides of the bridge for over half a mile.

### Freight Train Plunges In.

When the torrent of water struck the bridge a C. P. R. freight train was just pulling into Port Arthur, with orders to meet the passenger train. She was running at a good speed. Just before striking the bridge she went into the undermined track. The locomotive burned completely over and five men were killed. It was thought impossible for any person to live through the wreck, as in a moment it was under water and the flood flowed over the top of it.

### Went Down With Engine.

Engineer Savard, Fireman McBride and Brakeman Inman, who were in the locomotive at the time of the accident, were pinned under the engine, and two tramps who were riding in the train are believed to have been killed. This morning hundreds of people visited the wreck, and work has been commenced to get the bodies. So far only one has been found, and this is so badly pinned under the train that it has been impossible to ascertain who it is. Search has been made for others, but so far without success. It is believed that they have been washed out in the lake with the flood of water.

### Flagged the Express Train.

Conductor Ross stated that as soon as the wreck took place he at once prepared to flag the eastbound express, but, although he was unable to get across the track, he mounted the debris and flashed two lights. By this means he was successful in stopping the train or the loss of life would have been great. He himself was badly injured, his shoulder being hurt and his hand cut.

### Scene of Devastation.

The scene is of great devastation. Where once existed of the prettiest parks in the west is now practically a ruin. Houses and stands were swept away, some being taken over half a mile. Fortunately the rain had interfered with the regular traffic or else scores would have lost their lives. The loss, it is thought, will reach half a million dollars, while the power plant of the city is gone.

The C. P. R. will be a large loser, over a mile of track and the bridge being wiped out. The city power plant, light and water systems were crippled, and it will be days before they are repaired. Temporary arrangements for power for lights and street cars may be made with the Canadian Northern & Kamistiquia Company at Fort William by connecting the city lines with their system. Large numbers of people to-day are endeavoring to visit the scene of the catastrophe, but cannot get near it because it is flooded.

### The Bodies of Engineer Savard, Fireman McBride and Brakeman Inman were recovered this afternoon from under the engine.

### Teams of Horses Found.

Teams of horses were found at the storage dam this afternoon, having been carried down the river. The fact has given rise to the suspicion that Ontario dam may have been destroyed. E. T. Ross, foreman, and a gang of thirty men were encamped at Union Lake, in connection with the raising of the height of the dam. These men were encamped at a point which, it is said, would be right in the path of the waters of the dam if released, and it is feared that a loss of life may have occurred at this point also.

### What the Flood Did.

A Fort William dispatch says: The heavy rains of the last two or three days caused the naturally rapid river to rise at an enormous rate, though no one had any suspicion of any danger to be feared from the bursting, yet at about 11.30, with a tremendous roar, the upper dam gave way, precipitating down the country side an enormous wall of water fifteen feet high, which spread out for over a mile in width, sweeping everything before it, including houses, pavilions, bridges, all the fences, trees and other things in its path.

Where the C. P. R. track crosses over the steel bridge above the water, a ghastly sight was to be seen, for where

the bridge was but a few hours before was a heterogeneous mass of twisted iron, splintered wood, levers, wheels torn from their fastenings—all that remained of the engine and nine cars, part of a freight train and three of the crew who unwary of the impending disaster, reached the bridge at almost the identical moment that the flood reached it.

### Four Tramps in One Car.

It was learned that there were four tramps on the train stealing a ride in the first box car near the engine, which contained a large number of railroad spikes. The car was smashed to splinters, and with cuts all over their bodies, bleeding and bruised, two of them managed to crawl with their lives out of the hideous turmoil, but of the other two nothing has been seen. There were also two other tramps riding farther back on the train. These also escaped with nothing but a shaking up.

All round the train is piled trees, rails, rocks, huge beams in every imaginable form, showing where the river raged over the wrecked train.

No. 96 Had Narrow Escape. Train No. 96 had a narrow escape. This train should have met the freight train, which met destruction at the yards. No. 96 waited its appointed time, and then pulled out for the east, with its train load of passengers, but the engineer was warned in time and backed his train to Port Arthur.

