

WINTER'S BIZZARD DESTROYS THE RAILWAYS DRAGS THE ISLAND

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STREET CAR SERVICE WAS ALSO IN TROUBLE

SUNDAY WEATHER.

Light local snowfalls; stationary or little lower temperature.

The violent storm of Saturday resulted in serious damage to the eastern shore of the island, about half the piling between Clandeboy-avenue and Hooper-avenue being washed away, and it is feared that the invasion of the waves will cause the disappearance of a broad stretch of beach.

The piling was constructed about two years ago by the Dominion Government under the superintendence of Engineer Sims. The cost was about \$10,000. The distance between Clandeboy-avenue and Hooper-avenue is about 200 feet. The line of cottages is about 120 feet removed from the piling, and hence they are pretty well out of danger.

The street railway service was obstructed; the radials were in bad shape and even the railroads got tied up, the train schedules being seriously broken.

Snow incessant all day. It was variable Kris Kringle weather, with driving snow from early morning till darkness set in, with flakes still waxing down as the supply were inexhaustible.

There were few who sallied out into the streets more than was strictly necessary, and the man who has acquired the habit of saving his nickels was glad to board the first car that came along that would convey him to and fro the street railway and the radial lines were bothered by the street cars.

The most difficulty was met with in keeping the East Queen-street, Avenue-road and Bloor and McCaul lines trouble was not so much the violence of the storm as the fact that the snow and mud caked on the rails. The service was irregular, there being frequently 10 to 15 minutes intervals between cars.

While it was asserted that no blockade existed on any of the radial lines, it was admitted that officials that were materially affected. The lines on the Scarborough and Mimico lines were kept open with considerable trouble, and it was stated that should the storm continue to-day's traffic might be tied up.

Came From the Mississippi. It was explained at the Observatory that the storm, which was general throughout Ontario, was common also to Michigan, Illinois and Ohio, having started from the Mississippi Valley. There were heavy gales over the great lakes on Saturday.

GREAT TERRORIST ROBBERY. Thirteen Participants Executed and Eighty Others to Be Tried.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The authorities have just completed their investigation of the daring terrorist robbery of Oct. 27, 1906, and in addition to the 13 men who already have been executed in connection with this outrage, 80 others are to be tried for complicity. One of the indicted men, who is known to have organized several subsequent robberies, was arrested on the Nevsky Prospect yesterday after desperate resistance. He had on him at the time two revolvers and a bomb, and was planning another outrage.

The robbery of Oct. 27 was most daring. At about noon of that day a band of 35 revolutionists, armed with bombs and revolvers, attacked a cashier of the custom house, who was proceeding in a carriage from the sub-treasury with a sum variously given as \$120,000 and \$200,000. They wrecked the vehicle, and the bomb and made their escape with \$120,000.

Money shipments from the postoffice are now escorted through the streets by a formidable convoy of 30 Cossacks, who ride with half-drawn sabres and carbines ready for instant action; an equal number of policemen on bicycles, and a detachment of detectives in caps. Traffic is interrupted every day at noon while this cavalcade passes.

NO SEAT, NO FARE. Herbert C. Jones, 42 D'Arcy-street, who refused to pay his fare on Bloor and McCaul, because it was crowded and he couldn't get a seat, was summoned by the Toronto Railway company to appear before the police magistrate on Dec. 15.

BORDEN COMING. OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special)—R. L. Borden, M.P., will leave on Wednesday to take a hand in the Centre York by-election campaign.

GHOST SWARNING PREVEES A MURDER

Farmer Says Apparition of Dead Wife Bade Him Remain Away From Danger At Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The World says that a whispered warning in the dark by the ghost of his dead wife saved him yesterday from death by assassination in the hall of Charles Henry Durand, a farmer living in the hills near Caldwell, N.J. His strange story is being used as a clue by the authorities. Durand says that late Monday night, as he was driving home from Paterson, his horse stopped in the road and began to tremble. In vain he urged the animal to proceed. It would not budge.

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Battered to Pieces by Heavy Seas—Boats Had Been Lost During Stormy Voyage Across.

HUGHTOWN, Solly Islands, Dec. 14.—The American seven-masted schooner, Thomas W. Lawson, was wrecked in Broad Sound, Solly Islands, during a fierce gale last night, and so far as known all of her crew, excepting two men were lost.

