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THE SEAMEN REMAIN TO FIGHT THE FLAMES OF STEAMER ONTARIO

Passengers Safely Landed When Fire is Discovered in Cargo.

SMALL CHANCE TO SAVE THE SHIP

Contents of Hold Being Jet-tisoned to Barge—Panic Among Italians When Blaze Breaks Out—All in Boston.

Montauk Point, N. Y., April 8.—The fate of the steamer Ontario, of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, which was beached here on fire early this morning, remains in doubt tonight. While her passengers safely gotten off, the steamer's crew of 50 men, stuck to the ship and all a late hour were still on board. Fighting the flames in the hold, the fire, which had raged all day, appeared, however, to be slowly getting the better of the men and from the shore tonight flames could be seen bursting occasionally through the forward deck.

The announced plan was for the cutters Mohawk and Seneca to go alongside where the fire was burning and pump water on it. The fire, however, was so intense that the water could not be pumped on it. The fire broke out about 1.30 o'clock when the steamer was about 10 miles off Shinnecock. The life saving crew got a breeching buoy over the Ontario, by which the captain sent a message ashore saying that he and the crew proposed to stick to the ship as long as the fire was kept under control. No one came ashore from the steamer with the exception of a member of the crew who responded to a message sent out by the life saver to know if there was a doctor aboard. In addition to the life saving apparatus David Miller, a life saver was seriously hurt and an officer who had had hospital experience in the army was sent ashore to give first aid to the injured man.

Besides the revenue cutters, a life saving power boat from the R. I. was alongside the Ontario tonight. A strong northwest wind was blowing, but as this was offshore, the sea was comparatively smooth. A group of tired, hungry passengers of the Merchants and Miners steamer Ontario, which was driven ashore by a fire, arrived in this city late this afternoon from New London, Conn., where they were landed by a tug from the burning steamer earlier in the afternoon. Most of them were without baggage. Some had dressed so hurriedly in sufficient clothing.

When the Ontario was run ashore she carried 32 passengers, 25 of whom were in the cabin and ten in the steerage. With the exception of the Messrs. Neill, Sheehan, and Katharine E. Schwartz, of Washington, D. C., all were brought to Boston, Miss Sheehan and Miss Schwartz went to Washington. Despite their trying experience and the hardships they had endured, the passengers took the situation philosophically. "It was an unavoidable misfortune," said one, "while others declared they believed no one was to blame. There was no panic, except among the steerage passengers, who not understanding English, could not be calmed and directed. They were forced by the crew into the saloon. Some of them insisted on running on deck and a few tried to climb the masts, thinking the ship was going to sink. "The women," said H. W. Sanborn, of Dover, N. H., "behaved better than the men, in my opinion, and they are deserving of much praise. Of course we all got a little excited, but who would not? I was sleeping in the stateroom next to that of the wireless operator, Herbert Ingalls, of Lynn, Mass., and right on the other side the fire was raging. About two o'clock this morning I awoke and looked out at the weather and saw people running out on deck crying 'the ship is sinking.' I thought it was a fire drill, as I had seen something similar on a ship at Norfolk, but the next minute

LARGE TRACTS ARE FLOODED

But Prevailing Cold Weather Checks Further Rising of Water — Railway Lines Flooded.

Montreal, April 8.—Cold weather has prevented further rising of the waters in the Parthenon and Chateaugay districts where floods have seriously disturbed railway traffic, but has not done much to alleviate the situation. The tracks in several places are now covered with several inches of ice. The bridge over the Yamaska river near Parthenon which was damaged by ice today has been repaired and trains will run across it tomorrow. The New York Central tracks near Chateaugay were covered today by six inches of water for a distance of 500 yards and the trains were considerably delayed being switched to leave for the Eastern Townships are also reported and travelers were forced to leave their trains and walk through fields around the flooded districts for several hundred yards, boarding trains which waited them at the further side of the flooded area. Dynamiting is being resorted to to remove the ice jam on the Ottawa. The floods have done little damage so far except to tracks of the railroads and there are no serious floods in any of the towns of this district.