The track for half a mile west of the bridge was seized as though by some huge hand and flung many yards into the bush at the side. Rails were bent by the mighty force, ties torn up, and the roadbed washed away as though it had never existed. All through the bush of the lake shore are scattered timbers, trees and rock, carried down by the river, and on one spot, where the track originally was, is deposited an organ which was used at a dancing hall. The pavilion itself was on the other side of the track, and was smashed into kindling wood, nothing remaining but the roof.

The washout will be bridged at once, and it is thought that these structures can be finished within twenty-four hours. The wash-outs occurred one and one-half miles east of the town of Port Arthur.

### Kamistiquia Power.

Winnipeg, May 28.—A visitor to Port Arthur, who returned home yesterday, speaking to a reporter, said: It is a fortunate thing for Port Arthur that the Kamistiquia Power Company was in full operation at the time of the breaking of Port Arthur dam, owned by the town. Otherwise Port Arthur would have been without light, street car service and water service for a considerable time. As soon as W. A. Black, of this city, managing director of the Kamistiquia Power Company, heard of the disaster he immediately wired to the local manager at Port Arthur to do everything possible to assist the town in re-establishing their service, and it is expected that before to-night a connection will be made which will permit of the town being supplied with light, and as soon as the pumps can be put into operation water supply will be resumed. The Kamistiquia Power Company have for some time past been supplying Port Arthur with power for the operation of their street car service between that town and Port Arthur during the spring, and while the water was low the power company was supplying several hundred horse-power for lighting purposes. The town recently decided to raise their dams, and it is thought that the present trouble originated from this source, the dams not being strong enough to stand the increased pressure of water.

Current River is situated about a mile east of Port Arthur, its source being Dog Lake, which is also the source of the Kamistiquia River.

## A SILLY TRICK.

### Young Woman Threw a Box at a Horse's Head.

Montreal, May 28.—Two girls lie at the point of death and two young men are seriously injured as the result of a foolish trick last night. The four were out driving, and the girls were eating chocolate. When the box was empty Miss May Lockerby threw the box at the horse's head, and the animal was scared and ran away, landing up against a telegraph post and upsetting the buggy.

### NO FRIENDS OF THE CZAR.

British Socialists Object to King Edward's Visit.

London, May 28.—The Socialist members of the House of Commons are displaying a marked interest in the approaching visit of King Edward to the Russian court from the viewpoint of the possible close relations between the two countries resulting from his Majesty's trip. Early this week a Socialist member asked Mr. Asquith to secure the abandonment of the visit on the ground that it was not fitting that Great Britain should send support to those persons in Russia who were responsible for sending into exile the "patriots of the Douma."

This afternoon Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, informed a questioner that no new convention or treaty was under discussion between the two Governments, nor was it intended to inaugurate negotiations for one during King Edward's visit. The Secretary said he trusted, however, that this visit would contribute to the good relations existing to-day between the Governments and the peoples of both countries.

## WOMAN'S FACE SHATTERED

### Through the Explosion of a Soda Water Cylinder.

Halifax, May 28.—Mrs. Philip Ein, wife of a well known confectioner of Glace Bay, was instantly killed this evening by the explosion of a soda water cylinder. Mrs. Ein was aged about 24 years, and leaves two small children. The accident occurred as Mrs. Ein was moving the cylinder to the door of the store while doing some cleaning up. The cylinder is said to have been overcharged as well as defective. Her face was completely shattered, and an inquest will be held to-morrow.

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## Fun for Times Readers

Missouri Wit.

A number of representatives were facetiously discussing the resources of the State of Missouri one afternoon, when McCall, of Massachusetts, observed to Mr. Lloyd, of the first named State: "Lloyd, I am told that Missouri stands at the head in raising mules."

"It seems to me," retorted Lloyd, "that is the only safe place to stand in the circumstances."—Lippincott's.

## A Suburban Scheme.

"Who got up those hanging gardens of Babylon?"

"Some King."

"For what purpose?"

"I judge he wanted to outwit the neighbors' chickens."—Kansas City Journal.

## Rather Sarcastic.

Miss Payteet—How do I look in this hat?

Elder Brother—Under it, you mean, don't you, sis? You look pretty small.—Chicago Tribune.

## The Good Work.

"They say you are going to marry a man to reform him, dear."

"Yes, that is true."

"Who is it, may I ask?"

"It is Mr. Gobsa Goldie."

"Gobsa Goldie, the old millionaire! But I didn't know he had any bad habits."

