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CARRY THE POWER BYLAW—THAT IS THE DUTY WHICH RESTS WITH TORONTO NOW

TUG RUNS INTO BARGE WHILE RACING FOR TOW SINKS WITH THREE MEN

"Escort" of Port Dalhousie Goes Down in Lake With All the Crew Before Assistance, Close at Hand, Could Be Rendered.

CUT ACROSS BARGE BOWS STRUCK, TURNED AND SANK

ST. CATHARINES, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The sinking of the steamer "Escort," in 120 feet of water, some ten miles down Lake Ontario, from Port Dalhousie, and three miles off the land, the same distance from Niagara Point, will be recalled by the sad fatality which occurred in the same place last night, three men being drowned as the result of a collision of the tug "Escort" with the barge Ben Harrison.

The Ben Harrison is a pulpwood barge, and she was expected to be the last tow of the season to go up the Welland Canal and tug-owners were keenly on the lookout for her. Word was received by Capt. Harry Dunlop, in the afternoon, that the barge had left Westport (Capt. Milligan). Steam was put on, and Capt. McCoppen of the tug Golden City did likewise, and also prepared to meet the barge. Shortly before 8 o'clock, the tug sign of the barge had been seen, both tugs left the harbor, and it was soon apparent that a race was in progress.

That was the last the people of the village knew of the affair till the Golden City returned, with the barge and brought tidings that the "Escort" had collided with the Harrison and had gone down with scarcely a minute's warning, and that Capt. Dunlop, Albert Dunlop, engineer, and Charles Christmas, cabin helper, who had also been aboard, had been drowned.

It seems from stories told by rescued members of the "Escort's" crew, and by Capt. McCoppen and Capt. Hovey of the barge, that when tugs neared the steamer the Golden City had a slight advantage in distance over the "Escort," and as is customary when meeting a tow, she made a circle and came up alongside.

The "Escort" made a straight run for the bow of the schooner, endeavored to cross in front of her, but was struck in the centre by the bluff of the Ben Harrison's bow, turned over and sank.

Captain Hovey's Story.
Capt. Hovey is a clever Norwegian. He said he was standing in the bow of the barge when the two tugs were into sight. The barge was being towed at the rate of ten miles an hour. The "Escort" came up, and Capt. Dunlop called out to him to throw a line, but as the Golden City had first reached the barge he did not do so. The first thing he knew the barge was under the tow line and Capt. Dunlop gave one short whistle to cut the cable. This could not be done, as the cable was of heavy steel. Capt. Dunlop then sounded the fingers and blew eight or ten whistles for help. The Ben Harrison struck the tug, which turned over and sank. Lifeboats of the barge were instantly lowered and lines were thrown out over the bow.

Capt. McCoppen's story was to the effect that the Golden City reached the barge first, and encircling, came up beside her, but was unable to throw a line. The "Escort" crossed his course and struck the tow cable which carried away the tow of the pilot house. He heard the bells given to go ahead and the barge then struck the tug amidships and the latter sank. He also remembers having heard the "Escort" blow to the Westport to let go the tow line.

Melvin Barnes, fireman, whose father was drowned on the Resolute in Toronto Bay, a year ago, was rescued from the water soon after the collision. He says he was standing close to the engine house door and was watching the course of the tug. Seeing the accident was about to happen, he called to the engineer to back up, but just as he did so the captain gave the forward signal and the tug plunged on and was struck abreast of the fire hold door and he was thrown into the water.

Cook Seriously Injured.
Mrs. Bartlett, cook, was in the front of the pilot house watching the race, when the collision occurred, and was thrown into the lake. When picked up by the Golden City's crew she was found to be suffering from a concussion of the brain. She is suffering with two broken ribs and several bruises. Herman Cook had been on the top of the cabin endeavoring to release the life raft and was thrown with the raft into the water, but was easily picked up and taken to the shore.

