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ANOTHER SEA DISASTER ABOUT 134 LIVES LOST

Steamer Volturmo While on Her Way From Rotterdam to New York Breaks Into Flames--Believe Disaster Was a Plot.

Fishguard, Eng., Oct. 11—Fire in a steamer Gardiner returned to the Carmania, which he succeeded in making without loss of life or broken limbs among the members of his boat's crew.

Captain Barr, of the Carmania, then manoeuvred his big vessel very close to the Volturmo and finally got the Carmania bows within a hundred feet of the Volturmo's stern. It was found impossible, however, to cast a line on board the Volturmo, or to get anybody on her.

It was a terrifying sight for the passengers of the Carmania, to see so close to them the hundreds of passengers, including women and children, horror-stricken with fear, on the decks of the Volturmo, and yet be unable to help them. Most of the passengers got into the Volturmo's lifeboats, but a hundred of them had gathered at the after end of the burning vessel, whose crew at the same time continued in vain to fight the fire at the forward end.

Captain Barr of the Carmania, in the meantime, kept his wireless apparatus at work communicating with all the vessels within a radius of his instruments. At four o'clock in the afternoon, the Grosser Kurferzt and the Seydlitz came in sight and these two were joined later in the afternoon by the Kronland and Devonian of the Rappahannock, the Minneapolis, Latourian and the Aslan.

The gale moderated slightly toward night and each of the succeeding ships, as seen as it was possible for her to do so, put out boats from her davits and lowered them to the sea. The waves, however, were so high that although the small craft made some progress in the direction of the Volturmo it was impossible for them to get alongside, and they returned to their ships, in most cases doing this with the greatest difficulty, owing to the overwhelming seas and the darkness of the night. The Carmania kept her searchlights going throughout the night, throwing their rays across the foaming seas in quest for possible struggling swimmers or life boats from the Volturmo.

At about nine o'clock in the evening, when the darkness was at its blackest, flames burst through amidships of the Volturmo from her engine room and coal bunkers. As the fire lighted up the sky, this was followed by an explosion, which sent into the air burning wreckage, like a flight of a rocket. The spectacle of the great vessel being consumed by fire with over 500 souls on board of her and surrounded by a fleet of huge lighted hulks, crowded with thousands of spectators, all anxious but unable to help owing to the continuous seas, beggared description.

All that could be done by the would be helpers was to throw overboard from their vessels dozens of high ed lifebuoys and stand by in the hope of picking up some of those who had been cast into the sea.

At twenty minutes past nine at night the wireless operator on board the Volturmo had to turn over the connection of his instruments to the reserve battery, as the fire had reached the boilers and the engine room, and had put the pumps and dynamos out of action.

A few minutes later cries for help were heard rising from the water near the Carmania, and then a man who proved to be a steerage passenger of the Volturmo, wearing a life belt, was located by means of the searchlight, a short distance away, tossed about by the sea. He was rescued only after one of the sailors of the Carmania had been lowered into the water with a life line, which he laced around the waist of the exhausted floating man. Other cries were heard, but these gradually died away, and no further bodies or swimming people were seen.

About midnight a ray of hope came, for it was seen that the flames were not making much headway aft of the engine room or the after bulkhead of the Volturmo. By daybreak the Volturmo was still floating with her great human cargo huddled in masses on her poop. The sea had moderated considerably and a flotilla of boats gathered around the steps of the Volturmo.

Many Passengers Were for Canada
Of the steerage passengers bound for Halifax, 210 were adults, 41 children and 10 infants. Only one cabin passenger was booked for Halifax.

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SHARP DETECTIVE WORK LANDS THREE WRECK SUSPECTS

Joseph and James Collins and Warren Preston Arrested in Connection With Attempted Wreck--Preliminary Hearing Will be Held Saturday.

Some sharp detective work has been going on here the past week in connection with the attempted train wreck at Jones' crossing early last Wednesday morning.

Detectives Culligan and Trenholm arrived here on Wednesday last and immediately proceeded to the scene of the wreck and there gathered information that led to the arrest on suspicion of Joseph and James Collins and Warren Preston, or Cowie, lads only about 19 or 20 years old. Preston was arrested Saturday

morning and brought to Newcastle jail. Joseph Collins was seen by a Miss Johnson, who lives close by the crossing on the night of the attempt to wreck the train and gave his name to Chief Tingley, who arrived here Wednesday night.

With this information they learned that the Collins brothers went to Burchill's camp on the Seville, about 40 miles from here, and it was not long before Detective Trenholm and Sheriff Irving were on their way to bring these two to town and place them behind prison bars.

Through information obtained by Detective Culligan from Mr. Burchill, he learned that the Collins boys had gone to his camp, and on Saturday night they were placed under arrest and arrived here Monday night in charge of the officers.

Detective Culligan and Trenholm arrived in town again last night to be present at the preliminary examination which was to have taken place this afternoon, but which has been postponed until Saturday.

