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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D., APRIL 6, 1914.

OUR POINT OF VIEW.

EXONERATE HIM.

It is comforting to be assured on every side that no blame can be attached to the young commander of the S.S. "Newfoundland," Capt. Wesley Kean, for the tragedy which has occurred. Mr. Morine's letter published in another column speaks of the feeling of the survivors as to this matter, and he does so with authority born of his close connexion with the sealers for many years, and of the fact that so many come from Northern places in which he is so well known.

There is something after all very chivalrous about the spirit in which these survivors speak of their Master, even though they speak only what is true. For men who have seen and undergone so much terrible suffering to be anxious to speak well of the Master of the ship shows at once the generosity of their own nature, and their sympathy for their Commander. Many men in their situation would be tempted to speak harshly, even if for no other reason than that they were personally suffering from the tragedy.

The sincere sympathy of the community will go out to Capt. Wesley Kean in the terrible sorrow which he must feel. He is young, and for that reason has his own reputation to think of, as well as the sorrow and the suffering of his late companions. Many of the men who were lost were his neighbors, and the keenness of regret for the death of those he knew will weigh upon him. It will comfort him, however, to know that the men who served under him, the community generally, and we doubt not, even the relatives of those who are dead, will join in sympathy for him, not in blaming him.

ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

One lesson is taught very sharply by the tragedy of the "Newfoundland," and the anxiety over the "Southern Cross." It is that wireless installation is essential to sealing steamers. The tragedy which we are all lamenting would not have happened if the "wireless" which was on the "Newfoundland" had not been taken out this year. We would to-day know the best or the worst, as the case may be, about the "Southern Cross" if she were fitted with wireless. It may be that if any harm has overcome the latter ship, it might have been averted, or the disaster lessened, if the ship had been to communicate with the shore.

When the crew of the "Newfoundland" left their vessel last Tuesday morning they were directed to go straight to the "Stephano" to get directions as to the lay of the seals. They got on board that ship at about 11 a.m. After getting tea they were sent over the side to gather up a batch of seals. It had commenced to snow, but it is not certain that the barometer had given any marked sign of a storm. That the men had left the "Stephano" could not be seen from the "Newfoundland"; the "Stephano" on the other hand, could not see that the men had not gone to their own ship, hence the tragedy and the loss of life, and all the terrible things that have followed. "If the 'Newfoundland' had been possessed of wireless, as the 'Stephano' was, no mistake could have occurred, and both ships, if necessary, could have gone to the rescue, so that in all probability before nightfall of Tuesday all the men would have been on board. It does not seem that in all the brief history of the wireless there has been a clearer case of the salvation which it might have brought.

With regard to the "Southern Cross," there has been uncertainty

from the moment when she was reported to have passed out the Gulf. It has never been wholly certain where she was since that date. If she had a wireless installation there would be no uncertainty, and it might be that we would now know her to be safe and sound, or if she needed assistance, that assistance could be sent with certainty.

We apprehend that there will be no question whatever at the next meeting of the Legislature that a law enforcing wireless installation upon every ship will be enforced. There may be other lessons to be learnt from the disaster; they may be made clear in the enquiry which is about to commence, but of these it will be sufficient to speak by and by.

Mr. Morine Suggests A Searching Inquiry

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—I have been brought closely in contact with many of the survivors of the Newfoundland's crew, concerning the incidents of the recent catastrophe. They are unanimous in their belief that no jot of blame can fairly be charged against the master of the Newfoundland, Captain Wesley Kean, and they seem anxious to make this known.

It is quite clear that had the Newfoundland been fitted with wireless, few, if any deaths would have occurred. On that ship, it was believed that her crew were on the Stephano during the whole storm, and on the latter it was supposed that the crew had reached their own ship. The wireless would have shown both were wrong, and the missing men could have been rescued alive. No steamer should ever again be allowed to go to the ice from this Colony without a wireless installation.

Permit me to add a word of praise for the practically faultless arrangements made by the Government for the care of the survivors and the disposal of the dead, where so many did splendid work.

I was struck with the ability displayed by Dr. Campbell, who had charge of the dead.

A very searching inquiry into this disaster will doubtless be held, but I feel it is only fair to Capt. Wesley Kean—a young man—that his crews' testimony concerning him should be made public.

—ALFRED B. MORINE.

'Pepita' Proceeds For Disaster Fund

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir,—We have decided to devote the entire profits of the comic opera "Pepita" to the Sealing Disaster Fund.

It is quite impossible for us to postpone the Opera. We are compelled, for many reasons, to put it on during Easter Week. The Casino was engaged three months ago, and it would be exceedingly difficult to change the date. The costumes are hired from London for a limited time, at great expense.

