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DETAILS OF HAVOC WROUGHT BY STORM

OVER ONE THOUSAND MAY HAVE PERISHED

Areas of Devastation Among Islands of the Society Group—Survivors Without Food.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—The news of a fearful loss of life in a destructive storm that swept over the South Sea islands last month, was brought here by the steamer Mariposa, direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000 souls. On January 13th last a large tidal wave, accompanied by a terrible hurricane, attacked the Society islands and the Tuamotu group with fearful force, causing deaths and devastation never before equaled in a land of dread storms.

The storm raged several days, reaching its maximum strength between January 14th and January 16th. From the sea came waves of a height of 100 feet. The survivors are without food. It is estimated that at least one thousand of the islands' inhabitants lost their lives. It is feared that later arrivals will add to the long list.

The first news of the disaster arrived at Papeete, Tahiti, January 26th, on the steamer Eimeo. The captain of the steamer placed the fatalities at five hundred. The steamer Excelsior arrived at Papeete the following day with four hundred destitute survivors. The captain of the Excelsior estimated the total loss of life to be eight hundred. These figures comprised only the deaths on the three islands of Hao, Hikera and Makadua, whose ordinary population is 1,500. On Hikera island, of which there are 1,000 inhabitants, nearly all were drowned. On an adjacent island one hundred were washed out to sea. Makadua and Hao are desolate. On the other islands, the number of survivors is estimated at 1,000. All of them are under the control of the French government at Tahiti.

The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the storm. The French government has sent a steamer to relieve the distressed district and dispatched two warships, the Duranville and Zeele, with fresh food and provisions. The Italian man-of-war Calabria accompanied the two French vessels on their errand of mercy. As the supply of fresh water and provisions was totally exhausted by the storm, it is feared that many lives will be lost before the relief ships arrive.

As far as is known, eight white people were among the drowned. Included in these were Alexander Brander, N. P. Pumbert, of Oakland; T. Donnelly, formerly a brewer on the steamer Ausonia, and a merchant of Papeete. Added to this number is an unknown woman, who committed suicide from grief.

As the islands were barely twenty feet above sea level and not surrounded by coral reefs, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the cocoanut trees when the tidal waves began to cover the land. These trees grow to an immense height, many reaching an altitude of 100 feet. All of the lower trees were covered by the raging seas, which swept with pitiless force about and over them. The natives in the taller trees were safe until the cocoanut trees gave way, and then they, too, were swept onward, far into the sea.

The 400 survivors brought by the Excelsior to Papeete gained the ship's side by swimming three and four miles from the tops of the cocoanut trees. The rain, though badly disabled by the storm, also brought off as many persons as could swim to her sides, she, like the Excelsior, being unable to run close to the shore because of the fearful violence of the ocean swells, which continued to run abnormally high for a week, after the tidal disturbance.

Out of the many acts of heroism reported is that of a woman who climbed one of the tall cocoanut trees and held her little babe to the branches, hanging on to the body of the tree because the little one as best she could. Her mother remained for ten hours, suffering great torture, until finally rescued.

Thousands of tons of copra and over 200 tons of mother-of-pearl are known to have been lost. The pearl shells, valued at \$1,800 per ton, and many valuable pearls may now be lost to the world forever, as these were considered some of the best pearl islands in the world.

FIFTEEN ROUNDS.

Kid Carter Awarded Decision—Over Jack Wile at Oakland.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 10.—Kid Carter, of Boston, was given the decision over Jack Wile, of Chicago, in a 15-round boxing fight.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Grand Trunk Pacific Propose Branch to Dawson City—Bridge Inspector's Death.

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—The grain receipts at C. P. R. points was very light on Saturday, only totalling 86,000 bushels. Ninety cars were loaded with grain for the coast.

C. P. R. Divided.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the board of the Canadian Pacific railway to-day, a dividend of two per cent. on preferred stock and two and one-half per cent. on common stock was declared for the half year ended December last. After payment of working expenses, fixed charges and dividends, there is a surplus for the half year of \$3,202,907.