Accidents very much like that of last night have happened once or twice before, but no damage resulted and no warning was taken from them. The night was moonlight and the lake was unusually calm. The fatality is the sad result of a little over-zealousness.

Nearly All of Port Colborne.
Capt. Dunlop was an unmarried man and was very popular all along the canal from Port Colborne to Port Dalhousie. His brother Albert leaves a widow and four children. Christmas was unmarried. The entire crew

PANAMA ISSUE MAY BE BAD MISTAKE

Chairman of Congress Banking Committee Takes an Alarmist View of Situation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Representative Charles N. Fowler, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, today made a statement regarding the issue of Panama Canal bonds and treasury certificates.

"Personally," said Mr. Fowler, "and from a party standpoint, it is, of course, unpleasant for me to disapprove the action of the Republican administration, but my study of the questions involved, and my duty to the public, compel me to set forth the reasons why the action of the administration is surprising, extraordinary, unwarranted and most unfortunate."

On Friday, Nov. 15, the crisis of the present currency panic had been reached and successfully passed, thru the splendid achievements of the American bankers in bringing gold to this country to the extent of about \$75,000,000 at a very great cost to themselves, for it was purchased generally at a premium of about 2 per cent., and also by responding to the business necessities of the various localities in issuing clearing-house certificates and cashiers' cheques in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10, as well as the larger denominations.

"Under the circumstances, then, I assert that the action of the administration was certainly surprising to anyone who was at all familiar with the banking situation on Friday, Nov. 15; that, considering the fact that the government had \$240,000,000 of cash on hand, and would not have any more to speak of immediately after the bonds were sold, it was certainly extraordinary that it was necessary to be increasing the national interest-bearing debts \$150,000,000, and that it was most unfortunate from every point of view, especially economically."

"I believe that the effect is bound to be disturbing to the banking condition because the transaction is a forced one, and has no direct relation to the commerce of the country, as did the import of gold on the part of the banks, and as this operation was related to our coming exports and a strictly business transaction."

"I am confident that the effect upon the situation will be most disastrous economically when the reserves begin to accumulate in January, rising, as I have said, to a point probably in excess of any reserves we have held for the last seven years, because there will be no way of getting rid of the mass of fixed bond-secured, immobile currency out of the way, and leave us in a normal position, ready to adjust ourselves to the demands of our coming year."

"In conclusion, let it be remembered as absolutely certain that the process now invoked, of a forced issue of our currency this fixed mass, will bring us the same danger from which we are now suffering, if only some exciting cause be present to precipitate the trouble."

"For the honor of the government, but more especially for the welfare of the whole country, I sincerely hope that not a single per cent. issue will be issued now, and that the administration will have the wisdom, courage and patriotism to withdraw the offer of the \$100,000,000 3 per cent. issue immediately, thereby saving the present situation and protecting the people against the future currency of a most serious mistake."

LAYING FOR HIM.



BIG CHIEF NICHOLLS: Let Civic Chief trust his brothers of the Big Ring, let him come out without his foolish gun and smoke the pipe of peace.

SYDNEY FISHER'S MEETING BROKE IN DISORDER

His Explanation of Hog Regulation Act Did Not Satisfy West Kent Agriculturists.

CHATHAM, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, was brought here this afternoon, in the interest of A. B. McCole, M.L.A., Liberal candidate for the Dominion house in West Kent, to address a mass meeting of farmers, and explain to them the recent hog regulation bill passed on by the federal government.

The meeting was attended by over 600 farmers and stock raisers, it proved a colossal failure so far as the Liberal cause in West Kent is concerned.

Mr. Fisher, shortly after he had concluded his opening remarks, was bombarded with questions which he apparently did not answer to the satisfaction of his listeners, who were quite representative of both parties in this riding. Different farmers who arose in the audience and addressed the minister, contended that the new hog regulations meant a death blow to the raising of swine in this district. Already the price has fallen to 35 and 35.5, and no dressed hogs are seen on the Chatham market any more.