Already over eight hundred tickets have been sold, and this week we hope to sell as many more. We know the public will support us by crowding the house every night. They will enjoy an excellent show, and the cause, now so appealing to every Newfoundland, will benefit to the extent of some hundreds of dollars.

In addition, the time and trouble we have taken with the Opera for the last four months will have been amply repaid.

Yours truly,
J. M. PATTEN,
H. A. ANDERSON,
St. John's, April 5th.

Sympathetic Messages From Many Places

From Duke of Connaught

To Governor, St. John's.
Desire to express the deepest sympathy of the people of Canada and myself in the great disaster which has occurred to the Newfoundland Sealing fleet. Much hope that the loss of life is not so great as reported and that the survivors are doing well.

ARTHUR,
April 4th, 1914.

Administrator's Reply

To His Royal Highness the Governor-General, Ottawa.
I have the honor to humbly and gratefully acknowledge on behalf of the people of Newfoundland, the gracious message of sympathy from Your Royal Highness. The survivors, 37 in number, have just arrived here, and are receiving every care and attention. Five are in dangerous condition. The dead number 77.

HORWOOD,
Administrator.
April 5th, 1914.

From the Queen-Mother

To Governor, St. John's.

I hear with the deepest sorrow of the terrible disaster to the sealing vessels Newfoundland and Southern Cross and the great loss of life. Will you convey to the bereaved families my very sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

ALEXANDRA,
April 4th, 1914.

Cable of Acknowledgement

To Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, Marlborough House, London.

On behalf of the bereaved families of those who perished in disaster to ship Newfoundland, I have the honor to humbly thank Your Majesty for your gracious message of sympathy which is being communicated by me to them. Your Majesty's kind thought will prove a great comfort to them in their sorrow. Grave anxiety is felt for safety of Southern Cross, though hope not yet abandoned. A ship has been sent to search for her.

HORWOOD,
Administrator.

April 5th, 1914.

From Newfoundlanders Abroad

To Mayor Ellis.

Accept the sympathy of Newfoundlanders of Cambridge and vicinity in the sad bereavement that has befallen you will wire us if financial aid is needed.

Thomas E. Williams, John P. McCormack, Edward Hynes, of The Newfoundlanders' Advancement Association, of Cambridge, Mass.

April 6th, 1914.

Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly, who received this message, wired Mayor Ellis, acquainting him with its contents.

Message from U. S. A.

To Adjutant Hiscock,

The Salvation Army

Deeply grieved to hear of fearful loss of life among the sealers at ice fields. Understanding conditions our hearts go out in sympathy to bereaved ones. May God be their sufficiency.

LESLIE, COL. AND MRS. SMEETON,
April 4th, 1914.

The following message was received on Saturday by Mr. Percie Johnson from the Globe-Wernicke Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio:

"Contribute Twenty-five Dollars on our account to relief of sufferers. Sincere sympathy."

Daily Mail Extra For Disaster Fund

Saturday evening The Daily Mail published an 'extra' edition with a full account of the disaster. It had a remarkable sale.

There was a tremendous rush all over the city for it.

The enormous number of 8,900 copies were printed. Several boys sold over 30 dozen each; a large number sold over 20 dozen each, and there was many who disposed of over 15 dozen each.

This morning we received many large orders, but were not able to fill them.

One gentleman phoned for 200 'extras,' as he wanted to send them to outposts. Many others called and phoned for smaller quantities.

We have decided to give the receipts of the sale of the 'extra' to the Disaster Fund.

The amount is not yet made up but will be announced to-morrow.

T. A. & B. S.

The Total Abstinence Society held a special meeting and passed resolutions of condolence, supplemented same with a cheque of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) towards relief fund.

The Club and Juvenile Branch meets one night this week and each will also donate a generous amount.

SHAMROCK CLUB CONTRIBUTES.
At the meeting of the old and ever popular Shamrock Amusement Club, held last evening, they voted from their funds the generous sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to Disaster Fund.

There are many such clubs in our midst who will not doubt follow the Shamrock's example.

THE ENQUIRY

Minister of Justice Squires informs us that the enquiry will begin at 11 a.m. to-morrow. Captain Randell will be the first witness.

The Minister of Justice and Deputy Hutchings will act for the Crown.
The enquiry will be open to the press and sealers who were at the icefields and are in any way connected with the disaster, but the general public will not be admitted.

The Daily Mail will be present and the public can look forward to a complete report.

City Clergymen Pay Tributes To The Dead.

(Continued from page 5)

You will pardon me, I know. When at last I come to the end of service and of life, whether that shall be by way of lingering illness, or God grant it, by sudden translation. When I stand in the presence of the light, and of the King, this, I am assured will be the purport, if not the language of my qualification:

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling."

Another Point of View.