Yukon Branch.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The Grand Trunk Pacific have added Dawson City, Yukon, to the list of cities to which branch lines are projected. Calgary and Regina are other places named as probable terminals of branch lines.

Church Vacancy.

There is a possibility of Rev. W. H. Meister, D. D., of Chicago, succeeding Rev. Dr. Thomas, as pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist church. He occupied the pulpit last night and made a good impression.

Railway Employees' Union.

Some time ago P. J. McCarroll, a member of the executive of the street railway employees' union, was dismissed by the company. Other employees took this as a blow at a vital point of their organization, and on Saturday night at a mass meeting it was decided to refer the matter to international headquarters at Montreal. "We will fight this question to an issue," said Organizer McDonald.

WHIPPING OF NEGROES

May Result in a Race War in Missouri.

Fayette, Mo., Feb. 9.—A race war has been started here as the result of a public whipping of three negroes on the court house steps on Friday night. A blow at a vital point of their organization, and on Saturday night at a mass meeting it was decided to refer the matter to international headquarters at Montreal. "We will fight this question to an issue," said Organizer McDonald.

THE REPUBLIC

Will Be the Name Given the New America Cup Defender.

New York, Feb. 10.—Frank R. Tucker, a nephew of John B. Herreshoff, is authority for the statement that the new cup defender has been called Republic, according to a World dispatch from Bristol, R. I. Mr. Tucker announces that the selection of a name has been made within the past few days. More than a hundred names were under consideration.

PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

Venezuelan Protocols Will Be Signed in Course of a Few Days.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—The officials of the foreign office here deny that any insuperable obstacles to the signing of the German protocol at Washington exist. They add that a comparatively unimportant question of detail has been referred to Berlin, but that the signing will occur in a few days. First, Great Britain's protocol will be signed, and then the protocols of Germany and Italy.

THE GRAND TRUNK.

Unconfirmed Rumor of Contemplated Abandonment of Pacific Project.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—A special cable to-day from London says that the present upward movement in Grand Trunk stocks on the London market is due to a belief in inside quarters that the Grand Trunk Board is contemplating the abandonment of the Pacific project. No official statement is obtainable.

PRICE OF COAL.

Anthracite In Now Selling in New York at \$7 a Ton.

New York, Feb. 10.—The reduction in the price of anthracite coal at retail from \$7.50 to \$7 has gone into effect in the yards of retail dealers throughout Greater New York.

ESCAPED DAMAGE.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 10.—Neither the Friendly Islands nor the Cook Islands experienced any effect from the tidal waves which caused heavy loss of life in the Society Islands.

SEVERAL POINTS TO BE DECIDED

BY THE BOUNDARY JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL

Questions Which Will Be Submitted by Canada—J. H. Legis, M. P., Appointed to Senate.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Several of the questions framed for submission to the judicial tribunal on the Alaskan boundary were prepared by Canada. They are the following:

"What is intended as the point of commencement of the line of demarcation?"

"What channel is the Portland Channel?"

"What course should the line take from the point of commencement to the entrance of the Portland Channel?"

"To what point in the 56th parallel is the line to be drawn from the head of the Portland Channel, and what course should it follow between these points?"

Judge in Admiralty.

Thomas Hodgins, K. C., of Toronto, has been appointed judge in Admiralty in that city. This is one of the positions held by the late Judge McDougall.

New Senator.

At a meeting of the cabinet to-day J. H. Legis, M. P., was appointed to the Senate. This will necessitate an election in Massachusetts. Mr. Legis will be 53 years of age next May. He is a successful farmer and has been in either the Legislature or Commons since 1888.

Examiners Appointed.

The department has appointed boards to examine mounted officers in equitation, on dates to be named, in Victoria and Vancouver. The D. O. C. and Col. Gregory will act as examiners in Victoria, and the D. O. C. and Lieut. Col. Worsnop in Vancouver.

New Agent.

Peter Ball, of Toronto, has been appointed Dominion government commercial agent at Birmingham.

Interview Ministers.

Frederic Nichols, Robert Munro and J. R. Young, a delegation from the manufacturers, are here to-day seeing the government. They won't be interviewed. It is said that the burden of their complaint is the British preference. They don't want it wiped out, but by raising the tariff they want it made non-effective. They got out no promise from the government.

