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**Tragic Marine Disaster.**

The destruction, by fire, of the Steamer Volturno referred to in our last issue, was one of the most tragic of marine disasters. One hundred and thirty-six lives were lost and over five hundred were saved; but, had not the wireless been brought into action, most likely all would have been lost and the world would have no knowledge of what happened to the steamer and her human freight. This is but one more tribute to the inestimable benefit conferred on the human race by that marvelous invention, wireless telegraphy.

The Volturno, a steamship of the Uranium Line, was on her voyage from Hamburg to Halifax with a ship's company, passengers and crew, of about 700. Fire was discovered breaking from the hold about 7 o'clock Friday morning. This was followed by several explosions, and it soon became evident the fire could not be subdued. A tremendous gale was raging and the seas were running very high.

The captain gave the order to send out the call for aid. Out over the trackless ocean went the call of distress from the operator's ticking instrument. The message was first picked up by the Carmania of the Cunard Line, and she at once reversed her course and proceeded full speed towards the point indicated. Her answering message was evidently not caught by the Volturno, at least for some time; perhaps the latter's apparatus by this time had been destroyed by the explosions. In any event the uncertainty of receiving aid seems to have been the cause of the greatest loss of life among those on the Volturno; as no less than six life boats were launched before the Carmania arrive, and all of them with their human freight were lost. Three of them were dashed to pieces against the side of the steamer and their occupants killed or drowned. Three others got clear only to be swamped in the dreadful seas and their crews drowned.

Towards noon the Carmania reached the vicinity of the doomed vessel and sent out a life boat in charge of her first officer. They found it impossible, in such a sea, to come close to the burning steamer, and only regained their own ship with the greatest difficulty. Rafts were also sent over but they passed by. The Carmania had repeated the call for aid and their call and the original signal was picked up by many steamers. The consequence was that by night fall no less than eleven great liners formed a ring about the burning vessel; but could do scarcely anything by way of rescue, owing to the dreadful sea conditions. The Carmania, meantime, sent out a call for an oil ship and was answered by the tank-steamer Narragansett.

The fire, all this time, was rapidly gaining ground and all on board the steamer were huddled on the afterdeck. This deck itself became so hot from the fire below that the soles of their boots were burning. This condition of things continued during the night with little change till coming on morning. By this time the storm had somewhat abated and the sea went down

a little. The oil steamer had also arrived and poured tons of oil on the waves. The work of rescue commenced about 4 o'clock Friday morning and proceeded rapidly. Boats from the different ships came fairly close to the Volturno and by means of ropes the passengers were transferred to them and then taken to the ships waiting for them. Some jumped into the sea and were picked up by the boats; but others who jumped were lost. In all something over 500 were saved and about 136 were lost.

Throughout all this ordeal, the brave and youthful Captain Inch of the Volturno stood at his post and directed operations. He was the last to be taken off the doomed vessel, preserving and carrying with him the ship's papers. It is satisfactory to learn that his bravery is appreciated by his employers, as is evident from this intelligence received from New York:

The unwritten but almost inexorable law of the seas which bars a captain who loses his ship from being given another command, will not be applied to Captain Francis Inch, of the Volturno. The officials of the Uranium line made it known today that the heroism of the young captain, his desperate though losing fight to save his vessel, and the brave part he played in the battle which resulted in the saving of such a large proportion of the Volturno's passengers and crew will preserve him from the fate of many a master whose ship the sea has claimed. "The line needs men like Inch," said Manager Thomas. "He will be given another boat to command and we will be glad to keep him in our employ."

"They remind me," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Ormskirk, "of the astronomer who looked so much at the stars that he fell down a well and took his last look at the stars as he went beneath the waters." If it was the stripes as well as the stars he was looking at we should guess the accident happened on September 21, 1911. Many of Sir Wilfrid's hearers would suspect that the reference was autobiographical. — Mail and Empire.

At present the salaries to rural postmasters are \$35 per year. Hon. Mr. Pelletier has decided to increase this to \$50 per year. Repeated representations were made to the old government on behalf of the rural postmasters, but were ignored. Since assuming office Mr. Pelletier has done much to improve the postal service, and at the same time has also improved the conditions of the employees in this work by increasing the salaries of the letter carriers and the railway mail clerks. He has now granted this increase to rural postmasters, which was continually refused by the Liberal government.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, accompanied by the Duchess and Princess Patricia, left Liverpool for Canada on board the Empress of Ireland on Friday last. On their departure from London for Liverpool the Vice-Regal party were given a hearty send off by their Royal kindred, by Lord Starthcona, Canada's High Commissioner, and other distinguished Canadians and Londoners. They will arrive at Quebec tomorrow on board the Empress, and will be greeted with full vice regal honors. Premier Borden and several members of his Cabinet, will be present to officially meet and welcome their Highnesses. The Premier comes to Quebec tonight to attend a banquet tendered him by the citizens of the ancient capital.

If beef ever does go to \$1 a pound, hash will become more of a mystery than ever. —Detroit Free Press.

Toronto students have, once more, been writing themselves down as asses, with over ripe eggs as auxiliaries. But they will have become sufficiently tame when a wife and half a dozen children are to be provided for. —Hamilton Spectator.

About the happiest man in the world today should be Marconi. To make a wonderful epoch-creating scientific discovery is one thing, to behold it put into practical operation is another, but to live to see the almost weekly savings of lives by it, with the totals running into the thousands—that must make a man feel singularly favored by fortune. —New York Evening Post.