For a moment let us look at the event in another way. What a time it was, those fifty hours of unthinkable distress. I am not going to try to describe it. We have all our mental picture of it—Panic? Very little. A total absence of cowardice displayed. Every man played a man's part heroically and well. A father is overcome, falls down and expires. His son refuses to go forward, and the two bodies are later found interlocked in a last loving embrace. Is not this heartening hearing? Yes, verily. But, they were British, you say. Well, the fact is that these Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples have come under the influence of our Christ and the heroism of his sacrifice and these things have resulted from the presence of Christ in human history and from the Holy Book of God.

Precautions Necessary.

Speaking of the many lessons to be learned from the terrible calamity the preacher said that steps will assuredly be taken, and it will be our duty to urge and see that they are taken, to prevent, as far as human precaution can, the repetition of such an appalling disaster.

Summing up, the preacher made an earnest appeal for a ready response to the call of the survivors and bereaved for that financial assistance that must be rendered in a temporal sense, and concluded an eloquent and impressive discourse, as follows: "An hour like this is an hour in which, in spite of ourselves, the essential word of all life is heard in the Soul. Who of us in this island is so dull of spiritual hearing that he has not during this week caught some such message as 'Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh,' or 'Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.'"

The Essential Thing.

"The essential thing is the spiritual life. Men do not perish by the murdering hand of Pilate, or by the crushing of Silioma's Tower, or by the long exposure on the ice pans. The accidental manner of the physical ending of a life is nothing, the supreme and essential fact and matter of urgency in every life is the relation of that life to God. So may we hear this great spiritual word from the Master, and make this an opportunity for turning to God through Christ Jesus our Lord in true and godly repentance and yet with loving fear."

During the service Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Thomas pleasingly rendered the solo "Thou'rt Passing Hence, My Brother," and at the close the Dead March in Saul was played on the organ by Mr. S. R. Steele.

Services at the C. of E. Cathedral

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7, 8 and 12.15. Matins was said by Rev. Canon White. The Lessons were read by Rev. J. Brinton, who also preached, taking as his text Phil. 2, verses, 5 chapter "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The speaking about the teaching of the day, dwelt on the disaster of the last few days. Speaking of Christ's compassion for men, healing the sick, etc., and beautiful words, the Saviour in spite of the storms, the Saviour was with them on that terrible night.

At Evensong at 6.30, Rev. J. Brinton and Canon Bolt read the service, Canon White being the preacher, taking for his text St. Luke, chapter 9, verse 34, "And they feared as they entered in the cloud."

The preacher said when he had chosen the text for this evening, he did not know the sad event of the past few days would have happened, and he had intended it to show its application to the events of the coming week; but now he had to use it also for the very sad event of the past few days. The sermon will long be remembered in connection with the Newfoundland disaster for years to come, by every one present.

Canon White is a gifted pulpit orator and last night he seemed specially inspired to deliver the message of consolation to hundreds of aching hearts.

The anthem, both morning and evening, was from the Messiah, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." Mr. Allen played a

funeral march at the opening and the Dead March at the closing of Matins, and at Evensong a beautiful funeral march at the opening and closing of the service.

Gower Street Scene of Deepest Sadness

The mother church of Methodism in St. John's was scene of sadness yesterday. Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite was the preacher in the morning and took as his text "For He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men."

His reference to the affliction which has overtaken us was truly impressive. It was beautiful and pathetic and showed that the aged preacher was grief-stricken.

The hymns were suitable to the day and at the end of the services the Dead March in Saul was played by Miss Diamond.

The congregation showed their sympathy in a true manner, and the collections of the day were devoted to the Disaster Fund.

Special Services At George Street

The morning service was well attended. The Pastor, Rev. J. W. Bartlett, preached from Romans 1, 16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," directed his thoughts to the author of the Gospel, and showed that Christ's lowly reign fitted him for his work amongst the common people. The teaching of the Gospel likewise should provoke thankfulness. Christ gives us the blessed assurance of Immortality.

The institutions of the Gospel occasion pride. Notably the attendance being given the stricken sealers at the King George Institute and Hospital, and the sympathy of the community for the bereaved, are the flowers of Christian love.

The pastor's usual eloquent remarks were given rapt attention by the congregation. Following the anthem "Now the Laborer's Task is o'er" by Barnby, rendered by the choir after the Benediction, the organist played the Dead March, while the congregation stood reverently with bowed heads.

Large Congregation
The evening service brought together a large congregation. The sermon was based on Psalm 107, v. 24, "His wonders in the deep."

The preacher advanced facts and arguments to prove God's beneficence in the agency of sea. The ocean sustains, purifies, unites, and inspires. He narrated several touching incidents given him by the survivors, to illustrate the truths advanced. Emphatically was laid upon the glorious certainty, that those who sleep shall awake.