Mr. Fisher made vain efforts to impress the farmers with the idea that the regulations were enforced to keep the reputation of Canadian products up in the British markets. His remarks were drowned in storms of opposition and cries of "Row!" "He's no farmer." "You can't pull the wool over our eyes," and like expressions of disapproval. Mr. Fisher tried to tell the farmers that they had better make lots of money out of hogs at five cents, but they had figures and facts to prove the fallacy of his contentions. The meeting broke up in stormy disorder.

The Donaldson Line is not so fortunate. Their steamer "Tritonia" arrived today, and work on her with the crew will start in to-morrow. Capt. Walsh, C.P.R. shore captain, said today that any such price as forty cents an hour was ridiculous. In fact, if depression in trade and financial circles lasts there is a probability that never schedules of wages for all classes of labor will be in order here. He thinks the strikers would compromise for 35 cents, but this he will not pay.

The crew of the ship engaged at work will receive, besides their regular wages, the sum of thirty cents an hour for all time they work, the same as was offered by the steamship people to the Longshoremen's Association.

CHAMPAGNE SUPPER FOR SUBMERGED TENTH

Police Traced Wagon Thru Mud to House and Found the Celebrants Hilarious.

MONTREAL, Nov. 24.—With two cases of champagne broken open in the house and an air of unusual hilarity prevailing, Alphonse Beauchamp, 53 years of age, and his two sons, Joseph and Rudolph, aged respectively 22 and 15 years, were surprised this morning to receive a visit from Detective Lemieux, of Chief Carpenter's staff, at their residence, 72 St. Timothy-street. The father and sons, with many apologies from the detective for disturbing their good time, were conveyed to the detective headquarters, where they will be charged with burglary.

The method by which the champagne party was traced was, to say the least of it, surprising, and a very fine piece of detective work. In the early hours of the morning Captain Bellefleur of No. 2 station, received a report from one of his men that a G.T.R. car opposite the Leyland line wharf had been broken into and a quantity of champagne removed. Bellefleur at once notified the detective office, and Detective Lemieux went to investigate the matter. Along with the constable who had discovered the breaking of the seal and the opening of the car, Detective Lemieux went to the wharf, and the scarcely frozen mud they discovered traces of a two-wheeled wagon that had evidently been drawn up alongside the car. They found it difficult in following the wheel tracks of the wharf on to the street and right on thru the Beaudry-street tunnel. It was not easy after that to keep in touch with the marks, but by dint of perseverance the officers of the law at length concluded that the wagon had followed their right they led into on yard in the rear of 73 St. Timothy-street.

Their efforts were rewarded on going into the yard by the sight of a two-wheeled wagon. In the wagon were ten loads of champagne, still untouched. With this clue the officers looked around for any signs of illumination in the windows nearby. In the window a light was showing cheerily against the window blind. The officers at once made their way to the door of the house and, knocking, obtained admission. In the back part of the house Beauchamp, his wife and two sons were making merry over champagne galore, and had already reached a stage not far removed from the extremely jovial.

The party at once evinced surprise, if not actual consternation, and their consternation was increased when the three males engaged in the festive proceedings were ordered to come along to headquarters.

From the car there had been stolen in all \$600 worth of goods—twelve cases of champagne and one case of fancy paper.

POWER FOR ST. THOMAS.

Transmission Line May Be Run Close to City.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—St. Thomas may yet get cheaper Niagara power than many other places, thru being located very close to the main transmission line. The original proposition was to locate the main line thru London and feed St. Thomas by a branch line, but a surveying party, who claim to be representatives of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, are busily engaged in surveying the land north of the city. The object being, they say, to build the transmission line from the Falls to points west of St. Thomas and as far as Windsor. The route surveyed by them so far is along the Edgewood road, where it turns northeast of the city.

Engineer Richards, of the Power Commission, expects to reach St. Thomas on Tuesday, and will in all probability meet the council on Tuesday night. Hon. J. M. Beck is also expected to be present.

