

Tom Groves On The Ocean

In A Letter To The Planet He Says That The Voyage Was Very Rough — Thirteenth Trip For The Empress

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Editor Planet:
I can report myself safely landed at Liverpool and we had a very rough voyage. We sailed from Quebec in a drenching rain two hours late. The steamship Tunisian of the Allen Line pulled out two hours ahead of us. Everything went fairly well till we were nearing Rimouski, then a thick fog set in and we had a stop of six hours and a half waiting for the mail boat, and the fog horn at Rimouski continually blowing. We took on the mail and a few passengers, and creeping along for two hours, the fog lifted and we had a beautiful sail down the St. Lawrence and through the Straits of Belle Isle. We encountered a lot of icebergs on Sunday afternoon. It got very cold, and our face and hands got quite cold. We counted fourteen icebergs, some of them close and others, with the glasses we could see had run into shallow water near shore. It was quite a novel sight and we appreciated it very much that we had clear weather, because if the Empress had ever butted her nose against one of them it would have all been off. Now to give you the size. Take the Garner House Block, Harrison Hall, included, the width of the whole block and twice as long and as high out of the water as the flag pole on Harrison Hall then you can form an idea what we were looking at, and the look that night reported that we had passed thirty-two icebergs during the night. Before we entered the Belle Isle Straits the Victorian of the Allan Line passed us and reported that she was delayed a day somewhere in the Straits. We were nearing the last of the land on the Labrador coast and Belle Isle about seven o'clock on Sunday night when we sighted the Tunisian, and when darkness closed we parted company when we got out in the Atlantic. There was a big job ahead of us. A gale of wind started to blow on our beam and by morning we had a big sea on, and getting worse, and by noon only half of the second cabin reported for dinner, and they got less for tea. They have some brackets they put on the table in rough weather to keep the dishes on, and I was beginning to think we were going to have something extra. I could not say that I enjoyed my tea. I had a little trouble to find my appetite, but, however, I was laid up for repairs, and getting worse. I had it for about two hours very tough. If I could only get laid down once I thought it would be better. Mine was an upper berth, and the other fellow was already fixed in the bottom one and another poor fellow said he was sorry that he had come. Finally I landed in my berth. We put in a rough night, and I want to say right here that some people have an idea that the big fellows are so big that you cannot get sick on them. Well, if they get in a storm with the speed they are going, there's something doing. In the morning there were several tables without any person, and the waiters had nothing to do—all sick. I cannot say too much about the appointments of the ship. The waiters and the stewards are the best I ever had to deal with. The second cabin is fit for a king, and the meals are the standard of any first class hotel. There were thirty-two tables, and a waiter for each table, ten persons at a table. There were two sittings, as they cannot seat them all at once. Your number is on the chair, and you sit in no other place. They print the bill of fare for each meal. Last Tuesday morning we came in touch with the Empress of Britain by wireless 200 miles to the south of us. The passengers are provided with a list of all passengers in the cabin, but they made a mistake in mine. They gave my home Toronto. This trip was a very bad one and the only way that some of the passengers accounted for it was that it was the Empress' thirteenth voyage landed in sight of Liverpool we forgot all about our troubles and finished up in the customs, and that's a whirlwind of a place. I tell you it's everyone for yourself and getting through the best you can after passing the customs. I went to book my passage back on the Empress of Britain on Sept 6th, but I am sorry to say that every berth was taken, and the man said it was impossible to book me, but he said I could sail on Sept. 20th I am in good health, and the train that took me home seemed to be making double time to land me to my destination.
Yours truly,
TOM GROVES.

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CHURCHES

INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON FOR TO-MORROW.

The Tabernacle.—Exodus 40, 1-13 and 34-38.

Golden Text.—Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the Tabernacle.

The very name, Tent of Meeting, announces to us the object of the Tabernacle, with all its symbolic furniture and ritual, with all its exact and minute directions, all given to Israel by a God of love, who would camp with them all through their wilderness journey and teach them to know Him and love Him. All the furnishings and ceremonies are prophetic types of Christ Jesus our Lord, of holiness and of heaven, and were in the greatest contrast to the religious temples and rites of all the other nations that surrounded them.

The gods of the nations were but the work of man's own imagination and reflected human passions, desires, lusts, in their supposed characters; while our God reveals Himself as Almighty Holiness, longing to make His people a holy people and arranging all His Tabernacle to that end. Moses got explicit instructions for the construction of its every detail directly from God in the mount, and nothing was left to human ingenuity. It had been if would have been wrong, "for the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

We are taught in this lesson that God in the most holy sanctuary is unapproachable without the shedding of innocent blood, the confession and forsaking of sin, and the washing and cleansing of the body, soul and spirit of the worshippers, while the idolatrous worship of the surrounding nations had the very opposite effect, and has to-day. What a wonderful contrast we have to all this in the simplicity of Christ. God says, in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest; take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." All who hear and heed this call of God prove its blessed truth as an abiding experience by the Holy Spirit's power.

The annual Gospel Rally of Sunday Schools will be held in Mr. Jos. Montgomery's Grove, 5th Con., Raleigh, Sunday, Aug. 4th, at 2.30 p. m. All concerned will please arrange and announce for the meeting. The Salvation Army Band will lead the services.

CHURCH NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, pastor.
Rev. Mr. Horns, of Watford, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

CHRIST CHURCH.
Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
Rev. Robert McCoah, rector.
Rev. W. H. Collins and Mr. Carrington will conduct the services in Christ Church to-morrow.
Mr. Carrington will preach on both occasions.

