

PROBE INTO ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT OPENS

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NORTH-EAST STATES AGAIN STORM-SWEPT

FURIOUS GALES TIE UP TRAFFIC, HIT SHIPPING

Three Deaths Reported; Outlying Villages Isolated

NEW YORK SUFFERS Train Schedules Disrupted; Many Wireless Calls From Ships Reported

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Northeastern United States, not yet dug out from under the snowbanks left by last week's blizzard, today was swept by another storm of equal fury. Train schedules were disrupted and surface car and motor traffic was all but paralyzed.

One death from exposure was reported in Philadelphia, a track walker was killed in New York, when struck by a snow sweeper on the elevated railway, and Captain Alfred W. Ogle, attached to the marine corps barracks at the Boston Navy Yard, apparently blinded by driving snow, was killed when he stepped in front of a yard engine.

THOUSANDS BATTLE SNOW Driving down on a northeast gale, the blinding wall of falling snow largely nullified the efforts of the thousands of workmen throughout the section to clear streets and highways of the previous fall, which already has cost millions of dollars.

The gale swept out to sea, piling up mountainous waves which hampered shipping along the North Atlantic. Wireless companies report numerous calls from ships, requesting radio compass bearings.

Suburbs and outlying villages were particularly hard hit, many being completely isolated. Transportation lines in many of these places were partially or completely suspended.

52-MILE GALE OF WIND The storm grew to great intensity off Sandy Hook, where the wind reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour, as compared with the 35 miles an hour blow that swept over the city.

No trans-Atlantic liners are due at quarantine this afternoon. The French liner Paris, through the storm to quarantine this morning and will dock this afternoon. The army of 10,000 snow shovellers employed by New York city, concentrated their efforts on the cross streets in the business section. Hundreds of motor plows were operated in the downtown section.

ALL SHIPPING HELD Terrific seas were raging in Long Island Sound and all shipping was held in port.

In western Massachusetts where snow is drifting badly in outlying districts, the mercury was at 14 degrees.

Many thousands of New Yorkers were forced to walk in the middle of the street, thus impeding their lives in the crush of vehicular traffic.

The steamship Leviathan, which has been undergoing overhauling in Boston drydock, was to have sailed today, but she was kept in dock awaiting favorable weather. After vessels due to leave Boston cancelled or deferred their sailings.

CANADA'S 'MORGAN' Beaverbrook Calls Sir Herbert Holt "Business Brain of Canada"

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Lord Beaverbrook, in the Daily Express this morning, publishes an eulogy of Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank, whom he describes as "the business brain of Canada."

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Londonderry Not Coming To Canada

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LAUNCHING HER GREAT PEACE OFFENSIVE

ROME, Feb. 10.—Replying in the Italian Senate today to yesterday's address by Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany, Premier Mussolini said: "I confirm the letter and spirit of my previous speech, not excluding the accent upon my phrase referring to the possibility of the Italian flag going beyond the Brennero Frontier, which Stresemann can interpret as he chooses."

GENEVA, Feb. 10.—Germany has extended possible to secure advancement

Gloucester Schooner Driven Ashore In Blizzard; Three of Crew Drowned

Bruce Protests Scurrilous Attacks On Canadian Policies By Section of British Press

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Robert Bruce is sailing on Friday for Canada to assume the Lieutenant-Governorship of British Columbia. Speaking at the meeting of the British Empire League yesterday in replying to the toast to his health, proposed by General Seely and Lord Clarendon, he emphasized the wonderful possibilities which the province of British Columbia offered, and strongly resented the scurrilous and malicious criticism of Canada which had recently appeared in the British press, more especially with regard to Grand Trunk debentures and the new immigration arrangements. He said that the newspapers of Canada were on a higher plane than those of Britain, and declared that while Canada was not too proud to fight she was too proud to reply to such attacks.

BRITAIN TO OPEN FARM INSTITUTES

Minister Announces Government's Agricultural Policy; Grant For Research Work

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Minister of Agriculture Guinness has made public further particulars regarding the British government's agricultural policy. The most important item of the program as announced is an additional grant of about \$2,000,000 for agricultural education and research during the coming five years of which amount it proposed to spend about \$200,000 on foot and mouth disease research and \$600,000 on veterinary education and research. A new bureau is to be established by the ministry of agriculture to deal with marketing and co-operation. A marketing commission and assistants will be appointed. It is also proposed to establish new farm institutes for research work.