FIRST MORNING SESSION TODAY

Sufficient Number of Members in Capital to Permit of Business of House Being Resumed.

Fredericton, April 8.—Premier Fleming and members of the government, as well as a number of members of the legislature arrived in the city this evening to resume business after the Easter recess. While indications do not point to a large attendance tomorrow there are already more than enough members here to make up a quorum and the premier will be able to carry out his programme of having a morning sitting tomorrow, the first of the session. The House will likely be in committee of the whole during almost the entire morning and in the afternoon committees will probably be in session as the assembly chamber will be turned over to the decorators at 1 p. m. to prepare for the ball to be given in the evening, the first given by Lt. Governor Wood during his term of office. This evening the government is holding a session, which promises to be a long one, as the premier has a routine business on schedule while the legislative programme for the balance of the session is also to be considered.

the smoke enveloped us and I realized it was not a joke. If there are any heroes on that boat they are Ingalls, the plucky little wireless operator, and Chief Engineer T. F. Disney, of Baltimore. Both of them stuck to their posts until their duty was done and they were mostly responsible for our safety. "One of the busiest men on the boat was Purser James, who was one of the first to be awakened. "The fire was discovered," he said, "by a seaman, who notified first officer, Harding, a Cape Cod man, in charge of the first watch. Louis, the first quartermaster, was at the wheel at the time. This was about 1.40 a. m. I think the fire must have been going for some time for there was a good lively blaze and plenty of smoke. I ran around the ship, knocking at stateroom doors and waking people up until I thought that everybody was awake. Then I ran into Operator Ingalls' room and we both sent messages to our mothers. He was sitting at his instrument with a raiucot buttoned up over his pyjamas, as he had tumbled out of bed on the first call. "Then I went outside and with Jas. Lynch, a waiter from East Boston, tried to calm the Italians, who were bordering on the hysterical. We had a hard time getting them into the saloon out of the way half coasting and half forcing them along. "That the fire started before the ship left Baltimore was the opinion expressed by D. C. Cannon, one of the passengers. Cannon is a southerner and claims he knows cotton, "as well as anyone on the boat." He says that the fire must have smoldered a long time before it broke out at 1.40. Cannon declares that he saw stowaways, who were stowing the cotton smoking, and it is his theory that a smoldering match or cigarette started a blaze before the steamer left port.

TURBULENCE ON STRIKERS

Riots in Haguam Lumber Mills Occasion Use of Water to Suppress Disorder — Women get Wet.

Houquiam, Wash., April 8.—The strike of 1,500 mill workers on Gray's Harbor, which the mill owners hoped would collapse upon the offer of an increase of wages to \$2.25 a day, became more serious, when an effort was made to resume work today. The men demand \$2.50. In Aberdeen the Wilson mill and in Aberdeen the Aberdeen Lumber and Shingle Company were added to the plants operating. A fight between strikers and strikebreakers occurred at the Houquiam Lumber Company's mill, the strikers throwing hundreds of stones into the mill yard. In the mill yard women and children, as well as men were drenched. In Aberdeen the Wilson mill is running full handed, but all the other Houquiam and Aberdeen plants in operation are short handed. The strikers have established headquarters here for the whole district. They appealed for aid to Governor Hay at Olympia, who says he is unable to take action. The trial of Dr. Hermann F. Titus, of Seattle, charged with inciting to riot, was begun here today.

SEEDING IS WELL UNDER WAY NOW IN WESTERN CANADA

Fall Ploughing was Not Extensive but Considerable New Ground was Broken—Large Crop Expected.

Winnipeg, April 8.—Reports wired from every section of the prairie provinces show that the work of preparing land and sowing grain has been started in many districts. This work is general by the middle of the week. While the amount of fall ploughing done was much below the average, the amount of breaking done last year was very large. There will therefore, be no decrease in the area sown to wheat this year as compared with that of last year. The acreage under oats, barley and flax will probably be much larger.

THINKS CANADA WANTS AMERICAN FLOUR MARKETS

U. S. Official Believes Free Sugar Bill Would Hurt Canadian Trade Agreement.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, testifying before the senate finance committee today, said the free sugar bill would mean the abrogation of the agreement between the United States and Cuba which gives the United States an advantage of a 20 per cent preferential duty in Cuban sugar exports, that it would seriously affect the Cuban market to which the United States now exports \$5,000,000 of products annually, American flour being the principal item affected.