C. P. R. Proposal.

The government has under consideration a proposition from the Canadian Pacific railway for the selection of the balance of its land grant of 25,000,000 acres. There are 3,900,000 acres yet to be allotted. The railway company propose to take 2,500,000 in the arid belt between Calgary and Medicine Hat, if balance of 800,000 be given in Manitoba and the Northwest reserve, which is returned to the government when the Manitoba and Northwestern railway failed to earn its subsidy. The railway company say that they must have land in the arid belt in block, not alternate sections, as they would require to spend from \$3.50 to \$4 per acre for irrigation.

TO COST EIGHT MILLIONS.

Pennsylvania Railway Co. Is Going to Build New Bridge Across the East River.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—The official announcement of the building of the bridge across the East River at Hell Gate, New York, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was made public last night by Col. Jas. H. Crawford, engineer of the branch lines of the Pennsylvania system. It is estimated that the new bridge will cost over \$8,000,000. When work will be started has not been definitely decided on. It will require about three years to complete the work. The bridge and approaches will be 2,000 feet long. The central span will be 840 feet in length. The bridge will be erected 135 feet above the water. It will extend from Fort Morris, Harlem, to Randall's Island, thence to Ward's Island, and from that point to Long Island.

CONSPIRACY.

Formal Verdict Against Officers and Directors of Coal Dealers' Association.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Nine officers and directors of the Retail Coal Dealers Association of Illinois and Wisconsin, lately indicted by the special grand jury which was called to investigate the full shortage of high prices, have been fined \$100 each on a formal verdict of a jury in Judge Hoskins' court, which found them guilty of conspiring to commit an illegal act in the restraint of trade. The formal verdict was returned only to pave the way for a new trial.

STEAMER WRECKED.

The Madiana. With Excursionists Aboard, Is—Ref—Trying to Save Passengers.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 10.—The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Madiana, Capt. Fraser, which sailed from New York on Saturday last for a special cruise along the Caribbean Islands, with a party of excursionists, has gone ashore on the reefs off this island, and is likely to prove a total loss.

The Madiana is lying with a heavy list and broadside to the wind on the reef, one and a half miles northeast of North Rock. The seas are breaking over her. The tug Gladstone off succeeded in getting within a mile of Madiana. Efforts are being made to transfer the latter's passengers to the Gladstone by means of a lifeboat. A heavy sea is running.

A Total Wreck.

New York, Feb. 10.—A. E. Outerbridge & Co., local agents of the Quebec Steamship Company, have received cable advices from Hamilton confirming the Associated Press report of the wreck of the Madiana. According to their advices, the ship is a total loss, but no mention is made of any loss of life. The steamer Madiana was built in Glasgow in 1878, and is of 1,985 tons net burden. She is 314 feet 8 inches long, has 33 feet 4 inch beam and is 29 feet deep. The steamer is owned by the Quebec Steamship Company, and sails from London. She has on board one hundred passengers. The list of passengers does not include any Canadians.

Steamer Abandoned.

Queenstown, Feb. 10.—The British barque Crown of Germany, Capt. David, from San Francisco, for this port, arrived to-day anchored thirty off the crew of the Belgian steamer Maskelyne, Capt. Tanner, from New Orleans, December 1st, and Newport News January 7th, for Antwerp, which was abandoned in a sinking condition on January 31st.

WILL BE LARGEST BATTLESHIPS AFLOAT

Something About the New Vessels to Be Added to the British Navy.

New York, Feb. 10.—A special cable to the Herald from London says: "That the British admiralty is not blind to the rapid increase in the number of ships of greater displacement and improved armament which characterizes the building programmes of other maritime powers is shown by its own programme, the principal feature of which is a new type of warship surpassing all the existing battleships in size and power, designed by Mr. Watts.