The Sun that sank blood red Shall rise, and in the shining resurrection light
The sea give up its dead.

The choir rendered "What are these arrayed in white robes," by J. Stainer, in a very impressive manner. There was also a solo by Mr. H. Courtenay, "Lead Kindly Light," Sir Arthur Sullivan.

During the offertory Organist Christian played the funeral march by Chopin, and following the benediction the Dead March in Saul. The Church in harmony with the service was draped in mourning for the occasion.

Big Congregations, St. Patrick's Church

Large congregations attended Mass and other services at St. Patrick's Church yesterday. Sad faces were to be seen everywhere, and the solemn services seemed to be more impressive than ever. Special prayers were offered for the repose of the souls of those who departed in the disaster.

At Last Mass, Rev. Fr. Sears, who occupied the pulpit, delivered an address dealing with the disaster. His discourse was full of words of sympathy and comfort, and greatly impressed all who were present.

No Tidings Yet of 'Southern Cross'

At 11 a.m. the Colonial Secretary had a wire from Mr. Piccott that the Kyle had seen nothing of the Southern Cross.

FOR SWEET CHARITY

The first charity performances in aid of the relatives of the victims of the Marine Disaster, takes place at the Crescent Picture Palace to-night. A grand programme is selected with special music. There will be a change in the pictures to-morrow night. The proceeds from both occasions will be added to the Marine Disaster Fund and it is to be hoped a large attendance will reward the generosity of the management. Help along the cause, it is for sweet charity.

Dead Bodies Were Panned Like Seals

After the crew of the Bellaventure had searched the floe thoroughly for the living and the dead and had got the survivors on board, they collected the bodies of the victims together on pans.

None pan were placed fifteen bodies; on another sixteen and on a third thirty-six. The remainder of the dead were in ones and twos and threes at various places.

The flag of the ship was placed over each pan and separate body. And it was heart-rending indeed to view this spectacle of scores of human remains thus collected and marked even as the victims themselves had once done to the quarry they had gone out to search for and the pursuit of which had cost them their lives.

ERIK AND TERRA NOVA ARRIVED YESTERDAY

The steamers Erik and Terra Nova arrived from the Gulf yesterday with splendid trips. The Erik has 20,000 and the Terra Nova 25,000.

NO PUBLIC FUNERAL

Thirty-one bodies were sent out by special train last evening, accompanied by Mr. J. Stone, M.H.A. for Trinity, Sergt. Byrne and Const. Tobin.

DEATHS

MARSHALL.—At the General Hospital at 10.46 last night, Robert G. T. Marshall, in his 60th year, leaving a widow, three sons, four daughters and two sisters. Funeral on Tuesday at 3 p.m. from his late residence 13 Long's Hill. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.—Boston papers please copy.

BASTOW.—Died on the icefields, April 1st, Raymond, beloved son of Francis O. and Lavinia Bastow, aged 17 years. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of Mr. M. A. Bastow, Cornwall Avenue. Friends and relatives please accept this, the only intimation.

BRAZIL.—Died on the icefields, John Walter Brazil, aged 48 years, leaving a wife and five children, sister and brother (Montreal) and sister in Harbor Grace to mourn their loss. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence 12 1/2 Prospect St. Friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

OLSEN.—The funeral of the late Charles Olsen, victim of the terrible marine tragedy at the icefields, takes place this afternoon at three o'clock from his parents' residence on Signal Hill Road. He is survived by a father, mother, three brothers and four sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends.

PEAR.—At the icefields, William Pearl aged 27. Funeral to-morrow at 3 p.m. from the residence of Const. Churchill. Deceased leaves a mother and father, and two brothers. Interment will be at the C. E. Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please attend.

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Hon. Mr. Bennett, Acting Premier, requests us to say that there will be no public funeral in St. John's.

MICHAEL SHEEHAN, OF ST. JOHN'S, JUMPED ASHORE

Dr. Campbell had given orders that none of the Newfoundland's men were to be permitted ashore from the Bellaventure unless they were attended, but Michael Sheehan, of Holytown, although slightly frostbitten, did not need aid, and jumped ashore with some of the Bellaventure's sealers.

Later the police were acquainted of it, and went and had him placed in the hospital for treatment. During the storm he became delirious, but on reaching the Bellaventure he soon recovered.

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DEAD.

At the R. C. Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 8.30 a Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Mons. Roache for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed who lost their lives in the recent disaster. A number of the victims were members of the R. C. Church.

A SUGGESTION.

CORRESPONDENT WRITES.

"It is generally understood that a very substantial amount is still in the hands of the Honorary Treasurer of S.S. Erna and others relief fund. If this is so this balance ought to be handed over to the present Sealing Disaster Fund."

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