He referred to the pending negotiations in Ottawa through which Canada expects to expand its trade with the West Indies to the detriment of the large market for American flour.

WOULD KILL BOY IF HE TESTIFIED FOR GOVERNMENT

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Two interlopers, Giovanni Gaggero and Andrea Schellina, who were charged with bringing 37 aliens into this country on the steamer Grella, last week in violation of the immigration laws, were discharged today by U. S. Commissioner Hayes because of lack of evidence. None of the stowaways found on the steamer which plies between Naples and this port, would testify for the government. One of the aliens, a youth of 16 years, said: "If I opened my mouth I would be killed on the spot." The stowaways are to be deported.

ORANGE MEN TURN OUT TO DEMONSTRATE

No Disorder But Police and Soldiery Held in Readiness for Possible Disturbances—Biggest Ever.

Andrew Bonar Law Draws Big Turnout of Ulster Protestants.

Belfast, April 8.—The reply of Protestant Ulster to Winston Churchill and the government programme for the Orange which began here today and which will be continued tomorrow. The chief speaker was Andrew Bonar Law who has succeeded to the leadership of the Conservative party so long held by former Premier Balfour. He came here direct from London and was greeted at the railway station by one of the largest turnouts of Orangemen in the history of the city. Great preparations had been made by the Orange faction for these meetings, which were expected to eclipse in both numbers and enthusiasm the famous meeting here at which Mr. Churchill outlined the government's home rule bill, which he intends to put through parliament. No disorder was feared, although the local police had been materially reinforced by any number of Royal Irish Constabulary and heavy guards had been placed in the nationalist section of the city to protect property. Everything in the nationalist section of the city had been warned all their followers to refrain from interfering with the programme of the Orangemen. The nationalist leaders had warned all their followers to refrain from interfering with the programme of the Orangemen. The nationalist leaders had warned all their followers to refrain from interfering with the programme of the Orangemen.

REPAIR WORK IS STOPPED IN THE SHUYKILL MINES

Orders Issued Suspending All Work Except that of Maintenance Pending Result of Conference.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 8.—Orders were issued today by the union district headquarters at Shamokin, calling off all repair work in the Schuylkill mines. The date set for the conference at Philadelphia. There will be no interference with the pump men and workmen necessary after the result of the conference becomes known, when, it is said, it is intended to suspend everything in the mine. The union heads claim that some companies were taking advantage of the permission given union men to do repair work to prosecute new work which led to the order being issued.

FIFTEEN TON ROCK FALLS INTO CHURCH AND KILLS PRIEST

Paris, April 8.—The village of Cabanes, in the Argeges, situated on one of the rocky buttresses of the Pyrenees, was the scene of a terrible tragedy the other day. Early in the morning the great rock which stood sentrylike above the village, tore itself away from the hillside and rolled and thundered down the hill. Its path took it straight to the little village church, where these ten or fifteen tons of rugged granite were not to be held back by moldering walls of fifteenth century masonry. It tore its way through as though the walls were so much paper, and moved its way across the choir like a cannon shot. Then it passed innately in front of the high altar, where the priest, the Abbe Pellegrin, was saying mass.

As he was raising the Host the cyclopian boulder tore him from the altar, and he was hurled to the center. The priest's body, a crushed and disfigured, was picked up several paces away a moment later. The acolyte's right leg was broken by the shock.

Where the rock formerly stood a spring of hot sulphur water has appeared. It is thought that the rock was detached by the vapors of this water.

ROOSEVELT PUTTING STRENUOUS FIGHT

Primaries Today Will Have Important Bearing On Election.

HAT IN THE RING

Scatters Indiscriminate Challenges Broadcast and Handles Opponents Without Gloves—Opposed to Taft on Reciprocity Question.

