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CLEARING.

THREE CENTS

DONALDSON LINER CASSANDRA STRIKES ICEBERG; HAWKER AND GRIEVE RESCUED FROM THE SEA; CALGARY JOINS IN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE TODAY

DONALDSON LINER CASSANDRA STRIKES ICEBERG OFF CAPE RACE ABOUT 160 MILES

First Message Reported Steamer in Sinking Condition But Later Reports Picked up Were More Reassuring.

CANADA AND SCOTIA WERE STANDING BY

Steamer Sailed from Montreal Wednesday With Large Passenger List and a Heavy Freight for Scotland.

Bulletin—St. John's, Nfld., May 25.—Wireless calls for assistance were received today from the Donaldson liner Cassandra which reported that she had struck an iceberg 160 miles off Cape Race. The Cassandra sailed from Montreal last Wednesday for Glasgow. She is a vessel of 8,130 gross tons, with a length of 465 feet and was built in Greenock, Scotland, by the S. B. and E. Scott Company, Limited, in 1896.

Boston Gets Word. Boston, Mass., May 25.—The naval communication office tonight received messages from the Donaldson liner Cassandra which struck an iceberg 160 miles off Cape Race, the last message indicating that the steamer was in no serious danger. The first message said: "O. S. S. struck iceberg latitude 47 20, longitude 61 20. Fear sinking. Cassandra, Scotland and other nearby ships not concerned for immediate assistance."

Later the following was received: "Cassandra reports captain has ordered number three hold to be pumped."

A third message said: "Cassandra reports now under control; require no assistance. Ship stopped, effecting repairs."

Large List. Montreal, May 25.—The Donaldson liner Cassandra, reported to have struck an iceberg 160 miles off Cape Race, Nfld., carried 210 cabin passengers and 127 steerage with a large general cargo when she sailed from this port last Wednesday. The agents here reported that later advice have been received from Campdown wireless station to the effect that she is not seriously damaged and is returning to St. John's, Nfld., under her own steam, temporary repairs having been effected.

No Word at Halifax. Halifax, May 25.—C. H. Harvey, agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department here, stated at a late hour tonight that he had received no report that the Donaldson liner Cassandra, Montreal to Glasgow, with passengers and freight had struck an iceberg and was in distress south of Cape Race. Mr. Harvey stated that two of the department's steamers, storm bound in Cape Breton, would be despatched to the assistance of the Cassandra if the need arose. The Robert Reford Company, agents of the Donaldson Line here, had not been advised up to a late hour tonight re Cassandra's reported plight.

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Two Soldiers Upset from Canoe on Lake Utopia—In Water Two Hours Before Rescued.

St. George, May 25.—Two returned soldiers, Ed Hibbard and Gordon Stewart, of St. George, had a trying experience and a narrow escape from drowning in Lake Utopia, Saturday, while fishing. The two young men were out on the lake trawling for trout when one of the anglers caught a fish and at the same time he stood up in the canoe. Instantly the canoe was overturned and the two men were thrown into the water. They managed to grasp hold of the canoe and thus kept themselves afloat. Repeatedly they called for help and while some persons on the shores of the lake heard the cries it was not thought that they came from the men in the lake. Finally after being about two hours in the water, George Maxwell heard the calling and put out in a motor boat and rescued them. Mr. Maxwell was just in the nick of time for Messrs. Hibbard and Stewart were about exhausted and could not have held out much longer. The men were brought to the shore and later to their homes in St. George where they were treated by a physician. They are reported to be recovering after their unhappy experience.

Maj. Carter Loses His Life In Accident

London, May 23.—Major Carter, Canadian air forces, was killed yesterday at the Canadian aerodrome at Shoreham. It is believed a wing of his machine broke and he fell seven thousand feet. He received the Distinguished Service Order and Croix de Guerre.

COMMENCEMENT AT ACADIA IN FULL SWING

Baccalaureate Preached Yesterday by Dr. Whidden of Brandon College—Graduating Class Numbers Fourteen

Special to The Standard. Wolfville, May 25.—The commencement exercises of Acadia College were continued last evening with a concert under the auspices of the Athletes Association. A feature was a one-act play by John Bishop and Miss Pauline Barry.