THIS MAN A CUR.

Beat His Wife Unmercifully—To Prison for Two Years.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—For unmercifully beating his wife and abusing his children, Frederick Borrell of Hampton was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary with hard labor yesterday by Judge Wedderburn.

The woman, who belongs to a prominent Westfield family, could stand his treatment no longer and sought the protection of the authorities, fearing her life was in danger.

Evidence showed that Borrell had dragged his wife from bed out of the house, locking the door against her, while the temperature was at zero. When found by neighbors she was in a pitiable condition.

Borrell conducted his own defence, and spoke in abusive terms of his wife. He had to be stopped by the judge, who, in a scathing address, passed sentence. The prisoner pleaded for mercy, but with no effect.

SUCH AN OFFER NEVER BEFORE

For the first time in the history of either Canada or the United States a government has come forward and offered to supply every city and town with cheap power and to build all the transmission lines, leaving the cities with nothing to do but build their own distribution plant. A generating plant and transmission line for Toronto, say, at the Falls, would cost at least five millions. We avoid all that, and yet there are men who profess to be friends of the city who seek to defeat the proposition. And with this public ownership scheme there will be no middlemen, no insolent company managers (Bob Fleming, for instance), no broken contracts or pledges, nothing but lots of power at cost price and full measure for all time. No generating plant to maintain, no transmission plant to maintain, the power wired right to our limits and put into our own distribution plant.

How many cities and towns would jump at an abundant water supply that involved only a distribution plant, that avoided the pumping station and engines, the transmission aqueduct, and the perpetual maintenance of the same!

As we say, for the first time in history we have this magnificent offer made us, and four of Toronto's newspapers are trying to defeat it. Why?

BIG CATHOLIC SCHOOL BURNED AT BELLEVILLE

Loss Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars—Origin of Fire a Mystery, Disorganizes School System.

BELLEVILLE, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—A heavy blow fell on the Roman Catholics of this city this evening, when their principal school building, known as the Convent School, was burned.

The school stood on John-street, between the Loretto Convent and John-street Presbyterian School. It was used on Sundays as a Sunday school, and this afternoon the classes met here in the usual way.

The janitor made his rounds at 4 o'clock and found things all right. About 6.40 the buildings was seen to be on fire, and the firemen worked hard the flames had gotten too big a start and could not be checked, the result being that the building was completely gutted.

While under control of the separate school trustees, the school was taught by the sisters of Loretto Convent. The loss will be heavy, as the building and furnishings could not be replaced for less than \$25,000. There is an insurance of \$7500. This is the second time the school has been on fire recently. The destruction of the school puts the Roman Catholics of this city up against a serious problem. Not quite three years ago their handsome church, St. Michael's, was burned at a loss of 75,000, and it has kept them busy paying the bill. Now their chief school is gone, and considerable expense gain faces them, besides the disorganization of their classes. It will be hard to get a proper building for their purpose in this city at present.

MARTIAL LAW RULES LISBON

Situation in Portugal Is Assuming Serious Phase.

LISBON, Nov. 24.—The City of Lisbon is now practically under martial law. Detachments of police and municipal guards are constantly patrolling the streets, but no violent incidents have occurred. The censorship over telegraphic dispatches is most strict and the post officials refuse to accept letters which do not contain the address of the senders on the envelope.

Much dissatisfaction is reported among the officers of the Portuguese army. Three generals are known to have been relieved of their commands and, according to report, some 300 political prisoners have been placed on board a cruiser which left Lisbon immediately afterwards. Another version of the rumor is that the officers of the cruiser are disaffected. Rebellion is said to be rampant in the navy. A decree is published in the official government organ proclaiming an extension of the period of restraint governing the liberty of the press.

An official statement by the government organ declares that the situation in Portugal has been grossly misrepresented. It says the military forces are well concerned members of the royal family, the attitude of the political leaders, as well as the stories of an outbreak against order are without foundation.