Lafayette, Ind., April 8.—All day long Col. Roosevelt fought as hard as he could for victory in tomorrow's presidential primary in elections. In his opinion, as he expressed it today, the result of the fight will be of first importance in determining the outcome of the whole campaign. When it was all over and the Colonel was ready to board his train to pass out of the state he said: "My hat is in the ring, and it is going to stay in the ring."

ENTERTAINS AT DOUBLE DINNER

Governor Wood Entertains at Double Dinner. Twenty-nine Present at Enjoyable Function — Ball This Evening Promises to be Pleasant Affair.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 8.—Lt. Governor Wood and his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Black, are entertaining at a double dinner at the Barker House. Covers were laid for 29 and the guests were paired as follows: Lt. Gov. Wood and Mrs. Black, Rev. Dean Schofield and Mrs. Black, Major Black and Mrs. Crockett, O. S. Crockett, M.P., and Mrs. Schofield, R. P. Randolph and Mrs. Gregory, H. M. Wood and Mrs. Prescott, W. J. Osborne and Mrs. McLaughlin, R. Tries and Miss Fawcett, H. Baird and Mrs. Hanson, A. J. Gregory and Mrs. Wood, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin and Mrs. Vanuair, R. B. Hanson and Mrs. Osborne, Mr. Prescott, M.P.P. and Mrs. Randolph, P. Baird and Miss Edgecombe, and R. S. Barker, P.S.

Tomorrow evening's ball promises to be the most brilliant function of the social season. Already out of town guests are commencing to arrive in the city and arrangements have been made for catering for 500 people. O'Brien's orchestra will furnish a musical programme and elaborate preparations are being made for the affair. On Friday evening his honor will hold an at home at the Barker House.

CHURCHES IN SAINT STEPHENS ELECTED OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Special to The Standard. St. Stephens, April 8.—The English churches of this town held their annual meetings last evening when the officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Christ church, wardens, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer and S. A. McBride; vestrymen, S. J. Toppling, John Black, G. Ward, E. Williams, E. W. Ward, G. S. Toppling, H. C. Maxwell, H. P. Webber, C. F. Todd; representatives to the synod, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, and H. C. Todd; substitutes, H. C. Maxwell and G. S. Toppling. Trinity church—Wardens, S. E.

TO ARRANGE TRANSFER OF THE SUBSIDY

Distribution of Half a Million Among Provinces Being Planned.

C. C. James Will Tour Dominion Before Drawing Up Plan to be Applied After This Year.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 8.—Honorable Martin Burrell, who left for the west to attend the banquet to Premier Roblin at Winnipeg, will upon his return to Ottawa arrange for the transfer of the half million subsidy appropriated for distribution among the provinces under the agricultural aid act. The money to be spent this year will be handed over to the provincial governments, after the passing of the necessary legislation by the local legislatures. The money so far as this year is concerned will be given to the provinces with few restrictions as to the details of expenditure, but plans for applying the money will necessarily be submitted to the Minister of Agriculture here for approval. C. C. James, who is to draw up the plan under the federal subsidy for agricultural aid to be applied after this year, is now in Toronto where he is taking the preliminary steps before leaving next month for a tour of the several provinces. Mr. Burrell, while in Winnipeg will probably take up the question of federal and provincial cooperation in agriculture with the Manitoba government.

THE SUPREME COURT DOCKET

April Term Opens Today—Normal School Basketball Team Defeats Horton Academy 32 to 19.