"Yes; his friends inform me he is miserly."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

## Not Slow in That.

"I think," said the merchant, "I'll have to fire your friend Polk. I never saw any one quite so lazy."

"Slow in everything, is he?"

"No, not everything. He gets tired quick enough."—Philadelphia Press.

## Can Such Things Be?

"O, Johnny, Johnny!" sighed Mrs. Lapping. "You're so awfully hard on shoes. This is the second pair I've bought since we had that equinoctial storm in March!"

## No Escape.

The young man had proposed and been accepted.

"But what's this you're doing, dear?" he asked a moment later.

"I'm taking your Bertillon measurements, Clarence," said the determined young woman. "The last one got away."

## Smoothing It Over.

Irate Individual—I'm going to square matters with you right now! You've been telling it around that I lie!"

The Other Man—Nothing of the sort. All I have said about you is that you are habitually untruthful.

Irate Individual (re-aiming down)—O, I don't mind that, if that's all. I acknowledge I do get that way once in a while. But how can a fellow help it when everybody insists on treating him?



NOT AT ALL. Miss Simpson—Wasn't Mr. Harduppe terribly embarrassed when he proposed to you? Miss Gobsa—Faintly, perhaps; not so tharvish.

## ORANGE ORDER.

### RESOLUTION FAVORING AID TO THE BRITISH NAVY.

Federal Government Urged to Make Appropriation—The Election of Officers—Penetang Parade—Motion to Debar Liquor Men Defeated.

Midland, May 28.—The Grand Orange Lodge of British America this afternoon decided against precluding members of the order engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor from holding office in the society. Forty years ago the order forbade lodges to meet in hotels; ten years later came the ruling against holding meetings in buildings adjacent to taverns, and the amendment of 1903 at Winnipeg excluded men engaged in the trade from membership.

Mayor E. Letherby, of Midland, presented the order in address of welcome conferring upon the members the freedom of the town. It was decided to increase the yearly stipend of the Grand Secretary, Mr. William Lee, from \$800 to \$1,000.

It was decided at a meeting this evening, after a lengthy debate, on motion by Mr. Fred Dams of Toronto, that the Grand Lodge should place on record the expression of its opinion that the Federal Government of Canada should with the least possible delay pass legislation making a substantial appropriation to be contributed toward the maintenance of the British navy.

It was decided that the regalia used in the different degrees shall hereafter be made uniform.

The election of officers for Grand Lodge resulted in little change in last year's list. The new officers are as follows: Grand Master, T. S. Spry; Grand P. M.; Deputy Grand Master, Lieut. Col. J. H. Scott; Grand Secretary, William Lee; Grand Treasurer, W. J. Parkhill; Grand Chaplain, Rev. William Walsh; Grand Lecturer, A. A. Bray; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Thomas Wallace; Deputy Grand Secretary, W. M. Fitzgerald; Deputy Grand Treasurer, H. C. Hocken; Grand Auditors, J. H. Delamere and J. E. Thomson.

After a lengthy debate whether the next place of meeting should be Peterboro', Smith's Fall, Windsor, Brantford or Winnipeg it was finally decided to hold it at Peterboro'. The date will be set by the Executive.

## SAMIANS IN REVOLT.

### FIGHTING FOR THREE DAYS IN THE CAPITAL.

Prince of the Island Seized by the Malcontents and Beaten—Reinforcements of Troops Sent From Smyrna Driven Back.

Constantinople, May 28.—The inhabitants of the island of Samos, a Greek island off the west coast of Asia Minor, are in revolt against the Prince of Samos and the Governor of the island. Fighting has been going on at Vathy, the capital, for the past three days, and there are numerous victims of the trouble.

The trouble appears to have arisen in a conflict between the Governor, Kopszis Effendi, and the Senate. The Prince of Samos was seized by the malcontents and beaten. He made his escape to the palace, which since has been beleaguered. Reinforcements of troops sent from Smyrna were driven back by a fusillade from the shore.

The revolting islanders are being aided by the generalmerie. It appears that the telegraph office has been seized by the rebels, but a despatch from Smyrna, with to-day's date, declares that the attack on the palace continues, and that there have been many casualties.

