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LONDONERS ON THE REPUBLIC SHIP RAMMED OFF NANTUCKET

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smallman Are Passengers.

STEAMERS RACE TO THE RESCUE

Word of the Accident Received by Many Boats by Wireless Telegraphy.

LONDONERS ABOARD.
Mr. Jack E. Smallman and wife, of this city, are passengers aboard the "Republic," which was rammed off Nantucket this morning.

Mr. Smallman is the son of Mr. Thomas Smallman, of Waverly Place, South London. He resides on Elmwood avenue, and is the manager of the Canada Chemical Company.

He and Mrs. Smallman left yesterday for New York, intending to take a trip through the Mediterranean.

REPUBLIC'S PASSENGERS SAFE.
Boston, Jan. 23. — The Chamber of Commerce in this city was informed today that the Italian steamer Florida, from Naples to New York, took off the passengers and crew of the Republic.

The Florida belongs to the Lloyd Italiana Steamship Company, and is carrying 900 passengers from Italian ports to New York.

She is a 6,000-ton vessel, but has no wireless telegraph apparatus.

Boston, Jan. 23. — The White Star liner Republic was rammed and disabled by an unknown vessel, 26 miles south of Nantucket, while en route for New York.

The Republic was carrying 250 first-class passengers and 211 in the steerage.

The captain of the Republic reported that he was 26 miles south of Nantucket lightship when the accident occurred.

Wanted Help at Once.
All these messages asked that assistance be sent immediately, and one flashed to the navy yard here said that the steamer was sinking.

Later on, however, the captain of the Republic sent a wireless message to the company's office in New York and Boston, in which he stated that while the engine room was full of water, yet the steamer could keep afloat and was in no danger.

Many Abscond.
The Republic left New York yesterday for Mediterranean ports with 250 first-class passengers and 211 in the steerage.

The captain of the Republic reported that he was 26 miles south of Nantucket lightship when the accident occurred.

This would place the Republic about 200 miles along her voyage.

The nearest land was Nantucket Island, about 70 miles due north, but with his engine room full of water the only thing left for the captain to do was to send wireless waves broadcast over the Atlantic asking for assistance.

The first came to the United States Government and naval stations at the Nantucket lightship, Newport and Highland light.

There was an immediate response from the revenue cutters Acushnet, Gresham and the Gresham at Provincetown.

Both vessels left within a very few minutes for the scene, the Acushnet being less than 100 miles away and the Gresham nearly twice that distance.

A message also was sent to Boston to reach the Gresham, but she was found at Woods Hole.

The wireless also caught the Baltic, bound into New York, when 115 miles east of Ambrose Channel, and the French steamer Lorraine, which the Republic had passed earlier in the night, and which was steaming rapidly toward New York, and both made known to points on shore by wireless that they had turned back.

It was believed here by mariners from the report of the captain that the Republic would probably be towed back to New York for repairs by either the Lorraine or the Baltic.

The last ocean accident of this nature, in which an ocean liner was run down by another vessel off the American coast, was some eleven years ago, when the steamer Burgoyne was hit and sunk by the ship Cromartyshire, off Nova Scotia, and went down within a comparatively few minutes with some three hundred of those on board.

Some of the Passengers.
Among the 200 first-class passengers on board the Republic are Gen. Brayton Ives, Prof. John M. Coulter, Rev. Thaddeus A. Sniveley, Capt. Dr. E. A. Ehrenfeld, Samuel P. McGilveray, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Cowler and family, Dr. John A. Owen, Alexander S. Bell, Count Rasponi, Rev. J. W. Ward, Dr. A. G. Wagers and Dr. Martin E. Waldenstein.

Lost in the Fog.
New York, Jan. 23. — It was stated Continued on Page Eight.

EMPRESS STEAMER FOR EUROPEAN TRIP

Advertiser's Girls Will Cross the Ocean in C. P. R. Greyhound.

The trip-to-Europe contest grows keener, and from every point in Western Ontario come reports of the great interest it has aroused.

The opportunity to visit England, Ireland and Scotland, at no expense, comes but once in a lifetime. As an extra attraction there will be a side-trip to Paris, the beautiful, the gay, the most interesting city in the world in many respects.

Now is the time to be nominated. Every day lost means a gain for the other contestants. The many friends of the ladies entered are working very diligently, and the returns are coming in well.

