

SCENES OF HORROR AS SHIP GOES DOWN

Death Total in Hammonia Disaster Unknown

Rescue Vessel Finds Ocean Dotted by Life Rafts and Overturned Boats With Men, Women and Children Clinging to Them in Desperation.

(Canadian Press Cable) Southampton, Eng., Sept. 12.—The loss of life in the foundering of the German steamer Hammonia off Vigo, Spain on last Saturday, will probably never be definitely known. The passenger list was not saved, and the total of those on board can only be approximated.

Captain Alfred Hecker, commander of the Hammonia, asserts that only fifteen persons are missing out of 537. The crew, he believes, numbered 192, and the passengers 345.

Captain Day, commander of the steamer Kinfauns Castle, which brought 385 survivors here, says he saw possibly eighty drownings, while others place the death list as high as 150. One reason why the number lost will probably never be known is that most of the passengers were Spanish or Cuban workmen, whom it will be impossible to trace.

Fearful Scenes. During his fifty years at sea, in which he has saved four ships and their crews, Captain Day told the Associated Press he never witnessed scenes of horror equal to those on Saturday.

"When we received the S. O. S. on Saturday," he said, "we hurried to the



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scenes and stood by for several hours until told that we were not needed. Then, when resetting our course late in the afternoon, we got a second call and hurried back in a heavy sea. We saw the Hammonia on her side, sinking, with the ocean full of life rafts and overturned boats, to which drowning men, women and children were clinging. We got out eight boats, and there was a great rush among the sailors to be the first to the rescue.

"They brought on board 385 persons. One of our boats delivered seven to the City of Valencia; eighty-eight were rescued by the Euclid and possibly sixty by the Tudor Prince. If there were any more they were lost."

Captain Hecker, who formerly commanded the liner Imperator, said he had been going to sea for sixteen years, in which time he had never suffered an accident. Then, with lips quivering, "I lost my ship, and cannot even say why. It will remain one of the mysteries of the sea."

"When we left Vigo," he continued, "strong cross winds began to blow and we slowed down. Then I found the ship leaning and put her head to the storm, but the water kept creeping upward. I sounded vainly to ascertain the whereabouts of the leak, and set the pumps working at 3,000 tons to the hour."

"I did not dream that such a stout ship could be in danger, but the water kept climbing, and when the ship was listing I sent out the S. O. S. Then, hoping against hope, I refused aid until the very last. I quieted the passengers and assured them they would be saved. When some Spaniards became unruly, I permitted them to put off in two boats, which quickly overturned.

"It was then that the rest of the boats began putting off. They were met by those from the Kinfauns Castle and picked up."

"I refused to leave the ship and nineteen of my engineers and officers declared they would remain. Even Fritz, the ship's cook, and Johann, twelve year old cadet, stayed when the waters were sweeping the lower decks. We finally showed off, but the waves were so powerful that, with two men on each oar, it was difficult to go more than a few yards, and we were almost caught by the sinking vessel. As she went by, the stern there was a big explosion, shooting the green seas a hundred feet into the air."

CONTINENT ON DRIFT WESTWARD?

London, Sept. 12.—Is the American continent drifting westward and slowly leaving Europe behind? It is, if a theory propounded at Hull yesterday by Wegener, a German geologist, is correct. He declares that the various continents originally were joined at the poles, but that now they are slowly drifting away from the poles from east to west. America is moving westward faster than Europe, he said, and Greenland still fast-er than America. He added that this movement had been proven by experiments at observatories in Europe and at Washington.

Prof. Turner of Oxford said there was no astronomical observation worthy of serious consideration in support of Wegener's theory. Greenland, he admitted, had an apparent drift, showing a change of three quarters of a mile in position between 1823 and 1907. All other evidence, however, was against the existence of changes in latitude and longitude.

TORONTO GIRL STUDENT DROWNS

Toronto, Sept. 12.—While trying to swim across the Wasago River near its outlet in Georgian Bay, Miss Lena Pugsley of Toronto, a student at McMaster University, lost her life yesterday. There was a heavy surf. A younger sister, Helen, who was also bathing in the river, made an attempt to rescue her by going out in a canoe, but failed. The body was recovered.

TWO MORE FAIRS OPENING TODAY

St. Stephen and Woodstock Exhibitions Look for Big Success—Accident Yesterday.

Both the Woodstock and St. Stephen exhibitions opened today and both bid fair to be unequalled successes. Woodstock Wednesday will be the big day from a racing standpoint and it is expected that the attendance will approximate 30,000 people. Business places in Foulton, Maine, will close on Wednesday at noon to permit all who wish to attend the fair across the border. Every seat in the grandstand was filled before the first of the week.

MONTE CRISTO A SCREEN TRIUMPH

Alexander Dumas' Masterpiece at the Opera House—Excellent Cast in Difficult Roles.

