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WEATHER REPORT.
Toronto (noon)—Fresh N. E. winds with occasional light snow or rain. Saturday N. W. winds, fair and cold.

U. S. FORCED PRES. HUERTA TO EAT CROW

Forced to Salute U. S. Flag as Well as to Apologise for Arresting American Bluejackets at Tampico.—Feeling of Relief Over Solution of Difficulty.

Washington, April 16.—The Government to-night accepted Huerta's offer to salute the Stars and Stripes, as an apology for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico.

The salute to the American flag will be answered with a salute to the tricolour of the Mexican nation. This arrangement, details of which were arranged by messages between Mexico and Washington, has ended the crisis.

In executive quarters and official circles there is a sigh of relief that the tension is over. No time has been set for the firing of the salute until details are arranged, and no further orders will be sent the American fleet now proceeding south.

It is practically certain, however, that while many vessels will turn back, others will continue south and substantially increase the naval force now in Mexican waters.

Asked to Take Part in Conference

Overseas Dominions to Send Representatives to Imperial Defence Committee.

London, April 16.—It is stated that the Governments of Australia and New Zealand have requested the British Government to invite Canada and South Africa to attend the meetings of the Imperial Defence Committee, which these dominions hope will be held this summer to discuss the defence of the Pacific, and the apparent conflict of views between the Admiralty and Australia.

No information is obtainable as to whether Canada has been invited to the conference, or whether the conference is to be summoned.

St. Lawrence To Open Early

Expected That Channel of Inland Waterway Will be Clear by April 24.

Montreal, April 16.—The Department of Marine and Fisheries announced this morning that it hoped to have the channel from Montreal to Quebec cleared by April 24th, four days before the ocean liners bound up the St. Lawrence for this port, reaches Quebec.

The Government tugs, now at Sorel will make their way to this city on April 20th, or soon after, when the ice is expected to go out.

FUND NOW \$43,000

Official acknowledgement issued today by the Hon. Treasurer, R. Watson, shows that the Sealing Disaster Fund now amounts to \$43,209.99.

Jesse Collins— Christian Hero

The Noble Part He Played During These Awful Hours on the Icefloes.

The survivors of the disaster inform us that Jesse Collins of Newport acted a hero's part during the night of Wednesday. He got all the men on the pan he was on—numbering some 30—together and took command of them. He made them stand and go through certain sham performances, such as fishing, etc., and they all obeyed his orders in silence for many continuous hours during that awful night.

If any of them did not respond to his orders he would pass through the men to the offender and give him a smack in the face or blow on the shoulder or breast and his influence was sufficient to cause those half-drowsy semi-dying men to fear him and he appeared to them to have full command of the pan and to disobey him was to die.

Terrible Scenes.

A scattered man fell. The moaning and cries for help and to be raised up which came from the dying men were such as never to be forgotten by those who survived; but on and on the living worked hour after hour under Jesse Collins' instructions, and when morning broke the most of those living realized that they owed their lives to the peculiar behaviour of their noble comrade.

In the evening of Wednesday Jesse Collins, who was in company with Joshua Holloway, said, "Come Josh, let us go to God and prepare, for we can't live through another night," and he knelt down on the ice and made his peace with God and sang a hymn while kneeling. He arose a converted man and with abnormal strength which made him the liveliest man of the crowd he subsequently came up with. Before he knelt to pray he was feeling exhausted and felt as if he wanted to die.

Absolute Fact.

These facts can be corroborated. The men who lived to be rescued can bear testimony to the work he performed in keeping them aroused. His noble conduct will bear the closest scrutiny and we suggest that His Excellency the Administrator might enquire into the facts of this matter in view of recommending our hero to the Humane Society and the Carnegie Hero Trustee for recognition.

We, on behalf of the Sons of Toll, offer Jesse Collins their warmest thanks for the noble services he rendered on the night of April 1st while in company with 30 living comrades of the crew of the steamer Newfoundland astray on the ice floe some 40 miles East of Cape Bonavista. He deserves well of his Country and can well be numbered amongst the heroes of the world.

Noted Author Is Dead at 73

New York, April 16.—George Alfred Townsend, the widely known journalist and author, who wrote for many years under the pen name of 'Gath,' is dead, aged 73.