The preacher of the baccalaureate sermon was Rev. Dr. Howard Whidden, President of Brandon College, whose subject was the "Ultimate Ground of Victory."

In the afternoon there was an organ recital in the Baptist church by Dr. Fisher. In the evening the regular Y. M. C. A. service was participated in by Mr. Lynseden and Eastbrooks, reformed soldiers, who spoke of plans of the Y. M. C. A. for next year.

The Acadia Seminary has had a large attendance, making a record, the number of pupils being 352, the graduating class is the smallest in 18 years, numbering 14.

AVIATORS REJOICE OVER NEWS OF HAWKER'S RESCUE

The Group of British Airmen Who Were Preparing to Follow in the Sopwith's Uncertain Wake, Are Greatly Elated.

St. John's, Nfld., May 25.—Messages from London announcing the safety of Harry G. Hawker and his navigator, Lieut-Commander McKenzie Grieve, spread through this city as rapidly as the airmen swept over it a week ago, starting the trans-Atlantic flight attempt which proved a seven day mystery.

Rejoicing was general, but was perhaps greatest among the group of British aviators who had been preparing to follow in the Sopwith plane's uncertain wake.

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The crew of the Handley-Page today began the third week of assembling their plane with the hope of having it ready for a trial flight early next week.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ARRIVES AT HALIFAX AND HASTENS BY SPECIAL TRAIN TO OTTAWA

Was Unable to Attend the Public Reception Planned for Him at Halifax on Account of Pressing Matters at Ottawa Requiring His Presence—Expresses His Belief That Germans Will Eventually Sign the Peace Treaty—Confident That Returning Soldiers Would Exert a Steady Influence in the Trend of Events in the Dominion—Praises the Work of Canadian Nurses in England and on the Field.

Halifax, May 25.—Sir Robert Borden, returning to Ottawa from the Peace Conference at Paris, gave out a statement after landing from the Aquitania, this morning, in which he expressed his belief that the Germans would eventually sign the peace treaty, to his confidence that the returning soldiers would exert a steady influence in the trend of events in the Dominion, and his appreciation of the work of the conducting staffs responsible for the comfort of Canada's returning army while at sea, the work of Canadian nurses in England and in the field, the overseas record of General Morrison, as head of the artillery arm, and of Hon. L. A. Sifton, as chief British representative on the international committee on the international regime of ports, rivers and waterways, both of whom returned with him, and his regret at having to decline the public reception arranged for him by the citizens of Halifax, owing to the necessity of proceeding to Ottawa with the least possible delay.

Sir Robert declined to discuss the Winnipeg situation on the ground that he had not yet had an opportunity of discussing the matter with his colleagues. A feature was a one-act play by John Bishop and Miss Pauline Barry.

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Calgary Joins in Sympathetic Strike At 11 O'clock Today

Calgary, Alta., May 25.—A general strike has been called in Calgary, to take effect at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Practically all unions affiliated with the Trades Council will be affected. The vote was four to one in favor. Essential activities such as police and fire protection, delivery of milk, bread and other necessities will be carried on. Hotel and restaurant employes have also been requested to stay at work. It is also expected that the local druggists will be allowed to continue to publish.

CUSTOM OFFICIAL FOR AMHERST DIES SUDDENLY

Barry W. Baker, Well Known in Nova Scotia, Passes Away.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, May 25.—Barry W. Baker, Chief Customs Officer for the Town of Amherst, passed away at his home, Lower Victoria street, at an early hour this morning. For the past few weeks Mr. Baker has not been in good health and had been granted leave of absence by the Department of Customs for three months. He was about the streets of the town on Friday, and the news of his sudden death has proved a severe shock to scores of friends in town, county and province. Mr. Baker, who was sixty-nine years of age, was appointed Customs officer on the death of the late W. D. Main. He was an efficient official and a citizen of the best type besides being a kind husband and father. He is survived by his wife, two sons and six daughters, two brothers and three sisters, and has a wide genealogical connection throughout the county.

WINNIPEG POSTAL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AN ULTIMATUM

If They Do Not Return to Work Today They Will Be Dismissed from Government Service.