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Thomas W. Lawson, the financier, was a part owner in the schooner. It is a peculiar coincidence that the big seven-masted schooner went to her end last night—Friday, the 13th—inasmuch as that is the title of a book written by Mr. Lawson.

The schooner was 484 tons net register, 525 feet over all, 50 feet beam and 23 feet draught. She was valued at \$300,000.

GUNBOAT SINKS EIGHT DROWN

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The fierce gales which have raged on the coasts of the United Kingdom for the past few days show little signs of abating, and the heavy rains have flooded almost all the interior.

Communication generally is much hampered. The harbors and bays are crowded with vessels that have run in shelter. There have been many small wrecks, but outside the loss of the American schooner, the Thomas W. Lawson, the fatalities thus far reported are not numerous. The most serious wreck happened near Sheerness this morning. The cutter ketch Speedwell was struck by heavy seas and went down. There were 13 men on board at the time and only five of them were rescued.

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BANDITS WRECK A TRAIN BUT THE ROBBERY FAILED

Sensational Incident Near Baku, Russia—Bombs and Rifles Used.

TIFLIS, Transcaucasia, Dec. 14.—A band of 60 robbers attacked and derailed the main train running between Tiflis and Baku last night, near the station of Salskhu. The train was carrying a large sum of money. The train guard was repulsed after a fight, in which many passengers and soldiers were wounded. The bandits finally retreated, leaving four dead behind them.

Thirty yards of track on a down-grade had been torn up, and the train, running at full speed, plunged its way over the ties. Both locomotives and most of the cars were wrecked. The train guard, who was in hiding near by, immediately came out and advanced on the train guards and passengers. They threw eight bombs and opened a heavy fire on the confused travelers. The train guard returned to the station of Salskhu, and the train was abandoned in the confusion. They held their ground until the robbers were driven off, carrying their wounded. Troops are in pursuit of the robbers.

HAMILTON SNOWBOUND. Several Feet of the Beautiful in Some of the Banks.

HAMILTON, Dec. 14.—(Special).—The snow storm put a bad crimp in business to-day. Shortly after noon the street railway system was tied up and not a wheel turned on the suburban lines. The snow came down in moist clouds. The farmers came to market this morning in wagons and by the time they were ready to return home there was a foot of wet snow which in places drifted into banks several feet deep, making travel almost impossible. One street car jumped the track, almost running into a house near the corner of Bay and King-streets.

William Barrett, the Socialist, who was thinking of opposing Mayor Stewart, has decided to enter the aldermanic race instead.

Won His Case. Some years ago in a country district in Maryland a case was tried in which the evidence of the plaintiff failed to establish his claim. After his attorney had argued the case, the judge said: "I am the kind of a man to kick up a rumpus and sue a fellow unless he has done something wrong."

It took just five minutes for the jurist to decide for the plaintiff.

Helen Strode, the 4-year-old girl of Maple, Ont., who was terribly burned two weeks ago, died at the Western Hospital during Friday night.

While walking down West Market-street, James Skinner, who rongs at No. 1 Church-street, slipped on the sidewalk and broke his ankle.

DEATHS. FARR—On Dec. 14th, 1907, at her late residence, 26 Crawford-street, Mary Ann Platon Farr, daughter of the late John and Mary Farr, in her 86th year.

General J. W. Curry, who will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16th, kindly omit flowers.

HAYNES—At her late residence, 265 Shaw street, Saturday morning, Dec. 14, 1907, Mary A. Minnie Haynes, dearly beloved wife of William G. Haynes. Funeral notice later.

Judge Winchester has deferred sentence on Jos. Gurdsky until March.

Big Barge Edmund Phinney Runs Ashore Off New Jersey Coast—Crew All Saved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The barque Edmund Phinney was driven ashore on the east side of Sandy Hook in a heavy snowstorm at 10 a.m. to-day. The Sandy Hook lifesaving crew went to the assistance of her crew. The Phinney was bound from Jacksonville for Perth Amboy.

The lifesavers made several unsuccessful attempts to shoot the lifeline to the barque, but owing to the gale the gun would not throw the line so far as the wrecked vessel. Two tried to reach the barque, but failed, and the lifesavers then tried to reach the vessel in their power lifeboats. A terrific sea is running and the snowstorm is blinding.