L. J. Tweedie of Chatham, will defend the prisoners.

STABBING AFFRAY AT TABUSINTAC

Freeman Edmunds Stabs Jas. E. Harding--Quarreled Over Their Horses

A serious stabbing affray took place at Tabusintac last Friday evening, when Freeman Edmunds, a lad 19 years old, stabbed James Harding, aged 21 years, as the result of a quarrel between these two youths over the speed of their horses.

The unfortunate affair took place after a prayer meeting. The two drove about a quarter of a mile away from the meeting house and started their fist combat. Harding got the better of his opponent and left him, Edmunds, not being satisfied with his punishment, followed him up and getting out of his rig to meet Harding, came upon him with a knife in hand, saying "I'll do for you this time."

He struck twice, driving the blade deep into the abdomen of his victim, and then with another swing of his arm he plunged the knife in the victim's back a full finger length in extent.

The unfortunate lad collapsed to the ground with hardly a groan and his cowardly assailant ran back to his older brother who was near at hand. A number of men had followed the two and when the stabbing occurred they at once perceived the serious nature of the victim's injuries and did all in their power to rush the young man to the Hotel Dieu hospital. John Murphy placed his automobile at their disposal and his son drove them to Ferry Road. Here they crossed in a boat late that night and soon had Harding in the hospital, where Dr. Marven, Dr. Duffy and Dr. Losier set to work to save his life. The wound which had evidently been caused by a large jack knife, had torn the abdomen in such a way that the intestines were protruding and the physicians had to exert their skill to the utmost.

The latest report is that the lad is doing as well as could be expected.

Geo. W. McKay, aged 32, of Moncton, foreman of the night crew of the Banor and Arcootook Railway at Northern Maine Junction, was killed by falling between the cars.

King George and Queen Mary had a narrow escape from being mobbed by suffragettes at a London music hall Sunday night.

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FORMER MARYSVILLE YOUNG MAN DIES

Was on the Staff of the Bank of Montreal in Chatham Some Years Ago

Friends of Mr. Fred H. Gibson, formerly of Marysville and well known in Chatham and Newcastle were shocked to learn of his death at Quebec.

For two weeks he had been ill with pneumonia, and his condition became so serious that on Wednesday evening last, his mother, Mrs. John Gibson, left Marysville for Quebec to be with her son. She did not reach there, however, until her son had passed away.

The deceased, who was 28 years old, was a son of the late John Gibson, and had been manager of one of the Canadian Bank of Commerce branches in Quebec city. Formerly he had been in the Bank of Montreal service before going to Quebec, and was on the staff of the bank in Chatham some few years ago.

In the banking profession he had been highly successful and while in the Bank of Montreal service had been stationed in Fredericton, Gloucester, Moncton, Winnipeg and other cities before joining the Canadian Bank of Commerce forces. He had also been prominent in athletics and was an expert hockey player.

At Quebec he married two years ago Miss Thibadeau, a member of one of Quebec's most wealthy families, and besides his widow is survived by his mother, one brother, Mr. Arthur M. Gibson, of Fredericton, and one sister, Mrs. G. S. T. Bliss of Dorchester, Mass. The late W. A. Gibson, who died recently at St. J. In. was a brother.

While on the North Shore Fred made many friends and was a general favorite among his associates. His death will be learned with deep regret.

S. A. GENERAL TO VISIT CANADA

The Salvation Army in Canada will shortly celebrate an event of historical importance to that organization in the welcome to the Dominion for the first time of their new General, W. Bramwell Booth, eldest son and successor of the late General William Booth, founder of this world wide movement.

Toronto and Winnipeg are the only centres to be visited by General Booth, and extensive arrangements for public and private gatherings are being made.

The General leaves Southampton on October 23rd, and proceeds direct to Toronto, arriving on Saturday, November 1st, where his engagements will keep him until November 6th, after which he will go on to Winnipeg remaining there until November 11th.

Commissioner David C. Lamb, International Secretary and head of the Emigration Department, Commissioner John Lawley and Colonel Theodore Kitching will accompany General Booth from England.

All the officers of the Army and delegates in the territory extending from Port Arthur to Halifax, also from Newfoundland will meet their leader at Toronto, and those from Fort William to the Pacific coast, at Winnipeg.

The Philadelphia Athletics won the championship baseball series at New York Saturday afternoon by defeating the New York Giants 3 to 1

BOY WOUNDED BY A STRAY BULLET

Charles McCormick, Just Out of Hospital, Victim of Shooting Accident

Charles McCormick, aged 14 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick, Union street, Fredericton, was struck by a stray bullet in a pasture on New Maryland Hill last Thursday, but luckily escaped serious injury.

He was leaving the pasture, after taking some cows there, and was just in the act of latching the gate when suddenly he felt a burning, stinging pain in his right side. The report from the discharge of a rifle, which he heard just a second or so previously, made it plain to him that he had been shot.