Those who witnessed the premier showing in Canada of the William Fox super production Monte Cristo, based on Alexandre Dumas' immortal novel, last night at the Opera House, declare without hesitation that it is the greatest piece of adventure and fiction that has yet come to the screen.

The cast is of surprising excellence, containing such names as John Gilbert, Bert McKim, Spottiswoode Aitken, George Stegmann, Virginia Faire, Francis MacDonald and Gaston Glass, the photography and camera work the best of all those who beheld it, the costumeing gorgeous and serving to stimulate the fancy.

It seemed to all that Dumas' characters had stepped from the book and recalled pleasant evenings spent in the reading.

Dantes starts from the arms of his bride in the very midst of the marriage feast, and is thrown into the darkest dungeon of the Chateau d'If. His tunnelling to freedom, his escape in a hurried boat, his substitution by a clever ruse for the dead abbe's body, how he finds great treasure, his return to the world as the Count of Monte Cristo, how he finds his former enemies and how he avenges himself are thrills that are not soon forgotten.

Monte Cristo is now playing in New York at the 44th Street Theatre at \$1.65, and the Opera House management is fortunate in having obtained this masterpiece for the first showing anywhere in Canada, and especially at such low prices.

Monte Cristo will remain at the Opera House to and including Thursday. A complete new change of programme will be offered on Friday at regular prices, and will include an old-time amateur contest.

SCHOOL MATTERS BEFORE BOARD

At the regular meeting of the school board last evening it was decided to call for tenders for the sale of the Newman street school building. A report on the leaky condition of the roof of the Alexandra school was referred to the building committee. Applications for the position of janitor were received from William O'Donnell and C. H. Smith and were ordered filed. A letter from J. S. Gibbon & Co. offering to supply the schools with several hundred tons of fuel if the order was placed at once was referred to the building committee. A. G. Gunter, manual training teacher, wrote commending the work of several of the boys who had exhibited their work. A vote of thanks was passed. George E. Day brought up the matter of the Lorne school playground. A motion was passed that a report be submitted on the cost of grading the grounds.

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STIRRING STORY AT THE UNIQUE

"Winning with Wits" Proves Human Interest Tale, with Prominent Fox Players.

The personality which was a place in the galaxy of Fox stars for pretty Barbara Bedford was again reflected on the screen to great advantage last night at the Unique Theatre, where she opened an engagement in her new picture "Winning with Wits."

The story carries an acute human interest and deals with all kinds of situations from business methods to Hindoo magic. It is an exceedingly clever tale, an adaptation of a story by H. Van Loan, a noted fictionist, relating the experiences of a courageous young girl who puts into execution a scheme to fight for her father's freedom—and who wins.

One of the ways in which she secures a confession from her father's employer and false accuser is by means of a clever fortune telling stunt, in which she dresses herself as a famous seeress and conjures up before the eyes of the terrified employer an apparition of her father. This scene is especially well acted and is beautifully designed and costumed.

No Trouble to Keep Skin Free From Hairs

(The Modern Beauty.) There is no need for any woman to countenance superfluous hairs, because with a paste made by mixing some powdered delatone with water it is easy to get rid of them. The paste is applied for 2 to 3 minutes, then rubbed off and the skin washed. This treatment will rid the skin of hair without leaving a blemish, but care should be taken to see that you get real delatone. Mix fresh as wanted.

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SAVED MAN'S LIFE BY PUNCH IN JAW

Wideawake Policeman Tells Rescuer to Apply "Fist Aid."

New York, Sept. 12.—After a fight of fifteen minutes in the North River, Harry Whitman, twenty-five years old, of number 618 Monastery street, Hoboken, N. J., rescued Patrick Kennedy, 40 years old, of number 613 Third avenue, who had jumped into the water to die.

Kennedy did not want to be saved, and he fought off his rescuer. "Go away; I want to drown," he said, as Whitman struggled with him.

Patrolman Joseph O'Connell who had been told that a man was overboard, ran to the end of the pier and saw Kennedy swinging his right fist at Whitman.

"Punch him on the jaw," shouted the policeman, Whitman did so and Kennedy was knocked out. A few minutes later he was lifted to the pier and revived by the policeman and Whitman.

SMUGGLES LIQUOR IN SKIRT. Woman With Hidden Pockets Nearly Betrayed by "Nerves."

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 12.—Pockets in the skirts is the latest whim of fashion for women who want to smuggle liquor into the country, according to Mrs. Burr McIntosh, wife of the actor-newspaperman, who has just returned to the United States after a two years' residence in Paris.

"I was highly amused at an incident which I saw in the customs house," she said, "a well-known woman had made an adaptation of a story by H. Van Loan, a noted fictionist, relating the experiences of a courageous young girl who puts into execution a scheme to fight for her father's freedom—and who wins."

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