NEW TYPE OF RAYS

Fills Gap Between Ultra Violet and X-Rays, Welsh Professor Says

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The discovery of a new type of rays, supposed to lie between the ultra violet and X-rays, is announced by C. E. Wynn Williams, of the University of Wales at Bangor. It is said the new rays penetrate the air for several inches, but are stopped by all solids, even the gold leaf, while X-rays can penetrate a half inch of lead and the recently discovered millikan rays pass through six feet of lead.

FIGHTING RABIES

Ottawa Board of Control Votes \$500 To Curb Epidemic

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—The board of control has voted an appropriation of five hundred dollars to the police commission to be used by the police force in its attempts to prevent an outbreak of rabies in the city.

BEARS SWITZERLAND

Soviet Insists on League Disarmament Conference Being Held Elsewhere

MOSCOW, Feb. 10.—The Russian Government continues to insist as a condition to its participation in the League of Nations preparatory disarmament conference that the conference shall not be held in Switzerland.

DISCUSS WITNESSES

There was some discussion as to which witnesses should be called first—Colonel Starnes, commissioner of the mounted police, or the officials of the customs department. Mr. Bennett urged that Colonel Starnes be the first witness. Mr. Elliott thought that to understand the progress of the investigation the working of the department of customs should be known to the committee.

NO PROBE ASKED

The mounted police had not been asked to make any investigation at Rock Island. The commissioner said that there were no mounted police at border points in Quebec. There were police at border points in Ontario and in the west.

ASKS FOR PROSECUTIONS

Mr. Bennett asked if the commissioner could produce a list of the prosecutions asked for by the customs department in the past three years in respect to (A) smuggling and (B) excise.

Col. Starnes agreed to this. "Have you a general order not to proceed without specific instructions from a department?" asked Mr. Stevens.

COL. G. STARNES IS CALLED AS FIRST WITNESS

Commissioner of R. C. M. P. Questioned Regarding Smuggling

MANY OBJECTIONS

Much Preliminary Arguing Marks First Sitting of Special Committee

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—At the outset of today's sitting of the committee of the House of Commons which is investigating administration of the Customs Department, Hon. H. H. Stevens objected to Hon. T. H. Bolvin, Minister of Customs, sitting on the committee. Mr. Bolvin is not one of the nine members appointed by the House to constitute the committee. He has so far taken an active part and has from time to time spoken for the government.

WITNESSES WHO ARE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS could only come into the witness box in a "semi-intimidated manner," said Mr. Stevens, if they were confronted with the minister of customs sitting at the committee bench and taking an active part. The committee did not recognize the right of the government to put one of its ministers actively into the investigation.

STEVENS PROTESTS

Mr. Stevens' protest came when Mr. Bolvin objected to the former's motion that one thousand instead of five hundred copies of the minutes be printed from day to day. Mr. Bolvin said it would be necessary to furnish names and individuals that their cost accounts and details of their business be circulated to the public.

TO PRINT MINUTES

After some further discussion the motion for the printing of 1,000 copies daily was carried without division.

Mr. Stevens then moved that R. P. Sparks, chairman of the Commercial Protective Association, be heard once, on a single matter. Objection was made and it was proposed that the Commercial Protective Association be represented before the committee by counsel and that counsel be paid for by the government.

COMMISSION HEARS 29 Russ Officials Jailed For Thefts

LENNINGRAD, Russia, Feb. 10.—Twenty-nine officials of the state trust for massed production of merchandise was convicted yesterday of embezzlement of government funds and other offenses.

FORM PARTNERSHIP

W. G. White and G. A. Rogers Organize Gloucester Lumber Company

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 10.—William G. White and George A. Rogers of Bathurst have formed a partnership under the name of the Gloucester Lumber and Trading Company, which will carry on a general business in milling, lumber, mercantile and other activities.

MINERS' GRIEVANCES

The statement of grievances also dealt with the necessity of establishing a minimum wage scale as vital to the interests of the miners.

MONTRONAL GOES AGROUND; SAFE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's liner Montronal went aground this morning while entering the harbor of Cartagena, Colombia, but was floated two hours later.