The Holy Communion will be administered to-morrow morning at the 11 o'clock service.
During the hot weather the Sunday School will be held in the morning at 9.45.
The Holy Communion is administered the first Sunday of every month at the 11 o'clock service, and the third Sunday of every month at 8.30 a. m.

ST. ANDREW'S.
Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby, pastor.

The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

HOLY TRINITY.
Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

The rector will preach on both occasions to-morrow.
The Holy Communion will be administered at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow.

There will be short services during July and August.
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

No meetings of church societies until further notice.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock and on the third Sunday at 5 o'clock a. m.

Baptism any Sunday at 4 p. m. when previous notice has been given.

PARK ST. METHODIST.

Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor.
The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8.

THE CENTRAL BAPTISTS.

Gospel services in I. O. O. F. Auditorium at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The Rev. R. A. Harrington, of Detroit, will preach at both services to-morrow.

Sunday School at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

W. E. Matthews, B. A., B. Th., pastor.

Rev. Mr. Cameron, leader of the Evangelistic Band, will conduct services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

VICTORIA AVE. METHODIST.

Rev. W. H. Graham, pastor.

Quarterly love feast and fellowship meeting at 10 a. m.

The pastor will conduct the services both morning and evening to-morrow: Morning subject, "The Yoke and the Load," evening theme, "Bread for the Soul."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in connection with the evening service.

Classes meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and 12 noon.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

LATTER DAY SAINTS.

Services will be conducted to-morrow as usual.

Religio Society every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Sunday School to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at eight. Question box at the door.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

There will be service to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, second floor of the Oddfellows' Block.

SALVATION ARMY.

Salvation Army, Union Depot —

Knee drill at 7 a. m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a. m., Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p. m., soul-winning service at 7.30 p. m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

CAMPBELL A. M. E.

Rev. B. Roberts, pastor.

The pastor will conduct the services on both occasions to-morrow.

Class meeting at 12 noon.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. J. H. Penwick, pastor.

The pastor will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sabbath School at 12.30.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

B. M. E.

Rev. C. M. Walker, pastor.

The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 8.

Rube Waddell Started His Career as a Drum Major For Barnstormers

EPOCHS IN RUBE'S LIFE.

Born on a farm.

Ran away from home.

Joined a band of burnt cork barnstormers.

Pitched a game in drum major togs and struck out 19 men.

Town went crazy over the big farmer and he was kidnapped by enthusiastic fans.

A friend took him to Pittsburgh and introduced him to Connie Mack.

He has been making baseball history ever since.

Rube's highest earthly ambition when a boy was to be a gaudy drum major and swing a big brass baton. It was not until after G. Edward Waddell realized this ambition to a certain extent and had earned his first money playing ball, that the big farmer boy decided to snuff out his youthful aspirations and take up ball flinging for a living. The way the big fellow made the balls crack in the catcher's mit was a caution. He burned up the country leagues for miles around and none of his brother Rubes had the temerity to face his speedy delivery.

Rube was still working on his father's farm just outside of Butler, Pa., when quite a young man. That is how he earned the sobriquet "Rube," and according to Henry J. Spuhler, who first discovered Rube's ability, he certainly looked the part.

Guiding the plow and handling other agricultural implements swelled the muscles of the farmer boy's arms to the size and hardness of pig iron ingots. With either hand he could throw a stone out of sight. No batter could hit a ball which he pitched in the games between village nines.

Efforts were made by the managers of the larger clubs of outside towns to land the Butler youngster, but domesticated "Rube" was afraid to venture from the old fireside.

But one day a travelling minstrel troupe struck town. "Rube" witnessed the street parade. That settled him. He ran away from home.

Nothing was seen or heard of him until one morning some weeks later he marched into DeBois bedecked in a high fur hat, swinging a drum major's baton at the head of a band of burnt cork barnstormers. "Rube" and his slew arrived the day on which a game was played between Punxsutawney and DuBois.

Fans in that section had heard of the "phenom" down Butler way, but had never seen him. Spuhler, however, recognized the big drum major and after the parade he went after him and offered "Rube" a \$20 note to pitch the game.

"Rube" consented to pitch if Spuhler would allow him to enter the game in his show clothes. This was agreed to and "Rube" took his position in the centre of the diamond togged out in the full regalia of a drum major to the wild delight of a packed baseball park. Nineteen Punxsutawneyites struck out, and the other five who stepped to the plate failed to hit the ball outside the diamond.

That night the minstrels departed drum majorless, for the leader of the band had been kidnapped by enthusiastic, hero-worshipping revelers who were painting DuBois a bright red with Punxsutawney money.

After that Spuhler induced his "find" to accompany him to Allegheny, where the Pirates were practicing. Connie Mack was catcher and in charge of the team. One morning he and "Pink" Hawley were on the side line trying some new curves. The "Rube" was standing nearby. Finally he mustered up enough courage to approach "Pink" and bashfully ask permission to "chuck a couple." Without removing his coat "Rube" commenced sending them into the elongated backstop's big glove with a resounding crack that could be heard all over the lot. His speed was terrific.

"What's your name?" asked Mack, taking off his mitt, which indicated that he had seen enough.

"Rube" was the laconic reply.

"All right, Rube, grinned Connie, 'go get your dinner and come back. You may pitch against Boston this afternoon.'"

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