Fredericton, April 8.—The Normal School basketball team won from Horton Academy here today, by a score of 32 to 19. The following is the docket of the April term of the supreme court which opens here tomorrow, Supreme court day being April sittings, 1912: Crown Paper 1—The King vs. James Kay, police magistrate, Westmorland, ex parte Alfred E. Holstead, C. A. Steeves to show cause. Appeal Paper, County Court. 1—Connelly et al. vs. Trustees school district No. 8, Parish of Havelock. W. H. Harrison for defendants to support appeal from the Kings county court. King's Bench Division. 1—O'Regan vs. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. H. H. McLean, K. C., for defendant, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant, or for reduction of damages, or for new trial. 2—Lellanc vs. Lutz et al. G. W. Fowler, K. C., for defendants, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant, or for new trial. 3—Cliff vs. Brown. A. B. Connell, K. C., for defendant to support appeal from order of Mr. Justice McKeown. 4—Turnbull vs. Corbett. J. K. Kelley, K. C., for defendant to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant, or for new trial. 5—O'Brien vs. Corbett—the like. 6—McCathrin vs. Jamer. T. K. Carter, K. C., for plaintiff to move to set aside verdict for defendant and enter verdict for plaintiff, or for new trial. 7—Roblson vs. Jamer—the like. Chancery Division. 1—St. John River S.S. Co., Ltd., vs. Crystal Stream S.S. Co., Ltd., et al. consolidated actions for plaintiff. J. A. Curry, K. C., to support appeal from judgment and decree of His Hon. Mr. Justice Landry. Rose and A. C. Gregory; vestrymen, S. McConkey Dr. C. G. Main, Dr. J. W. Moore, J. W. Scott, and J. Ryder, representatives to the synod, J. M. Flewelling and N. M. Mill; substitutes, J. W. Scott and Dr. J. W. Moore.

URGES MEN TO PREPARE FOR NEXT STRIKE

Miners Exhorted to Make Ready for Mammoth Suspension.

Only Difficulties of Surface Men However Prevent Immediate Settlement of Present British Coal Troubles.

London, April 8.—If the surface men's grievances can be settled, there seems to be nothing to prevent a resumption throughout the coal fields of the United Kingdom. The protests of the Yorkshire and Fileshire miners against the federation's decision are not likely to be followed by action. The miners' associations of these counties have already recommended the men to return to work. The industry is commencing to show an early restoration of normal services. Some indication of the idea in the minds of the labor leaders as to the future course of the struggle was given in a speech delivered by Vernon Harcourt at Maresfield, Wales, yesterday. He stated that the result of the coal strike would be the handing together of coal owners, railway managers, manufacturers, land owners and capitalists of all kinds to coerce the government into adopting legislation to prevent the workers from ever again "holding up the nation." Therefore, he declared, the workers must similarly band themselves. The transport workers, miners and railway men must unite in the preparation for the next fight which, he said, would be of a magnitude never before seen.

WILL MAKE EFFORT TO SAVE LIFE OF DOOMED MINISTER

Counsel Will Appear Before Governor Foss Requesting that Petition for Clemency be Presented to Executive.

Boston, April 8.—A move to save the life of Clarence V. T. Richeson, the confessed murderer of Miss Avis Linnell, who is sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of May 19, was made today when the former minister's attorney, William A. Morse, had a short conference with Executive Secretary C. Hamilton, at the State House, following which it was announced that on April 26 counsel for the condemned man will appear before Governor Foss. The question of referring a petition to the executive council rests entirely with the governor. Attorney Morse remained at the State House but a few minutes. He talked only with Secretary Hamilton, and did not see Governor Foss.

OFFICERS VISIT BATTLE FIELDS OF UNITED STATES

Richmond, Va., April 8.—Six Canadian army officers stationed at Kingston and Quebec were here today visiting the battlefields of Seven Pines and Cold Harbor. They spent yesterday going over the field at Fredericksburg. Tomorrow they go to study the battlefields of Eastern Pines and the Shenandoah Valley. There are: Colonel J. H. V. Crowe, Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Panet, Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Cunningham, Major F. R. Sedgewick, Major H. R. Hopwood and Major W. W. Robertson.

RICHESON'S CELL WAS FILLED WITH FLOWERS

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Avis Linnell of Iyannis, was not neglected yesterday when Easter flowers were being distributed. In his cell in the Charles street jail he was the recipient of many floral gifts. Among the floral gifts was a large crimson azalea. He also received a number of Easter lilies and bouquets of roses, carnations and sweet peas. The jail officials said it would not be proper to give out the names of the persons who sent the floral gifts to Richeson, but it is understood many of them came from parishioners of the Immigrant Baptist church, Cambridge, of which he was pastor at the time of the arrest. It was also said that none of the flowers came from the family of Mrs. Edmonds of Brookline or from Richeson's own relatives. The concert which consisted of piano and organ selections, was provided by the Misses Mason and Haywood.