Athens, May 28.—Many women and children fleeing from the island of Samos have reached Smyrna. They represent the situation there to be most critical. It is feared that the Turkish reinforcements now on their way to the island will start a general massacre. A proposal that the powers despatch warships to Samos is being urged.

## CASTORIA.

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### THE PRIZE COURT CONVENTION.

Most Important Topic at Forthcoming Naval Conference.

London, May 28.—Answering a question in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, said that the British government desired to concentrate the discussion at the forthcoming naval conference upon the prize court convention. It was essential, he said, that Great Britain have some agreement upon certain points, especially the rules governing blockades and contraband of war, with the chief naval powers before the conference meets. The question of the capture of private property at sea was not included among the matters to be discussed, although the secretary was unable to say what subjects the other powers might desire to bring up.

## WOMAN'S COURAGE REWARDED.

Bank Gives \$500 to Woman Who Saved \$43,000.

New York, May 28.—Mrs. Eva Jovermicka, a young Polish woman who last Monday frustrated the attempt of three men to rob messengers of the Jefferson Bank of \$43,000, to-day received a reward of \$500 from the bank. She said that she and her husband will at once return to Poland, where, with the \$500 for a nest-egg, they will be in comparative independence.

She fears that if she remained in this country the Black Hand will get her fortune away from her, she says.

## Pure Olive Oil.

This oil cures constipation, aids the sluggish liver and often prevents appendicitis. J. W. Gierre, druggist, 32 James street north, has just received from Marseilles, France, an importation of the finest quality, expressed specially for internal use. It is almost tasteless, easily assimilated and very nutritious. Sold in bottles, sealed tins or bulk.

## Western Crop Growth Vigorous.

Winnipeg, May 28.—Rains have apparently ceased for the time, and the weather is now clear and warmer. There is little now in the crop situation, excepting that the growth continues vigorous and everyone appears to be satisfied.

## This is the Way to Keep Well without Cascarets

Live outdoors, and let your work be exercise. Else walk ten miles a day. Eat little meat, no white bread, no rich pastries. Eat many green vegetables, plenty of fruit, and bread made of whole wheat. Do that, and you'll have little need of a laxative while you keep young. But when you grow old, and the bowels become less active, you will need this help anyway.

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SHAW-WORKMAN CASE. Making Trouble Again in Conference at Quebec.

Quebec, May 28.—The Methodist conference will be convened in this city to-morrow. In the meantime upwards of 130 ministers and 120 lay delegates have arrived. The ministers have already held several meetings behind closed doors, and rumors are current that harmony does not prevail in the body in respect to the Wesleyan College. There are two factions, one of which recognizes the superiority of the Rev. Dr. Shaw, and the other the followers of Rev. Dr. Workman.

It appears that the difficulty is over the appointment of a Chairman and professors in the Wesleyan College, though, legally speaking, the chartered board, appointed by the General Dominion Conference, whose jurisdiction covers the whole of Canada and Newfoundland, alone have the right to settle this question. Of course the quarrel is a dignified one, and the result of a difference of opinion only.

## RECIPROCITY IN DOCTORS.

British Practice Thrown Open to Quebec Medics.

Montreal, May 28.—For some time past negotiations have been on foot between the College of Physicians of the Province of Quebec and the British Medical Council to establish complete reciprocity between the medical circles of Canada and those of Great Britain. While all arrangements have not yet been completed, the British medical authorities evidently look with favor on McGill and Laval degrees, for Dr. J. W. Scane, registrar of the faculty of medicine at McGill, to-day received a cable from Dr. McAlister, president of the British Medical Council, stating that students holding Laval or McGill degrees and a Quebec license, will be permitted to practice in any part of the British Isles.

It is expected that this privilege will soon be extended to other universities, and will involve not only reciprocity between Canada and the Motherland, but also between Canada and all parts of the Empire.

## TEARSE WILL NOT HANG.

Peel County Murderer Insane When He Slew Employer.

Ottawa, May 28.—The death sentence of John Tearse, a young Englishman who murdered his employer, a Peel county farmer named Currie, last winter, has been commuted to life imprisonment. Tearse was to have been hanged early next month. His sentence has been commuted on the ground of insanity.

## FOR A SECOND TIME IN TWO YEARS

the poor-box in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, has been robbed. It is thought some \$12 has been appropriated.