If you have friends who are urging you to enter, let your name be sent in, and the trip to Europe not worth? Many have and will for years to come to see the wonders of the countries famed in history, poetry and romance.

Read the conditions contained in the advertisement in another page of The Advertiser.

You do not have to change paper boys in order to get votes. Pay your subscription at The Advertiser Office or to the contestants; have the same boy deliver your paper, and The Advertiser Company will pay him each week until the expiration of the time for which you pay.

Every Lady Has a Chance.
Every lady has a chance. The contest is fair.

The Advertiser guarantees all the expense. No candidate need lose anything but her time, and as the majority have loyal friends, there will not be much demand upon that.

The candidates will travel by one of the fastest boats on the C. P. R., a guarantee that nothing but the best will be given The Advertiser's guests on the trip.

New Nominations.
Here are the new nominations received today:

District No. 1—Miss Margaret Wilson, 262 Dundas street, Miss Maude Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue, District No. 2—Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Maitland street, District No. 3—Miss Edith W. Campbell, 124 Rectory street, District No. 4—Miss Lily Arthur, Lambeth, District No. 5—Miss Eva Taylor, Port Stanley, District No. 6—Mrs. W. W. Meredith, Seaford, Miss Annie McDonald, Goderich, Miss Ruby Treble, Exeter.

MEDICAL GRADS. FOR ALUMNI

Constitution Adopted and Set of Officers Named Last Night.

An important meeting of the graduates of the medical department of the Western University was held in the college buildings last evening, at which there was a good representation of both graduates and students.

The primary object of the meeting was to arrange for a representative to the senate of the Western University. Later the idea of an alumni society was brought up, and the unanimous decision was that it would prove a most beneficial and useful organization. Consequently a constitution was adopted and a list of officers elected, who will undertake the real work of organization, and will act until the first general meeting, which will probably be held early next fall.

The Object.
The aims of the society are fraternal and the objective point is to bring the various graduates who have passed out into active practice in fields not only throughout our own Dominion, but also in many parts of the United States, in Mexico, England, India, China and Africa, into closer touch and more intimate relations, to serve as a bond of union between the graduates and undergraduates, to promote fraternal intercourse, and further the general welfare of the parent university.

Will Hold Reunions.
To achieve this, reunions will be held here at frequent intervals, when, in addition to the social and business features, the meetings will also be educational, for among other suggestions that will tend to the success of the movement it is proposed to bring some of the foremost men in the profession here to address the alumni.

Sub-Associations.
Provision is also made for the formation of sub-associations, with corresponding secretaries, so that the central association may be informed of everything that may aid in carrying out the objects of the society.

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AGED WOMAN WAS TERRIBLY BURNED

Mrs. Mary Weaver, of South London, Victim of Peculiar Accident.

Mrs. Mary Weaver, an aged woman who lives alone at the corner of Wellington road and Clarke street, South London, was found in her home on Thursday evening in an unconscious condition, suffering from terrible burns to both her feet.

As far as can be ascertained, the old lady had been out about the yard and it is supposed that she came in cold and sat down by the fire to warm herself.

The reaction of coming into the hot room from outside and sitting down close to the fire caused her to faint, and in falling from her chair her right leg and foot fell directly against the hot stove.

Terribly Burned.
How she escaped being burned to death is a puzzle, as her clothing was scorched and the flesh about the leg and feet terribly burned. As soon as the neighbors missed Mrs. Weaver they entered her house and were horrified to find her burned.

Dr. Beal was at once called and dressed the burns. It will not be known for several days whether or not complications will arise, but it is feared that blood-poisoning may result.

January Poses As A Spring Month

Weather Almost at April Temperature—River Breaking Up.

The present that has been so thorough, and Londoners are shedding fur coats and preparing for an open winter. The registrations at the local observatory this morning bore no proof of a cold snap. At 8 o'clock 44 above was the lowest, while 47 was normal. For some this unusual thaw is a benefit, while others are suffering loss at its continuance.

The rink owners, hockey enthusiasts, skaters, coal men and others are voicing their grievances in most bitter terms, while the joy of the boot and shoe man is unparalleled.

River Breaking Up.
The ice on the river near the London Electric Company's power house is all honeycombed from the incessant rain, and is rapidly breaking up.