Portia left Ramea at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Correspondents Reply In Scathing Fashion To Captain A. Kean

Mr. Coaker Takes Captain Kean to Task

SCORES HIM FOR HIS UNMANLY ATTITUDE

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir.—Capt. Kean's two columns of rife rattle which appeared in yesterday's Herald is unworthy of the consideration of any thoughtful man, for every line of it reveals a brazen faced, impudent conceit that such natures as Capt. Kean can alone produce.

The reply of "T.S." in yesterday's Mail is the utterings of a man who endured bitter sufferings owing to Capt. Kean's inhumanity and is a fitting reply to the admixture inflicted upon the reading public by this man who, if he possessed the qualifications which made Judas famous and contrite, would have wrapped his head in a napkin for at least six months and implored the forgiveness of those who to-day mourn the loss of sons, fathers, brothers and husbands because of the inhuman disposition of a man that could have prevented a terrible catastrophe but was too inflated with his own conceit and verbosity to do so.

Always Be Blamed.

While Newfoundland remains Capt. Kean will be known as the man that could have averted the massacre of 77 of his Countrymen but failed because he refused to make the effort. A coward's lures shall be the portion of the memory of Capt. Abram Kean, for only a man possessing a weak intellect or a pusillanimous temper could have acted as Capt. Ab. Kean did on the evening and night of March 31st and April 1st when 77 poor souls went to their doom within five miles of the great ice breaker commanded by him.

Let me remind the Captain that a man is sometimes known in history by the things he might have done but didn't. It gives me no pleasure to write as I have, or may have, as regards the disaster, but I shall not refrain from performing my duty and doing what is possible to improve sealing conditions in a manner that will prevent a recurrence of what happened recently, and if I don't succeed in bringing such dare devil commanders as Capt. Kean to a sense of their responsibilities and secure legislation to prevent the further massacre of sealers I will withdraw from public life and give up my position as leader of the F.P.U.

Funny Conduct.

Capt. Kean's conduct in rushing in to print like an infuriated bull as he did on Tuesday shows that he has no proper sense of the serious position he has placed himself in by his conduct regarding the disaster.

Captain Kean's conduct has been weighed well by the public and the opinions expressed might well be explained by that scriptural maxim which describe what the vapourings of a vain man amounts to, when he attempts to confound the wise and defend inexplicable conduct. That maxim is contained in the following verse of scripture: "For as the cracklings of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool."

The Country universally condemn Capt. Kean's conduct, and the evidence of his officers, no matter how favourable, will be as water thrown on a duck's back to the public. The innermost thoughts of the survivors and even the most of the Stephano's crew is that every man forming the Newfoundland's crew would be alive today had Capt. Abraham Kean done his duty.

Where He Failed.

If he showed his contrition and did all in his power to make amends he would have demonstrated that he possessed some many qualifications that would compel respect if sympathy was denied; but when the Country has been insulted by the incessant effrontery of one whose only prayer should be Mercy and Forgiveness; there can be nothing but contempt and disgust for the offender.

When I review the evidence taken by Judge Knight, Capt. Kean will be able to see himself in a mirror and then he might realize how he appears to a mourning Country.

As for Geo. Tuff, I have not expressed a personal opinion about his actions in respect to the disaster. What The Mail has published concerning him I am not responsible for, but he will not prevent me from reviewing his conduct later and condemning it if it such it deserve.

Labor in Vain.

As for the cooks on the Stephano, no matter how good they once were or how anxious they were to do their duty to the crew, it would amount to very little if the Captain was not determined to do his part in respect to such matters. If the cooks are to blame, the chief cook must shoulder the responsibility and take the consequence whether a good or bad Union man.

In my humble opinion Capt. Ab. Kean's day as a sealing master is near a close and for it he must thank only himself and what he neglected to do on the 31st of March and April 1st.

As for what I think of him as a seal killer he will learn from my log which is being published in The Mail, and

Says Capt. Kean Should Not Go To Ice Again

(Editor The Daily Mail)

Dear Sir.—The Country has been aroused to a sense of public responsibility and of the shortcomings of some of our sealing masters by the able letters of Mr. Coaker which appeared in your paper since last Saturday.

The universal opinion is that he is the Toller's defender and his trenchant handling of the misconduct of Capt. Ab. Kean and the fearless manner in which he is dealing with the terrible disaster has placed him in the forefront of our public men and raised him immensely in the estimation of the people.