A youthful British nobleman who has been in this country for a year says he has been in every city from Halifax to Vancouver and has paid only two railway fares. He is going to write a book about Canada. One of the most interesting chapters in it should be that in which he describes his method of avoiding the conductor. —Montreal Herald.

It cannot be said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has led his party wisely since its defeat two years ago. His chief object has been to embarrass the government. In forcing the senate to reject the naval aid bill he made a profound mistake. If he had frankly agreed to the contribution of Dreadnoughts and put forward a Canadian navy as the sounder permanent policy, he would occupy a far stronger position. There was contempt for ministers in the arrogant notion that they could force a general election. The country grew angry at the long and senseless obstruction of public business which disgraced the last session of parliament. —Toronto News.

**Governor Sulzer Impeached**

At Albany, N. Y., the Capital of New York State, on Thursday last, Governor William Sulzer was found guilty by the high court, of impeachment on three of the articles preferred against him. They were one, two and four. He was declared innocent on the charges contained in article three.

Next day he was removed from office but not disqualified from holding office in that state in the future unless this is a substantial change in the informal vote reported to have been taken by the court on these questions in secret session.

For the same reason it is expected that he will be found guilty on the other four articles still remaining to be voted upon when the court adjourns.

Lieut. Governor Martin H. Glynn, who has been acting governor since the impeachment of Sulzer, becomes chief executive of the state. He is an Albany newspaper owner, Robert F. Wagner, a New York attorney becomes lieutenant governor. He is the majority leader in the senate.

The vote on articles one and two was 39 to 18, a bare two-thirds majority. The former article charges that the governor falsified his statements of campaign contributions; the latter that he committed perjury in so doing.

The vote on article three, which charges that the Governor bribed witnesses to withhold testimony from the Frawley investigating committee, was unanimous in favor of the Governor.

The vote on article four was 43 to 14, six members changing their votes on articles one and two from "not guilty" to "guilty" and from "guilty" to "not guilty." This article charges that the Governor suppressed evidence by means of threats to keep witnesses from testifying before the Frawley committee. Among these the Dan. W. Peck, state superintendent of public works, who testified at the trial that the Governor had

asked him to commit perjury. The secret formal vote to remove the governor was said to be 43 to 14, the same as on article four, and the vote not to disqualify him was said to be unanimous.

Article six, which charges that the governor committed larceny in speculating with his campaign contributions was said not to have been sustained in the secret session by a vote of fifty declaring the Governor was not guilty, to seven against him.

Article five, which charges that he prevented a particular witness, Frederick L. Colwell, from attending the sessions of the Frawley committee; article seven, that he threatened to use his office and influence to effect the vote or political action of certain assemblymen men, and article eight, that he had corruptly used his influence to effect the prices of securities on the Stock Exchange, were reported to have also been decided in favor of the Governor in the secret session by a practically unanimous vote.

President Judge Edward Cullen, Democrat, who will shortly retire from the bench, voted not guilty in every article and rendered a long opinion in explaining his votes. The other eight judges of the court of appeal were divided. On articles one and two Judges Willard Bartlett, Democrat, and Emory A. Chase and William E. Werner, Republicans, voted for the Governor, and against him voted Judges Frederick Collin, William H. Caddenback, and John W. Hogan, Democrats, and Frank H. Hiscock and Nathan H. Miller, Republicans, making a division among them of five to four against the governor.

On article four, Judges Bartlett, Chase and Warner changed their votes from "not guilty" to "guilty" and Judges Hiscock and Miller changed from "guilty" to "not guilty," making against him a division from six to three. On charges one and two, 23 Democratic Senators and eleven Republicans voted against the Governor while those voting in his favor numbered seven Democrats, five Republicans, one Independent League Democrat and one Progressive Republican.

The vote on article four was the same except that Judges Bartlett, Chase and Warner, and Senators Emmerson, Herrick and Palmer changed their votes from "not guilty" to "guilty," and Judges Hiscock and Miller changed from "guilty" to "not guilty." Total guilty 43, not guilty 14. Presiding Judge Cullen held that the offenses charged in articles one and two were not impeachable and that the Governor neither falsified his statement under the provisions of the election law nor committed "legal perjury."

Practically every member of the court explained his vote when the roll called on article one, although those who voted in favor of the governor did not enter at length into a discussion of the merits of the case or of the matters of law, and precedent involved as did the others, including all the judges. The latter filed with the court lengthy opinions in support of their votes.

One of the judges, Nathan L. Miller, who was designated to the court of appeals bench by Sulzer, denounced him as "totally unfit for office."

**Gold Reserve Working Well.**

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The central gold reserve established by the government at Montreal under the provisions of the Bank Act of the last session, has entered upon its work, and, according to advices received here, is fulfilling the object for which it was created, namely, to increase the note circulation. Deposits of about four million dollars are reported. For every dollar deposited in gold in this reserve the banks making deposit may issue an equivalent in note circulation. This is in addition to the ordinary powers and those exercised under the provisions governing emergency circulation. The institution is designed as a factor in increasing the circulation at periods, such as those of the crop movement, when it is most needed, the gold reserve is directed by a board of trustees upon which the government is represented by the Royal Trust Company. The star trustees are the Montreal, Royal, and Commerce Banks.

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