Winnipeg, May 25.—Mayor Chas. F. Gray today called a meeting of Winnipeg city council for tomorrow when action will be taken on the proposed ultimatum to striking municipal employees, setting a day for the return to employment, or dismissal from the city's service on failure to return to work.

Federal officials have announced that unless members of the Winnipeg Postal Workers' Union return to work by noon tomorrow they will be dismissed from the federal service. Striking telephone workers are considering a similar ultimatum served on them by Premier Norris, of Manitoba. Postal clerks and railway mail clerks will meet tomorrow to decide on action to be taken. Sixty postal workers at a minority meeting today announced they would return to work. "I am hopeful of an early settlement of the disagreement," Senator Gideon Robertson, Federal Minister of Labor, said Saturday. Senator Robertson delivered an ultimatum to the postal clerks' union to either return to work Monday or consider themselves dismissed from the government service. Volunteer clerks today began sorting mail which has accumulated since the strike began.

Strike leaders conferred on Saturday with Senator Robertson and Premier Norris but declined to issue a statement.

SEAPLANE N C-4 STILL HELD UP

Adverse Weather Conditions Delay Start for Lisbon.

Dona Delgada, May 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Weather reports received this morning indicate that the strong easterly winds between here and Lisbon will continue today and tomorrow. This makes the start of the seaplane N. C. 4 for Lisbon unlikely before Monday.

HARRY HAWKER AND LIEUT. GRIEVE RESCUED FROM THE SEA BY DANISH STEAMER MARY

The Joyful News Was Received in London Yesterday and All the World Rejoices—Went Down Some 1,000 Miles Out from Newfoundland—Engine Failed to Function—Stayed on Water Ninety Minutes Before Steamer Reached Them.

London, May 25.—Harry G. Hawker and Lieut-Commander McKenzie Grieve, the two airmen who started last Sunday in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic from St. John's, Nfld., have been picked up at sea and landed in Scotland. Both men are in perfect health.

It is officially announced by the Admiralty that the aviators were picked up in latitude 50.20, longitude 29.30, having alighted close to the little Danish steamer Mary, owing to a stoppage of circulation in the water pipes between the radiator and the water pump. The airplane, a Sopwith machine, was not salvaged.

The first report of the aviators, since their famous "jump-off" last Sunday, came when the Mary, which was bound from Norfolk to Aarhus, rounded the Butt of Lewis today and wig-wagged the fact that she had Hawker and Grieve aboard.

"Saved hands of Sopwith airplane" was the signal. "Is it Hawker?" was the question sent out by the flags from the Butt, which is the most northwesterly point of the Hebrides group off Scotland.

"Yes" laconically replied the vessel. The Admiralty immediately sent out a fast torpedo boat destroyer in an endeavor to intercept the Mary and take off the aviators. There was an anxious wait for several hours, when the word was flashed that the destroyer had come across the steamer and transferred Hawker and Grieve, and was taking them to Thurso, on the northern coast of Scotland, about 100 miles east of the Butt of Lewis.

The destroyer, the Revenge, reported to the Admiralty this evening that Hawker and Grieve would sleep on board tonight.

The aviators will reach London at seven o'clock Tuesday evening.

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Some 1,100 miles out from Newfoundland, and 800 from the Irish coast on Monday, May 19, the lone aviators, making the best of an engine which was falling to function properly, were forced to alight on the water. The little Danish steamer Mary, bound from New Orleans and Norfolk for Aarhus, Denmark, picked the wayfarers up and continued on her northward voyage.

THE ARMIES OF OCCUPATION PLAN THEIR NEXT MOVE

British and American Commanders in Conference Regarding Military Action.

Coblenz, May 23.—By the A. P.—Sir William Robertson, commanding the British army of occupation, came here today for a conference with Lieut. General Hunter Laggett, commander of the American third army, regarding Allied military action should the Germans fail to accept the peace terms. British aviation officers also have arrived at Coblenz and have discussed with the heads of the third army plans for aviation activities in case these should be necessary in connection with a military movement.

New York, May 25.—Thursday of the present week is the time limit set for the Germans to make known to the representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers, at Versailles, what German purpose to do with regard to accepting or rejecting the terms of peace formulated for her.

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