The crew of the Phinney, which appears to be composed of about a dozen men, took refuge in the rigging and watched anxiously the work of the lifesavers. The Phinney was 66 tons net and was built in Deering, Me. She was loaded with lumber and railroad ties. Both vessel and cargo are insured.

The hopelessness of the attempt to save the men by shooting a line aboard compelled the lifesavers to resort to the new power lifeboats, equipped with a 30-horsepower gasoline engine, by which it is possible to drive the boat against the heavy wind and sea.

A wrecking tug took the lifeboat in tow and headed towards the wreck, but was compelled by the heavy seas to return to the shelter of the Hook. The wind was then blowing 80 miles an hour and the snow had turned to rain.

A Second Wreck. The foremast of the Phinney has been carried away. A number of men were seen in a group on the deck of the vessel. The lifesavers are again endeavoring to get a line to the barque.

Another three-masted vessel has gone ashore on the coast near Sandy Hook. So long as her anchor holds in the department of the example she should be encouraged, but I am convinced that the play is not worth the four points given now, and I believe that just as many players will develop skill along that line with three points as a reward.

The year has been one of unrelenting every line of athletic endeavor, and in every line I have suffered perhaps more than any other line of sport. The O.R.F.U. has seen a storm centre this season, and I know we all sincerely regret its many unpleasant developments of the year. Fortunately the sport itself has not suffered, and next year I am in hopes of seeing the whole controversy settled and the various unions intermeshed brought together on some common ground. Serious differences exist, but I am confident that they can be amicably adjusted, and I trust when the time comes that the O.R.F.U. will stand ready, as we always have done in the past, to put every effort to bring about a better understanding among the Rugby bodies for the good of the sport.

Amendments Adopted. The amendment to reduce the drop kick from 4 to 3 points was adopted. Where the semi-final or final games are played, the visiting club or clubs will henceforth be allowed 50 per cent for 16 players before the gate is divided.

President Slee, Vice-president Snowden and Secretary Hay were appointed delegates to the C.R.F.U. The winners last season were: Peterborough senior, Tammany Tigers; intermediate and Parkdale Canoe Club junior. Secretary Hay, in the course of his remarks, stated that the Junior champions were the best junior team in years. The cup will be awarded to the intermediate and junior champions, but on motion Mr. Merrick the senior cup will remain in the possession of the union, owing to Peterborough having played against Montreal for the Canadian championship.

The Officers. The following are the officers for the coming year: President—W. J. Slee (acclamation). Vice-President—M. Snowden (acclamation). Secretary—Treasurer—J. B. Hay (acclamation). Senior Representative—M. M. Robinson (acclamation). Intermediate Representative—W. J. Merrick (acclamation). Junior Representatives—Percy Scott, Parkdale, and Russell Britton, Ganaroque.

The only election for office was the senior representative, J. J. Greenan, St. Michael's College, being the defeated candidate.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Scores of Games Played in English and Southern League—Standing.

—English League—LONDON, Dec. 14.—Bristol City 2, Blackburn-Rovers 2. Newcastle United 5, Liverpool 1. Notts County 1, Manchester United 1. Sheffield Wednesday 5, Bolton Wanderers 2.

—Southern League—Brighton and Hove 1, Brentford 0. Crystal Palace 3, Leyton 0. Tottenham Hotspur 3, Watford 0. Queen's Park Rangers 3, Norwich City 1. West Ham United 1, Northampton 1. Plymouth Argyle 2, Southampton 0. Plymouth Park 0, New Brighton 0. Portsmouth 2, Millwall 0.

OCEAN LINERS DELAYED. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Unusually heavy weather in mid-Atlantic, particularly between the Newfoundland Banks and the English coast, has materially delayed all incoming steamers this week.

EMMERSON FOR I.C.R. AS GENERAL MANAGER

That's the Latest Rumor Mixed Up With New Brunswick Political Gossip.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—(Special).—A special from St. John, N.B., says: The latest political rumor excites much interest in this city. It is to the effect that Hon. H. R. Emmerson will be made general manager of the Intercolonial, to succeed D. Pottinger; that Premier Robinson will run for the vacant seat in Westmoreland, and Hon. H. A. McKeown will be made premier of New Brunswick. Those on the inside decline to talk on the question.

The provincial government convention of St. John County has renominated Messrs. McKeown and Lowell. This does not please many members of the party in St. John City, as they wanted Mr. McKeown to run for the city and help them out in their difficult task of