

Blue Ribbon
Ceylon Tea

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

NOT ONE WAS LEFT TO TELL THE TALE

Steamer St. Olaf Wrecked Off Boule Island on Wednesday Night and Twenty-six Lives Were Lost.

Search Party Believes Some of the People Landed on the Island Alive, But Perished From Exposure and Are Buried Under the Snow.

Quebec, Nov. 24.—The S.S. St. Olaf, which has for several years been running regularly between Quebec and the ports on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, was wrecked on Wednesday night of Thursday morning on Boule Island, at the entrance to the harbor of Seven Islands. She left Sheldrake on her way to Quebec in the afternoon of Wednesday, and shortly afterwards a gale of wind set in, accompanied by snow. Her non-arrival at Seven Islands did not create much alarm, as it was supposed that she had not attempted to enter the harbor on account of the weather, and had proceeded for Quebec. The failure to hear any news of her after her departure from Sheldrake caused enquiry to be made along the coast, and the news now received leaves her fate beyond doubt.

Was Well Equipped.

The St. Olaf was a well-equipped steamer of over 800 tons, and was commanded by Capt. P. T. Lemaitre, one of the most experienced sailors on the river and Gulf trade, in which he has been engaged for nearly thirty years, and more than half the time on the route followed by the St. Olaf. He was a married man, his family residing in Montreal, and was very well known to the traveling public and to the business people of the province.

Did They Land Alive?

Everything indicates, and the searching party has every reason to believe, that the passengers and crew landed alive on the island, but subsequently perished from cold and exposure and the bodies now lie under three feet of snow, which fell after the steamer was wrecked.

Part of Lard Found.

What makes this story plausible is the fact of the finding by the searchers of a part of lard some distance from the shore, no doubt carried there by someone from the wrecked steamer. The three lifeboats were found on the shore broken to pieces. Another searching party will start early tomorrow and endeavor to find some trace of the victims. Two mail bags were found today. The report adds that the inhabitants of Seven Islands are terribly agitated over the fearful catastrophe and there is no scarcity of willing hands to join in the search, in fact the party leaving tomorrow say they will follow the beach link by link in the hope of finding some of the bodies.

Boat in Four Pieces.

The wreck of the St. Olaf is most complete. She is broken in four and the beach is strewn with wreckage for a great distance. The people do not understand how such a fine and powerful steamer could be broken to pieces in so short a time.

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TWO SPORTSMEN DROWNED

C. G. Warren, H. Holden and H. B. Barrett Started for Long Point to Shoot.

SKIFFS CAUGHT IN THE STORM.

Barrett saved himself, but Warren and Holden were upset and lost.

Port Dover, Ont., Nov. 24.—Fishing tugs returning from Long Point this evening report that while H. B. Barrett, C. G. Warren and H. Holden were crossing from Port Dover to Long Point for shooting, and when crossing the strait about half a mile from the point, in a very heavy sea, caused by strong easterly gales, that H. Holden and C. G. Warren, who were in one skiff, were upset and drowned, while H. B. Barrett, who was alone in another skiff, but tied heroiely with the waves and reached shore on Long Point safely. The tugmen state that on account of the heavy sea and not having any row boat, it was impossible to reach them or render assistance. As soon as the wind changes and the sea subsides a search party will go out with tugs to find the bodies.

ALL READY TO NEGOTIATE

Foreign Diplomats at Peking Have Reached an Agreement About Peace Treaty

THE TERMS NOT MADE PUBLIC.

American Cavalry Sent Against Some Bandits—Seven Chineses Were Killed.

Peking, Nov. 24.—The diplomatic body held a special meeting this morning and agreed on the terms of a preliminary treaty. Nothing now remains except to secure the approval of the respective Governments before definite negotiations with the Chinese Peace Commissioners can begin.

Modern Arms No Good.

A secret edict from Shantung to the provincial viceroys and governors, orders them to cease the manufacture of modern arms, and to revert to the old type of weapons, because modern arms were used by the bandits against the provincials.

The Drowner Is Ill.

London, Nov. 25.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that the drowner from the ship "Siam" is recovering, but his condition has become considerably worse.

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SEVEN MEN RESCUED FROM THE ANGRY WAVES BY LIFE SAVERS

Schooner Augusta, Disabled, Goes Ashore Near Port Credit—Message in a Bottle—Britannia Crew Had Hard Work Another Vessel in Distress.

In the three gale which blew over Lake Ontario on Saturday night and up till noon yesterday, two cool schooners bound for Port Credit, had a terrible experience, one running aground and the other being compelled to fly a flag of distress. The safety of the latter's crew is still in doubt, while the men who manned the former were taken off and brought safely ashore. The men who bravely risked their lives to rescue the sailors are deserving of the greatest praise for their heroic action. One rescue being made in a storm which threatened to capsize their craft at any moment.

The Augusta's Voyage.

The Augusta left here early last week for Port Credit, with a cargo of wheat for a firm at that port. There she loaded 60 tons of coal for the Conger Coal Company of this city, and started on her journey late on Friday night. She encountered fairly rough water, but, despite this, she was able to reach her destination. The wind was blowing a gale from the southeast, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow, and, in the midst of this the schooner suffered an accident. The vessel was struck by a wave, and the nature of the mishap was such as to render the vessel unmanageable, and the crew had little chance of saving themselves. The schooner made attempts to repair the break, but their efforts in this line were of no avail, and she steadily continued to drift towards the northwest. At 10 o'clock on Saturday night the crew were in desperate straits, the vessel being tossed about by the angry waves, and they expected at any moment that the vessel would go to pieces.