This will not affect the local ice men in the slightest. They all have a supply that would meet demands till next winter, even if the remainder of this year's harvest should prove a failure.

The firm of W. & E. Cushing, when spoken to this morning, by The Advertiser said that they had six thousand tons of A1 crystal ice stored in their warehouse and that their customers need not harbor the slightest doubt as to being supplied.

Mr. Cushing also said he was confident the same prices would prevail this summer as were in vogue last year.

At Springbank, the ice was fairly firm, but during the last night the ice was running over the dam.

Thunder Today.
Thunder was heard today, and following the downpour of last night, made the 23rd of January feel like a day in April.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK ON THE PENN

Second Section of an Express Crashes Into the First.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 23.—The rear-end collision between the first and second sections of the St. Louis express on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Summit Hill west of here, early today, caused the death of three men and the injury of a fourth.

Only the fact that the passengers on the second section were eight cars removed from the point of collision avoided a great loss of life.

The list of dead follows: S. J. Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y., employed by Charles E. Rang, broker, of New York.

M. J. Kelley, a pullman car conductor, Jersey City.

Charles Coleman, colored, a Pullman porter, Philadelphia.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY MILD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 23.—8 a.m. East and south winds; mild, with occasional rain.

Sunday—Very mild and partly fair, with local showers.

TEMPERATURES.
Today Yesterday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max.

London. 47. 44. 51.

Calgary. 2. 4. 10.

Winnipeg. 34. 13. 24.

Port Arthur. 28. 10. 28.

Perry Sound. 40. 34. 40.

Toronto. 36. 24. 40.

Ottawa. 26. 34. 40.

Montreal. 26. 34. 40.

Quebec. 16. 24. 40.

Father Point. 0. 10. 20.

Dawson. -32. -20. -20.

Athabasca. -34. -20. -20.

Victoria. -34. -20. -20.

Vancouver. 31. 27. 37.

Kamloops. 24. 20. 30.

Edmonton. 16. 10. 20.

Prince Albert. 6. 10. 20.

Mooselaw. 20. 34. 40.

Qu'Appelle. 20. 34. 40.

St. John. 20. 34. 40.

Halifax. 16. 10. 20.

Minus (-) means below zero.

SMALLPOX STORY CORROBORATED

Alleged Hospital Is a Disgrace to the City.

MR. NELLES TOLD THE TRUTH

Several Patients Substantiate His Letter in Yesterday's Advertiser.

The revelations regarding the small-pox hospital are creating no end of discussion in the city.

The conditions prevailing are roundly condemned. The post-hospital is general that something should be done to prevent a recurrence of such things as are complained of.

Mr. Mills Corroborates.
Mr. William Mills, whose son was confined in the building, corroborates everything Mr. J. A. Nelles stated in yesterday's Advertiser.

"Mr. Nelles has stated nothing more than the truth," said Mr. Mills. "As a matter of fact, he has said not half enough. It is much worse than he described. The post-hospital is a disgrace to the city, and I think it a crime to put any person in such a place."

"I saw the letter Mr. Nelles wrote. I showed it to my boy, and he stated that everything in it was true."

More Corroboration.
"Not content with that, I showed it to young McIntyre, another young man confined there, and he stated that it contained nothing but the truth."

"I talked it over with Mr. McFadden, the school teacher of Pottersburg, who was also in the hospital, and he described the place as a disgrace to the city of London. So you see these statements are corroborated by all the patients who were in the hospital. This should be sufficient to convince any person that the place is decidedly bad."

Carelessness Alleged.
"I think there was carelessness in the College Institute in allowing the disease to spread. I wrote to the board about it. I wrote to the board."

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MONEY IS GOING FOR THE STONE

Only Half the \$1,000 Left To Be Paid Out in Wages.

LITTLE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

City Engineer Graydon Says It Would Be Better to Build Sewers.

City Engineer Graydon will start several gangs of men at work at stone-throwing Monday or Tuesday of next week. Arrangements have already been made for 200 cords of stone, at \$1.50 a cord, to be broken.

Assistant City Engineer Kirkpatrick is making out a list of those who will be given employment at this work, and the men will be notified by word of mouth. As many men as can be used will be given work.

Mr. Graydon Speaks.
City Engineer Graydon is still of the opinion that work on the storm sewer would have been more beneficial to the city. He points out that such a system of sewers is absolutely necessary in certain sections of the city, and they must be laid very soon.