There will be three of the big fighting machines built. Their displacement will reach 18,000 tons, which is nearly 2,000 tons more than the King Edward class, the largest type of battleship built by any power. They will carry four 12-inch guns, placed in pairs in two batteries, fore and aft; also eight narrow 9.2 inch guns, mounted in pairs; four smaller turrets, ten or twelve six-inch quick-firers. As a remarkable feature, they carry twelve heavy armor-plate guns, well protected by armor. The 9.2 inch gun is an extremely powerful piece, firing a 380-pound shell twice or three times a minute. The speed will be nineteen knots."

DENIAL BY PORTE

That Turkey Has Ordered Mobilization of Troops Not Accepted by French Officials.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The officials here are not disposed to accept the Porte's assurances that Turkey has no intention of mobilizing a large force of troops. When the Turkish denial was brought to the attention of the officials here who have access to the government's source of information, the following reply was made: "We have received similar pacific assurances from Turkish sources, but our own information is positive and specific and that orders for the mobilization have been issued. This was three days ago, and we are unable to say whether the execution of the orders is withheld. Our advices further show that the mobilization would effect 240,000 troops."

Increasing Capital.

Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 10.—The shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank to-day voted to increase the bank's capital from two to three millions.

Charged With Manslaughter.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Geddie Charlotte, a 20-year-old girl of St. Lazare, Yaudreuil, has been arrested and charged with manslaughter. It is charged that the girl fed six red peppers to a 6-year-old boy, who died.

Must Not Offend.

The diocesan synod opened here to-day. A feature of the Archbishop's message was his forbidding the clergy of the diocese to marry a divorced person during the lifetime of the other.

Cotton.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Cotton Company was held here to-day. Profits for the past year were announced as amounting to \$200,000. R. H. Stevenson announced that if the government extended the protection required, the Canadian cotton industry would require 3,000 more people than at present. The old board was re-elected.

TRAGEDIES IN EASTERN CANADA

MAN MURDERED BY PARTNER IN TORONTO

A Girl Charged With Manslaughter—A Workman Crushed to Death—Free School Books in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—At a Conservative banquet at Somerset, Man. last night, Premier Roblin announced that the government would issue new text books for schools to be distributed free, including one in French.

Heir to \$200,000.

Miss Rose Whalen, formerly of the city of St. Paul, Minn., has fallen heir to \$200,000 by the death of her grandmother in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Annie Whalen.

Spoke on Transportation.

Mr. Talbot, M. P., for Bellechasse, Que., addressed a young men's Liberal club in Calgary on transportation last night.

Traveler Dead.

B. F. Wither, a well known commercial traveler, died suddenly last night. He came West 22 years ago, representing Paquet & Co., of Quebec, but for many years has been traveling for S. T. Greenleaf & Son, Montreal.

Preparing For Rush.

A board of special agency in connection with the United States immigration department will be established here soon to facilitate transportation of settlers going to the States via Canada. Representatives are now here arranging for an office.

Crushed to Death.

Glouce Bay, N. S., Feb. 10.—Eddie McInnes, brakeman on the Sydney & Louisburg railway, while running in front of a coal train to turn a switch, fell across the track and was crushed to death over his body, crushing him to death.

Toronto Murder.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Louis Goldsmith, who was shot by Walter Romaine, his business partner, on Saturday night, died at Emergency hospital yesterday. Goldsmith made the following sentimental statement: "Romaine abused my wife; I told him to stop. When he did not, I went toward him. Then he grabbed a pair of tailor's shears and ran me. We grappled and I got the shears. I was turning away when Romaine drew his revolver and fired. The bullet hitting me on the forehead. I tried to get the revolver and while we were struggling, he fired twice, the bullets entering my stomach and hand. Romaine then ran and I followed him to the door. On a previous occasion Romaine threatened to kill me."

Liquor Act Vote.

Final returns for the Liquor Act show 100,740 votes for and 103,948 against; majority for, 96,201; total vote cast, 304,297. Total votes on list, 906,577; votes unpolled, 303,280.

Support the Chief.

At a protracted session of the city council last night, it was decided to stand by Chief Thompson and his fire brigade, who takes the ground that the Firemen's Union, of which officials have been elected, is not in the interest of discipline or harmony in the brigade. The council action is now taken against the union will be backed up by the council.

The Bank Failure.