His assertion as to Capt. A. Kean's responsibility and the punishment he proposes is universally endorsed.

In my humble opinion Capt. A. Kean should never again clear a sealing steamer from a Newfoundland port. If he do then let the powers that be answer for the outrage.

Tragic Results.

No brave or common sense man would have remained inactive for two days and nights, when in command of a 2100 ton ice breaker, and allow seventy-seven hardy Toller's to perish on an ice floe. Had he used every means to rescue those poor chaps and failed the Country would be proud of him, but having remained inactive when he knew that a blizzard had overtaken one hundred and twenty men that he had placed on the ice floe just as the storm broke; he will forever be blamed for his cowardly conduct and nothing but contempt shall be his portion at the hands of his Countrymen.

which appears exactly as it was written on the ocean.

Some Differences.

If Capt. Kean only possessed a small portion of the love for his fellowman which pervades the soul of Coaker he would never have left one hundred and twenty men on the ice in a 48 hour blizzard, nor would he keep a portion of his crew on the ice exposed to an Arctic night and unnecessarily risk their lives in order to secure seals—fancy taking on board 17,000 seals while 30 human beings, forming part of his crew, were left exposed on an ice floe and despairing of being rescued alive knelt on the ice floe and besought their Creator to soften the heart of their unfeeling commander that he may take pity on the 30 poor castaways and abandon for a few hours his unnatural craving for that which perisheth and come to rescue them from a position that might easily demand their lives.

This catastrophe has revealed Capt. Kean as he is and he is left without one reasonable excuse for his inexcusable conduct.

—W. F. COAKER.

N. Sydney Will Send Contribution

Taking Steps to Raise Fund for Relief of Bereaved by Sealing Disaster.

At a public meeting of the citizens of North Sydney, held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on April 5, with F.L. Kelly, Esq. the Mayor, presiding, for the object of devising some means to assist the families of those bereft of their breadwinners, who perished in the s.s. Newfoundland disaster, and loss of life in the s.s. Southern Cross, it was moved by Rev. W. R. Turner, seconded by W. C. Hackett, Esq., and confirmed by the meeting unanimously.

"That this meeting of citizens now in session, deplore the great loss of life, and sufferings of the survivors, in the great disaster which overtook the above sealers—and extend our sympathies, to the widows, orphans, and relatives so sadly and suddenly stricken, and trust that God in his great mercy, will help them to bear up under their sad loss, and that we as brethren and British subjects show our sympathy in a tangible form, by raising subscriptions to alleviate the distress and suffering, and that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Newfoundland, as well as to the Daily Press."

Collectors were then appointed to wait on the various wards of the Town—and before the meeting adjourned, contributions to the extent of about Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) were paid in.

ST. MARY'S PARISH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

At the Easter meeting of St. Mary's Church Wednesday night it was decided that the entire collections of next Sunday be given to the sealing disaster fund.

Mark Sheppard's name will be remembered when Kean's is uttered only with scorn, for Sheppard, a common sealer, felt positive that the blizzard had overtaken the one hundred and twenty men belonging to the Newfoundland and was not rest content on board of Kean's ship. Sheppard and others on the Stephano worried over their comrades on the ice floe, while Kean eased his unnatural conscience by believing they had travelled four or five miles in a blizzard over Arctic ice.

Was Worried.

Sheppard troubled so much about the men, that he sought out the master watch and told him of his trouble and what his comrades in the hold were saying, and the master watch considered the words of Mark Sheppard important enough to speak to Kean about it—and as Galton told in the presence of several men that he told Kean what Sheppard said about the Newfoundland's men being out and ought to be sought for—the public will believe Mark Sheppard and give him credit for being one of the most intelligent men in the Stephano's crew.

Well done Mark Sheppard. You are a credit to your Country and a lucky chap, for it takes a brave man to speak out where a captain like Kean is concerned.

Kean can call twenty officers to give evidence in his favor if he like but the public will believe Mark Sheppard before it will any officer who

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TOAST LIST WAS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Invitations to Banquet Refused Because the Name of the Pope Preceded That of the King—Some Sort of a Compromise Effected on the Dispute.

Winnipeg, Mann., April 17.—Considerable discussion was occasioned in religious state and civic circles here when it became known that the toast list of a big Catholic banquet dated for last night, the Pope was placed at the head with the King second; and because of this the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and several other prominent men refused to attend.