As a last resort, messages were sent to the mainland by means of bottles, the sailors knowing that these would be washed ashore from the direction in which the wind was blowing. The fury of the storm increased rapidly, and the vessel was being washed over by the whitecaps, which rolled mountains high. Suddenly there was a jar, and the boat grounded on a rock bottom.

Farmer Got the Message.

In this condition they remained all night until dawn, when they were seen by several persons on the shore. A farmer, who was taking his cattle to water, found one of the bottles, and on looking out saw the vessel in distress. He opened the bottle and found the message from the distressed schooner. He communicated with the Light House keeper, Mr. Miller, who at once sent word to the deputy harbormaster, Capt. Hall, at Queen's Wharf, this city.

The first attempt at rescuing the crew was made by several persons on the shore. They returned to shore, but not before the vessel had been wrecked. The crew was rescued by the life savers, and the vessel was raised by the tugboat, the Britannia, which was in the neighborhood.

Two Crews Sent Out.

While the vessel was being grounded, Capt. Hall arranged for the rescue of the crew. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon that the tugboat, the Britannia, reached the scene, and was quickly put to work. The crew was rescued, and the vessel was raised by the tugboat, the Britannia, which was in the neighborhood.

Church of Rome in Mexico.

Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal Found Things Terribly Mixed and Unpleasant.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The Archbishop of Montreal reached home today from Mexico, and while he was delighted with the country, says that the church is not in a very satisfactory state. Things are very mixed, and he is disappointed to find that the people are not as well educated as he had expected. He is particularly disappointed to find that the people are not as well educated as he had expected.

Physicians Live at Vatican.

Centra, His Body Served, Never Leaves His Side, Either Day or Night.

Rome, Nov. 24.—In spite of all details, official and otherwise, it is certain today that the life of Leo XIII. hangs literally by a single thread, and that his death may be expected at any moment.

Always fragile in appearance, he has now become so emaciated that he looks a mere specter. He can no longer walk unassisted, but spends the greater part of his day lying on a couch, and is unable to take or retain any solid food. His regular hours of meals have been abandoned, and he is now fed whenever hungry by means of eggs beaten in old marmalade, bisected in dipnet in old port wine, chocolate beaten with eggs, which alone serve to sustain his waning forces.

His medical attendants, Doctors Lepetit and Massoni, have taken up their residence at the Vatican, and take it in turns to remain constantly with the aged Pontiff by night and by day, while his body servant, Centra, never leaves his side, even taking his meals in the private apartments of the Pope. His position is no secure, for he is compelled to give to Leo XIII. almost the same attention that one would give a child.

Leo cannot bear the contact of wool, of silk or of anything but the finest lawn with his emaciated body, and owing to the danger of catching cold when the lawn is disturbed by perspiration, it is necessary that these underclothes be changed several times a day.

Moreover, the Pope, while an inveterate snuff taker, has a horror of the slightest stain of snuff on his snow white cassock, and he perceives a single spot on the white, and insists on donning a new cassock. Centra is a tall, powerful man, clean shaven like an ecclesiastical dignitary, and invariably arrayed in full evening dress, with the exception of a white shirt and a white necktie.

His attention upon his aged master may be gathered from the fact that even during the private audiences which the Holy Father still receives he remains in the room while the visitor is present.

Mrs. Julie Weyman at City Travelers' Concert, Dec. 9th, Massey Hall.

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THE CZAR'S CONDITION IS CAUSING ANXIETY

Imperial Official Circles Are Pessimistic and It is Said the Chances of the Royal Patient's Recovery Are Diminishing.

Brain Fever Is Said to Have Now Been Added to the Complications—Gloomy Report Sent to Berlin From Russian Sources—Relatives Discussing the Succession.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—From three sources of information directly connected with the Imperial family, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press today ascertained that Imperial official circles are becoming extremely pessimistic regarding the condition of Emperor Nicholas, and assert that the Livadia bulletins conceal the gravity of his illness. In spite of the notorious ease with which a rumor can be circulated in the Russian capital, many good judges believe that the chances of the Czar's recovery are diminishing.

Has Brain Fever Now.

One report says the Emperor, in addition to typhoid fever, with petechial complications, has brain fever, the result of a blow he received from a financial policeman during his tour in Japan, and it is even asserted in some quarters that trepanning has become necessary.

State Business Hampered.

Altho the Imperial Ministers have assumed wider powers in administration since the Emperor's illness began, the whole machinery of government is affected by his disability, and many departments are almost at a standstill. Russian laws and customs impose an immense burden of detail work, particularly in the case of signatures, upon the Czar; for example, numerous special provisions, whose payment on each occasion requires the Emperor's name.

Gloomy Report at Berlin.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The following special dispatch, dated St. Petersburg, Nov. 25, 8.40 a.m., has been received here: "It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the condition of Emperor Nicholas is critical. Well-informed people here declare that the disease has made far greater progress than the Czar's physicians have observed."

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