Examinations into the Oakville Bank failure case have been completed, but nothing has been found to benefit the depositors. P. C. Clarkson said the depositors would not get a cent of it.

Hemorrhage Caused Death.

Mount Forest, Feb. 10.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Mr. Eccles' little daughter in Egrement at Christmas by Miss Thompson here was held to-day. It was found that the child's death was due to poisoning from eating candies, was brought to an end on Saturday, when the jury brought in a verdict that the child died from hemorrhage of the brain, and stating there was no cause whatever to suspect poisoning.

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MASTER MARINER SUES FOR DIVORCE

THE COUPLE WERE MARRIED IN VICTORIA

Mr. Justice Drake Injured by Being Thrown From Berth on Steamer Chamer.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Papers were filed to-day by counsel for Capt. Henry Robson Jones, master mariner, pilot, against his wife, Alice Jane Spidin, for divorce. The couple were married at St. John's church, Victoria, six years ago, and have one daughter. Charles Farrow, of Vancouver, is named co-respondent. The grounds for divorce is alleged adultery. Farrow, against whom costs are asked, left Vancouver on January 15th, and sailed from San Francisco to Shanghai. Citation was served on Mrs. Jones, but no answer has been filed.

Action Threatened.

T. C. Larney, manager of the Foley campaign, has threatened a suit against the Foley committee to recover \$500 reward offered for the detection of perjury on election day. Larney alleges his action resulted in the conviction of Gilroy yesterday.

Mr. Justice Drake Injured.

Mr. Justice Drake was thrown out of a berth on the Chamer during a storm this morning. He badly sprained his back and injured his thumb.

WILL BE EXECUTED.

Clerk Who Shot Armenian Patriarch Sentenced to Death.

Constantinople, Feb. 10.—Agah Hatchikian, the drug clerk, who on January 19th shot the Armenian Patriarch, Ormanian, while the latter was celebrating mass in the Kunkapka cathedral on the occasion of the Armenian Christmas, has been sentenced to death, after a trial behind closed doors. A similar sentence was passed on his friend, Raghos Kaprellian, supposed to be the instigator of the assassination, who, however, has escaped the country. Two other men were sentenced to life imprisonment, at penal servitude.

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ROCKEFELLER, JR., IN DEBT.

Says He Owes \$400,000. But is Willing to Pay Taxes on Assessment.

New York, Feb. 10.—John D. Rockefeller, jr., supposed to be about the richest young man in America, owes \$400,000, and has only \$30,000 worth of personal property, according to the statement filed with the record department of taxes and assessments. Mr. Rockefeller was assessed \$500,000. From what could be learned at the tax office, Mr. Rockefeller called there and stated that he had \$400,000 in debts, and that his personal property above his debts was worth only \$30,000, but he was willing to pay taxes on an assessment of \$500,000. The commissioner accepted Mr. Rockefeller's figures.

LIFE SENTENCE

Passed on Rubin, the Anarchist, Who Attempted to Assassinate King Leopold.

Brussels, Feb. 10.—Gennaro Rubin, the Italian Anarchist, who has been on trial here since February 6th, charged with attempting to assassinate King Leopold on November 15th by firing three shots at His Majesty while the latter was returning from the cathedral after attending Te Deum in memory of the late Queen Henriette, was found guilty. He was sentenced to imprisonment for life at penal servitude.

LIPTON'S YACHT.

Shamrock III. Will Be Launched on St. Patrick's Day.

Glasgow, Feb. 10.—Sir Thomas Lipton has fixed the date for launching Shamrock III. It will take place March 17th. He said he considered the placing of a third leaf to the Shamrock a fitting ceremony for St. Patrick's day.

EDNA LYALL DEAD.

London, Feb. 9.—Edna Lyall, the novelist, is dead at Eastbourne, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Edna Lyall (Ada Ellen Bayley) was born at Brighton, England. Her works have had a large sale, and include "Doveran," "We Two" and "A Hardy Norseman."

VICE-CONSUL DEAD.

Genoa, Feb. 10.—Hubbard T. Smith, United States vice-consul general at Cairo, who had been in a hospital here for some time past, suffering from cancer of the kidneys, died this morning.