"In the north-eastern and south-eastern sections of the city there is a large district of low or level land," said Mr. Graydon. "Water accumulates there in large quantities, flooding the streets and filling the cellars. Complaints reach us by scores of this condition of affairs, and we are constantly threatened with lawsuits."

"You could go down to the corner of Maitland and Bathurst streets now and find the street covered with water. This is not only true of that street, but many of them, and the council will have to deal with the problem very soon."

Two Ways.
"There are two ways of dealing with the question. The method I suggested was to lay a portion of the sewer each year out of the general fund. By doing this year after year a complete system would have been laid. The other method is doing the whole work by debenture issue."

"My suggestion was to commence the work now and give the unemployed work. It would cost more than in the summer-time, but not so much as one would imagine, especially as the weather is quite mild. A start would thus be made in the sewer system, and in a few years the city would be in a position to get rid of all the surface water."

All Goes for Stone.
Some objection is being made to the council getting stone to be broken, pointing out that the large portion of the money set apart for the purpose of giving employment will be utilized in purchasing the stone, and in teaming, leaving little for the men. Practically half the grant is taken up in purchasing the stone and in teaming.

If the sewer proposition had been accepted the workmen would have received the larger percentage of the money spent, and every man would have had an equal chance of earning money.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather has turned colder to the eastward of Montreal, but is still mild and wet from the Ottawa valley to Manitoba.

Alexandra Well, But Princess Is Ill

Sandringham, Jan. 23. — Reports that Queen Alexandra was seriously ill and had been confined to her bed for a week are untrue. Her majesty has been suffering from a slight cold for several days, but it did not confine her even to her room. She has practically recovered and expects to join King Edward early next week.

Her majesty has been detained at Sandringham not so much on her own account as on account of the Princess Victoria, who is suffering from a serious cold.

Another Great Quake Is Recorded

Vienna, Jan. 23. — The seismographs at Vienna and Iola, the naval station on the Adriatic, registered very strong earthquake shocks at 4 o'clock this morning. It is calculated that the disturbances occurred 4,000 miles from here and if the district was inhabited, the visitation must have been disastrous.

London, Jan. 23.—The seismograph on the Isle of Wight recorded a severe earthquake this morning. Prof. Milne says that the locality of the disturbance apparently is in the East Mediterranean.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR NEXT WEEK

To Deal With the Globe Casket Company.

There is nothing new to announce with respect to the Casket Company and its future.

Mayor Stevely had a conference, as stated yesterday, with the representatives of the firm, but they have not had time to meet and discuss the future of the concern, so nothing practical was done.

However, as soon as they hold a meeting to decide on their plans, they will see Mayor Stevely and lay a proposition before him.

Appraisers at Work.
"I had a talk with the members of the firm yesterday," said his worship. "The insurance appraisers are at work estimating about this, and we will do all in our power to hold what we have. If necessary I have no doubt a bylaw will be presented to the people."

Mayor Stevely did not know exactly when the meeting would be arranged, but he thought it would probably take place within the next week at the latest.

Special Meeting.
"As soon as the members of the firm are ready, I will call a special meeting of the manufacturers committee, and, if need be, of the council, to consider what they want. We are in earnest about this, and we will do all in our power to hold what we have. If necessary I have no doubt a bylaw will be presented to the people."

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ITALIANS OF CITY RETURN THANKS

To the Citizens of a Splendid Donation Toward the Messina Fund.

The Advertiser has received the following for publication:

"To the Citizens of London:
"We, the Italians of the city of London, present to our fellow Canadian citizens our hearty thanks for your splendid manifestation of human solidarity in the recent disaster which has visited our mother country."

"From the bottom of our heart we thank you again and again, for the help so generously sent to our own countrymen. We have been deeply touched by your noble acts, and we assure you that they will be impressed in types of fire in our souls, and we hope that a day may come when we will be able to show you in a practical way, the extent of our gratefulness."

"Meantime, we will do our best to be worthy brothers in this adopted land of ours, and we will work shoulder to shoulder with you for its greatness and prosperity. Long live Canada! Long live Italy!"

"JOSEPH DAMBERA, Treasurer.
"FRANK FENECH, Chairman.
"JAMES CATALANO, Cashier."