OWEN SOUND TURNS OUT TO SEE NEW STEAMSHIP

Prestige of Liverpool of Ontario Enhanced by Addition of Two Fast Upper Lake Liners.

OWEN SOUND, Nov. 24.—The splendid new Canadian Pacific Upper Lake Express Steamship Assinibola arrived in port at 10.30 this morning with Capt. Anderson, formerly of the SS. Manitoba, on the bridge.

The Assinibola left Buffalo Friday morning, and made her way up the lakes at a leisurely rate. She was at Port Huron last night at 5 o'clock and made a splendid run up Lake Huron. The vessel will not go into commission until next spring.

Today probably 5000 people passed thru the vessel, and comments of admiration were heard on every hand. She is typically an old country built steamer, but much larger than the three vessels now on the Owen Sound-Port William route. The Keewatin, a sister ship, will reach this port before the close of navigation.

The phenomenal development of business thru Owen Sound has rendered this increase to the Upper Lake trial of Harry K. Thaw, set for one week from to-morrow, will again be postponed, with little chance of it being called until well along in January.

BUT NOT FOR CANADIANS.

G. T. R. Cuts Fare to Chicago to Cent a Mile.

Chicago officials of the Grand Trunk Railway announce that a second-class rate of \$10 from Chicago to New York will become effective on that road Nov. 30.

The distance from Chicago to New York via the Grand Trunk is 923 miles. The distance from Toronto to New York is under 500 miles.

The fare from Toronto to New York is \$10.55 first-class. There is no second-class fare, and there's no reduction in sight.

It is said the "cut" from Chicago is to meet a reduction made by the Erie Railway. But it gives U. S. travelers almost a cent a mile rate.

BURGALAR CAUGHT IN ACT DECLINES TO TELL NAME

ATLIMER, Nov. 23.—At an early hour this morning, a young Englishman, in the employ of a farmer named Shrivley, just east of Springfield, found a burglar at work down stairs, and held him until assistance came.

He had already secured a gold watch, a pair of trousers and some cash. He is a short, stout man, quite elderly, and refuses to give any information as to his name or where he hails from.

FOUGHT PRAIRIE FIRE.

Flames Swept to Within Five Miles of Medicine Hat.

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., Nov. 24.—Driven by a high-wind, a big prairie fire swept Friday night to within five miles of this city, and was only stopped then by a battalion of citizens marshaled by the mounted police, who armed with sacks of four-bushel, smothering flames until 2 o'clock Saturday morning before they were finally subdued.

Reports to hand indicate that luckily there were no losses to horses or stock, but a large grassing area has been destroyed, and will be useless for feed purposes during the coming winter.

THE COACHMAN'S FURS.

No matter how smart and stylish the equipage, the coachman must look comfortable. If he does not, then the who appearance of the turnout is spoiled. The coachman's furs are in a class by themselves. Care, skill and experience are necessary to have them quite right. Dineen's, the furrier, at Yonge and Temperance-streets, pay their usual strict attention to this part of their business and anyone contemplating the purchase of a new fur set for the coachman should see Dineen about it.

ADAMS' JURY DISAGREED.

RATHDRUM, Idaho, Nov. 24.—The jury in the Steve Adams case was discharged at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon being unable to agree on a verdict, after being out since 30 o'clock Saturday. The jurist stood 8 for acquittal and 4 for conviction.

Found Burglar in House.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Returning after a few minutes' absence to her home, Mrs. Beresford of Hill-street found a burglar in her home on Saturday night. He dashed a lamp which he held, to the floor, escaped out the back door in the darkness, and as he went thru the yard he cleaned off the clothes line. He left a bicycle on the front lawn.

THAW TRIAL POSTPONED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The second trial of Harry K. Thaw, set for one week from to-morrow, will again be postponed, with little chance of it being called until well along in January.

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