T. R. Deacon, Mayor of Winnipeg, at first refused to be present, but the matter was compromised and the Mayor was in attendance. The compromise agreed upon by the Banquet Committee was that the National Anthem—"God Save the King"—should be sung at the opening of the banquet, the toast to the Pope to follow, and the toast to the King was entirely omitted.

This programme was carried out and in answering the toast "the Pope," Archbishop Langevin stated that he would render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things "that are God's."

Hon. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, was to have attended, but a message of regret stated that under ordinary circumstances, he would have been most happy to attend.

Wilson's Policy Is Criticised

English Papers Believe That Huerta Comes Out On Top After All.

London, April 17.—London morning papers, commenting with satisfaction on the conclusion of the Tampico incident continue to criticize President Wilson's policy.

The Daily Telegraph says it seems plain that Huerta's face is thoroughly well saved and a very considerable strengthening is given to his position in the eyes of his countrymen.

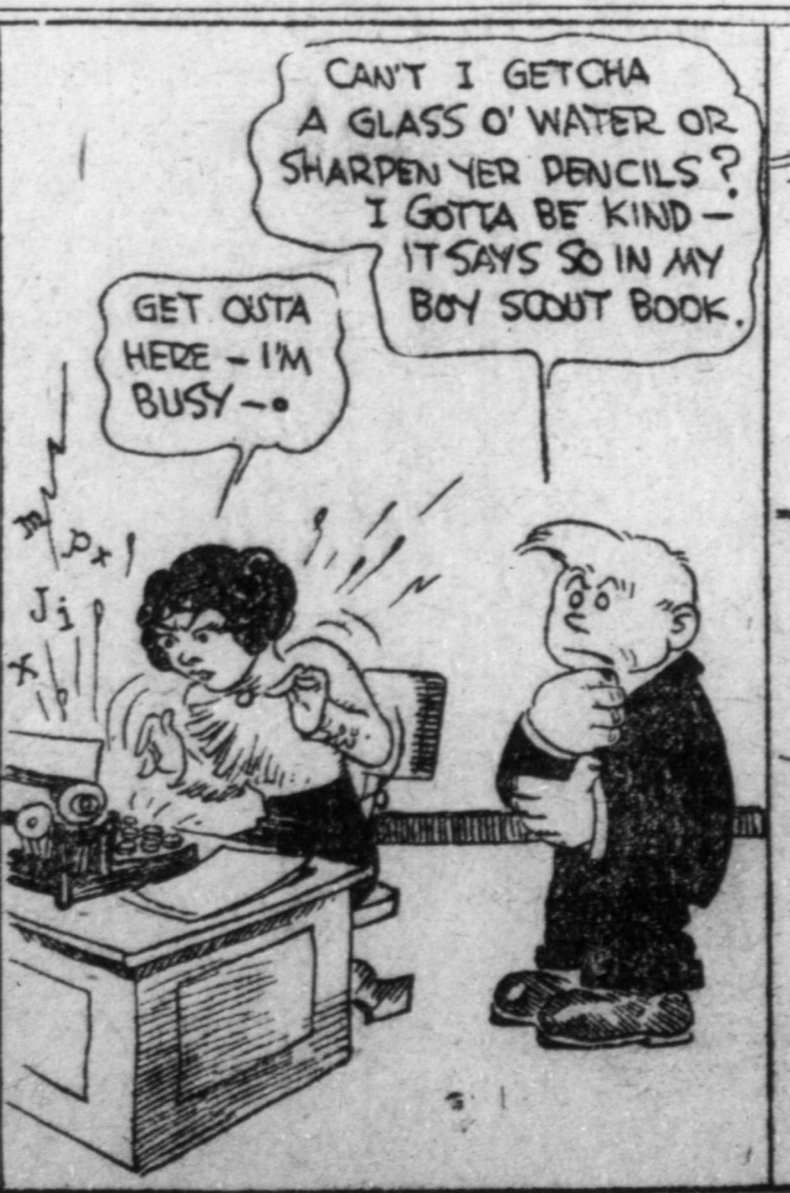
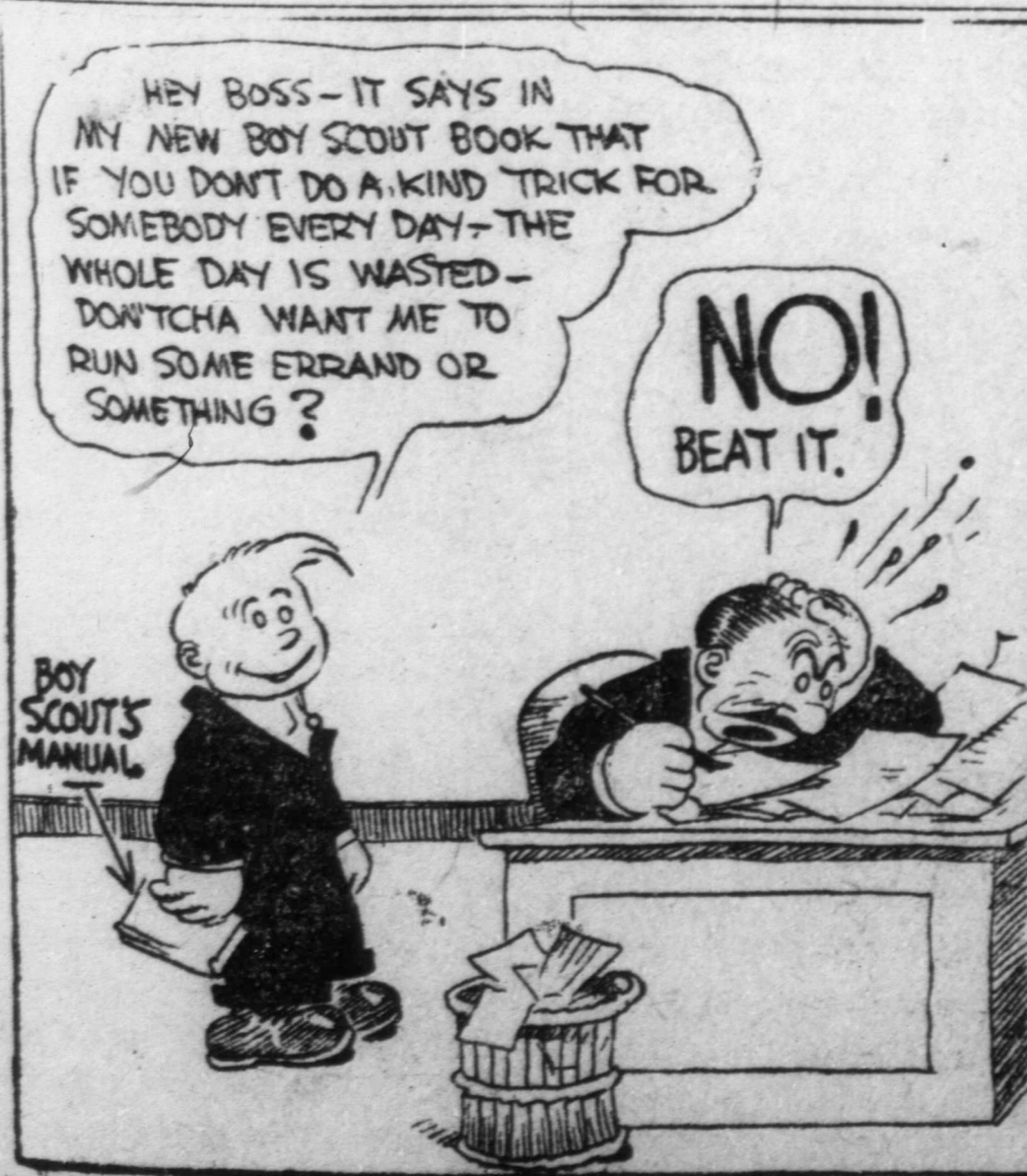
He will acknowledge of his salute a measure of recognition and if Mexicans regard it in that light it matters little what Washington may say about it.

The truth is that the policy of picking and choosing among the competing desperados in Mexico can only be exercised safely on the old principle of recognizing the one who is uppermost; if a statesman's moral sense revolted at doing that his only wise course would be to leave the whole situation severely alone.

Representatives Back up Wilson

Washington, April 16.—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day adopted the following resolution—"Resolved that the action of the President of the United States in the Tampico incident is sustained by this Committee."

Willie's Little Game.



He Acts The Good Samaritan