LONDON BIRDS DID WELL AT OTTAWA

Hamilton and Scovene's Chickens Are Top Notchers.

The London chickens at the Ottawa winter fair this week did well. Hamilton and Scovene's "Cock of the North" and trio of Black Orpingtons captured many prizes, winning second and third cock, third hen, first and fourth cockerels and first pullet.

They also had best collection against White Spangled and Jubilee Orpingtons for which they were awarded the silver cup.

CHARLES MITCHELL FOUND GUILTY

Former Londoner Did Charge Exorbitant Rate—Appeal Entered.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The trial of C. W. Mitchell, ex-newspaper proprietor of Ottawa, on the charge of lending money at an illegal rate of interest was concluded this afternoon. The accused was found guilty and let off on suspended sentence. An appeal from the magistrate's judgment has been entered.

COAL CARS DESTROYED

\$20,000 Blaze on the Esplanade, at Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—About 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the coal elevator of P. Burns & Co., on the Esplanade near the railway tracks. Fortunately there was not much coal in the elevator, many cars standing on the siding, waiting to be unloaded.

The chief danger the firemen had to contend with was to prevent the flames spreading to the Queen City Oil Company, close by, but they were successful in this, although Lyman Bros., livery stable was slightly damaged. Thirteen coal cars were destroyed. The fire started in the motor shed. The loss is placed at \$20,000.

London and Petroleum Barrel Company—Our busy time does not commence for two months yet. Business is about the same as last year. We are working eight hours a day and have 75 men.

London Rolling Mills—Business is a great deal better than it was last year. We are working full time, ten hours a day, for six days a week, and have 125 men. Business has been steadily improving since May last in our line.

J. H. Gordon, Freight Agent Grand Trunk—Things are quiet at this time of the year always. We cannot come. Continued on Page Eight.

BUSINESS GOOD IN LONDON

Employers of Labor Speak in Hopeful Terms.

GENERAL TONE IS EXCELLENT

Many Factories Running Full Time—Brisk Summer Is Looked For.

Practically without exception, London businessmen, manufacturers and bankers, when spoken to by The Advertiser today, stated that business conditions are far ahead of what they were at this time last year and that the outlook is most encouraging.

One representative of a leading financial institution stated that in the last few days his firm had had more than \$100,000 in cash placed with them to seek investments.

Money Plentiful.
A leading banker said that it is a long time since the banks have had so much money on hand, and he also said that from statements received the same condition prevails pretty generally all over the country.

The statements received, he says, show that the banks are taking in money far more rapidly than they are placing it out, and it is intimated that in order to save themselves the banks will have to place some of the money on deposit in investments as soon as they can.

The Railways.
The railway authorities state that this is the dull end of the year with them, yet they are busier than they expected to be. Wholesale merchants report that spring orders are far larger than they were last year this time, and that all the country merchants are not only ordering largely but are meeting their payments promptly. Following are the statements of some of London's leading businesses:

What They Say.
Col. Garsshore, of McClary's: "While we are slack in some departments we are very busy in others, and are working full time. We have \$50 on our pay roll, and orders are coming in well from all parts of the country. We expect a big season."

Robinson, Little & Co.—Orders are coming in first-class. We are receiving many large orders and would say that we expect a heavy season.

George White & Sons—We are far busier than we were at this time last year. Our season has not commenced, but we are manufacturing a very large stock in anticipation of a brisk summer. We are working sixty hours a week and have 160 men employed.

R. C. Struthers—Things are looking very much brighter than they did. The country merchants are placing large orders and conditions are most satisfactory. In the last year we have doubled our floor space.

Dominion Office and Showcases Works—When the slump came two years ago it affected our business about three months before it did most firms. For four months now we have found business very good, and have taken some large orders. Judging by this we would say that we are on the eve of a return to former conditions. We are now working 56 hours a week and have 30 men.

Grand Trunk Car Shops—We have 450 men on our payroll and are working 44 hours a week. We have lots of work ahead.

P. R. Braddon, of the Scott Machine Company—We are working overtime, and in the last year have trebled our staff, and added largely to our premises. Business is very good in our line, and from all indications will continue so.

Empire Manufacturing Company—This is the dull end of the year in the plumbing business, but we are busy on other manufactured articles. We are working full time, ten hours a day, and have 90 men employed.

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