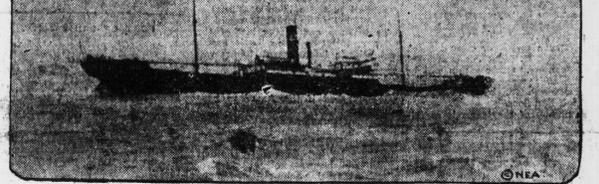
BACKS CHICAGO "STEAL"

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Governor Len Small last night sent a telegram to President Coolidge declaring that the power development of inland waterways requires the continued diversion of water from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River system.

An Epic of The Sea Told In Pictures



VICTORY! Twenty-seven imperiled sailors of the sinking Dutch freighter Alkaid climb to safety aboard the rescue ship Westphalia.



GOING! As the Westphalia's lifeboat fights its way back through turbulent waters, the Alkaid wallows helplessly, ready for its last plunge.



GONE! Davy Jones' locker claims the hapless vessel from which more than a score men have just been saved.

MADE aboard the rescue ship Westphalia of the Hamburg-American line, the photographs tell the story of the heroic saving of 27 men from the disabled Dutch freighter Alkaid, the Westphalia, the Alkaid crew saw their ship drive to its last home.

GALE AND SNOW BLOCK AID BY RESCUE PARTY

"Ralph Brown" Meets With Disaster On Brier Neck

CAPTAIN SAVED

Huge Seas Sweep Over Ill-Fated Vessel On An Exposed Shore

Canadian Press. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 10.—At least three members of the crew of the fishing schooner Ralph Brown lost their lives when the vessel was driven ashore on Brier Neck in a blizzard early today. The known dead are Joseph Lopes, Manuel Jeneiro and John Braga, all Gloucester fishermen.

Deep snow made roads impassable and prevented aid reaching the scene of the wreck.

Telephone reports from the home of Henry Spates on Brier Neck, where several of the shipwrecked fishermen sought refuge, said that Captain Alvaro Quadros, was safe and that a number of his 21 men were sheltered in summer cottages along the shore.

SWEPT OVERBOARD

Lopes was seen clinging to the main boom of the schooner, after some of his mates had reached there over the fore gaff. He was swept overboard when a huge wave raked the deck, and nothing more was seen of him. Several survivors said that Jeneiro and Braga washed overboard.

Fifteen men started overland through deep drifts of snow from coast guard base No. 7, not far from the scene of the wreck. A tractor from Gloucester succeeded in reaching the Spates home, the only occupied house on the neck, but the roads drifted in again as soon as the tractor passed.

HEADING BACK TO PORT

The schooner left Boston yesterday after landing a load of fish at the fish pier, and ran out for Cape Cod, returning to the fishing grounds. Off Highlands thick weather was encountered and the vessel headed back to port. Between four and five o'clock this morning, she landed on Brier Neck.

SNOW HAMPER POLICE

A police automobile which started from this city for Brier Neck, which is 2 1/2 miles distant in the direction of Rockport, was forced to turn back because of snowdrifts on the road. Later another car started, carrying ropes and other salvage material.

The schooner was in a perilous position on an exposed shore in the teeth of a northeast gale. Mountainous seas were sweeping over her and fishermen said she could not last many hours.

SCHOONER SAVED

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 10.—A disabled schooner of unknown identity was snatched from the breakers on the west coast of Vancouver Island by

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS — The depression which was over Ohio yesterday has developed into a severe storm, now centered near Nantucket. Pressure is quite high north of the Great Lakes and low to the westward. Weather continues cold from Ontario eastward and mild throughout the west.

FORECASTS: Gales and Very Cold. MARITIME—Winds increasing to gales from northeast with snow. Thursday, northerly gales and decidedly cold.

NEW ENGLAND — Generally fair and somewhat colder tonight. Thursday fair, continued cold, north and northwest gales diminishing tonight.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, Feb. 10, 1926. Lowest 8 a. m. Yesterday 44 Victoria ... 46 54 Calgary ... 42 55 Edmonton ... 30 46 80 Winnipeg ... 6 16 \*6 Toronto ... 18 10 18 Ottawa ... 14 \*4 Montreal ... 2 10 — Saint John ... 2 20 — New York ... 18 30 18 \*Below zero.