Young McCormick was not in a very robust state of health, having only recently left Victoria Hospital following an operation for appendicitis, but he managed to reach the home of his parents on Union street, although in a very much weakened condition. Drs. Holden and McGrath were summoned and they found that the young fellow's wound was fast and serious one. He is resting easily and no serious complications are anticipated.

It is not definitely known who fired the bullet which struck the young man, but inasmuch as the case happened within the city limits, it is likely that the police will carry on an investigation and endeavor to put a stop to the indiscriminate discharge of firearms.

ST. THOMAS COLLEGE

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 12—Considerable extensions are being made on our magnificent new rink. Large dressing rooms are being constructed. Spacious promenades will encircle the ice surface. These and other new additions will be completed in time for the skating season. The college itself has been renovated. Our beautiful new chapel and study hall have been recently completed. On account of the increased number of boarders this year, it has become necessary to open another dormitory for the older boys. There are 78 boarders and about 90 day scholars in attendance this term. This number breaks the record of the three previous years, and is truly a remarkable record for a college in the fourth year of its existence.

The following are the leaders in the competition last Saturday.
2nd Year Arts--Latin Trans--Barry Riordan 1st, Jack Barry 2nd.
1st Year Arts--Latin Trans--Myrt Gaynor 1st, George Comeau 2nd.
Grade XI--Botany--Stephen Fitzpatrick 1st, William Cameron 2nd.
Grade X--Geometry--Frank Buckley 1st, William Lyons 2nd.
Grade IX--French--William McLoughney 1st, James Hill 2nd.
Commercial Class--Commercial Law--William Boulet 1st, Earl DeYone 2nd.
Grade VIII--Geography--F. H. yes 1st, E. O'Donnell 2nd.
Grade VII--Dictation--Tom Troy 1st, Vincent O'Brien 2nd.
Grade VI--Memory and Reading--D. Martin 1st, A. Gleason 2nd.
Grade V--Memory and Reading--Jack Grogan 1st, Romeo Boudreau 2nd.

John A. Jesso, an employee of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, was killed in front of the general offices of the company in Sydney, Sunday night.

ANOTHER EPITAPH IS WRITTEN ON GRIT POLITICAL TOMBSTONE

Chateauguay County Turns a Deaf Ear to Laurier Lieutenants After Serving Them for Forty-Six Years.

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RURAL DEANERY MET LAST WEEK

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Chatham was held here on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, those present being the Venerable Archdeacon Forsythe the Rev. W. J. Bate, the Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, the Rev. T. H. Montgomery and the Rev. W. Waterton. The Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity Church, St. John, was present on the second day as a visitor.

After the usual routine of clerical work the Rev. H. T. Montgomery was elected deanery representative to the Board of Missions and the Archdeacon and Rev. W. J. Bate were appointed a committee to consider the question of holding a church conference in the archdeaconry next year. The Rev. H. Waterton read a paper on his experiences in Canada and it was followed by a very interesting and profitable discussion. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the Rev. A. L. Foyster, whose illness prevented his attendance at the chapter and robbed the members of a very interesting paper. A communication from the secretary of the synod with regard to the proposed superannuation fund was received and discussed, also the matter of more efficient Sunday school work and the raising of the missionary apportionments.

A celebration of the Holy Communion took place each morning at half-past seven and the deanery service proper was held on Wednesday evening when the Rev. H. T. Montgomery was the preacher. Altogether the meeting was a most enjoyable as well as a very profitable one and those who were unable to be present were great losers thereby.

The express companies are not the only ones to be stung by the parcel post. A parcel post containing a hive of bees came undone in a New Jersey post office.

BECKER APPEAL UP FOR ARGUMENT

The appeal in the case of Charles Becker, the former New York City police lieutenant, and the four gunmen, "Whitey" Lewis, "Lefty" Louis, "Gyp" the Blood, and "Dago Frank," who have been inmates of the death house at Sing Sing for more than a year, came up for argument before the Court of Appeals on Monday. The five were convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who was shot down in the front of the Hotel Metropole early on the morning of July 16th, 1912. According to the evidence at the trial the murder was committed by the four gunmen at the instigation of Becker, whose alleged motive was to prevent the gambler from testifying before the grand jury in regard to police corruption.

TORONTO CAPITALISTS BUY FOX FARM

An important fox deal was concluded when the option was taken up by a syndicate of Toronto capitalists on the Silver Fox Ranch of Mr. James Tuplin of Black Bank, P. E. I.

The deal was for the ranch and stock of 11½ pairs of silver black foxes, Island bred, and the price paid was \$285,000.

In the interval between the option and its being taken up, Mr. Tuplin was approached by Boston capitalists who offered him \$300,000 for the same proposition.

The parishioners and many friends of the Rev. L. A. Foyster, the Rector of Bay du Vin, will be glad to know that he has left the hospital at Fredericton and is resting at Bishopcourt, the residence of Bishop Richardson. The Reverend gentleman hopes to return to his parish some time next week.