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CAPTAIN RECOUNTS THRILLING ESCAPE

WEDGED IN HOLE OF BRIDGE TORN BY HUGE WAVE

Laval County Arrives Here After 30-Day Trip

SERIES OF STORMS

Skipper Pedersen Declares Voyage Worst He Has Ever Experienced

SAVED from being washed overboard from the bridge of his ship, 50 feet above the waterline, only by the narrowness of the hole through which a huge wave thrust him, feet foremost, Captain Pedersen, of the steamship Laval County, finally extricated himself as the water, which had literally filled the deck, receded. The vessel docked this morning at No. 5, Sand Point, after being 30 days out from Tyne River, a trip which the vessel usually does in 14 days. The vessel was in the midst of the part of the ocean where the vessels were meeting disaster. While no actual S. O. S. calls were heard, accounts of the mishaps and messages of vessels experiencing bad weather were picked up.

When interviewed this morning Captain Pedersen said the voyage was one of the worst he had ever experienced, although the vessel came through without any serious damage. Soon after leaving Tyne River the first of the series of storms was encountered and low progress was made.

MESSAGE FROM DYBWAD.

A message was received from the steamship Johanne Dybwad, which is owned by the same people who are interested in vessels operating under the international transports Ltd., that she was in difficulties but he did not receive her S. O. S. call. He found after this that the storm became so severe, the captain said, that he was forced to run before it for three days. At the end of that time he found that he was 250 miles further east than when he had been forced to turn from his course to the west.

HIT BY HUGE WAVE

Referring to his own narrow escape the captain remarked that he was on the bridge with three men endeavoring to secure his bearings by the sun when suddenly a tremendous wave towered high above the bridge and broke down upon the ship. Standing close to my supports at the time the officer said he was hurled across the bridge and buried under the tons of water which poured in.

PRaises RED HEAD

Referring to his trip up the bay which took place in the recent blinding snow storm Captain Pedersen took occasion to pay a striking tribute to the excellence and efficiency of the direction finding station at Red Head. He said that he had received prompt and very accurate bearings from them all the way up the bay and added that this had enabled him to make steady progress in spite of bad weather conditions.

AUTHORS AT GRIPS

Bigelow Resents Wells Calling Him "Bore"; Starting Slander Action

CANADIAN PRESS
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The exchange of personalities between Poutney Bigelow, lecturer and author, and H. G. Wells, the British author, has taken a new turn, with the announcement by Mr. Bigelow that he is starting a suit in London for \$30,000 damages on a charge of slander against his adversary.

In his recent book "Seventy Summers" Mr. Bigelow likened the British novelist to a "prosperous stock broker." Mr. Wells replied with a vigorous article in a London paper. "He called me a bore," Mr. Bigelow said today. "How am I going to make a living as an after dinner speaker if I am slandered by being called a bore? I lost his temper and he has got to apologize."

British Official Denies Canadian Maladministration of Pensions

Bobbed Hair Sealing Fate Of Ostrich

Small Riot as Insurgents of Easter, 1916, Are Deemed Defamed

CANADIAN PRESS
MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Bobbed hair, and the small featherless hats now being worn by women, are gradually sealing the fate of the ostrich.

TRouble IN DUBLIN AT O'CASEY'S PLAY

DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—Political feeling led to a small riot in the Abbey theatre last evening during a performance of Sean O'Casey's new play "The Plough and the Stars" which deals with the rebellion of Easter Week, 1916. A section of the audience objected to what was regarded as defamatory of the insurgents and hooted and hissed the performance. Mrs. F. Sheehy Skelington, whose husband was killed in the Easter rising, made a speech, denouncing the play and these were shouts for "O'Casey, the Coward," and "The Plough and the Stars."

Senator Yeats, the poet, tried to calm the tumult, but the audience refused to be pacified. The police then were called in. They ejected some of the rioters and the play was resumed with constant interruptions to the end. Much damage was done to the theatre fittings.

COAL SITUATION IN BRITAIN BRIGHTER

Chances For Rupture Now Remote, Westminster Gazette Asserts

CANADIAN PRESS
LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Westminster Gazette asserts that a remarkable change for the better has occurred in the coal situation, and that those best qualified among both owners and miners think the chances of a rupture are now remote. The chief cause of the change is perhaps the fact that the forecasts of the Royal Commission's report indicates that the commission has disregarded the demands of miners and owners and will make recommendations which both sides will find it possible to discuss.

PRINCE PROTECTED

Personal Bodyguard Now Consists of Six Picked Men

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The personal bodyguard of the Prince of Wales has been doubled and now consists of six picked men.

AT THE DRY DOCK

The steamship Emperor of Port McNicoll is expected to dock at the fitting out berth at Courtenay Bay this evening to undergo some repairs. The Emperor of Havana left that berth this morning and shifted to the Courtenay wharf to load for Havana.

'Count Poni,' Freed From Jail, Is Man Without A Country

CANADIAN PRESS
WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 12.—Vladimir Ponzilowsky, better known throughout Western Canada and the United States as "Count Poni" today, found himself a man without a country. He has just completed a sentence here for fraud and is awaiting deportation, but authorities do not know where to send him.

Ponzilowsky entered Canada illegally from the United States, but the immigration officials across the border claim that he was never a resident of the republic to the south. He is not a resident of Germany where his parents are said to reside, and it has now developed that the re-shaping of the map of Europe following the war, has eliminated the country of his nativity.

MINERS ADOPT SETTLEMENT IN U. S. COAL STRIKE

Accept Operators' Proposal To Resume Work At Once

5-YEAR CONTRACT

Joint Conference of Men and Owners Will Ratify Peace Terms

CANADIAN PRESS
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 12.—The anthracite coal strike was virtually settled here today, when announcement was made at one o'clock, that the proposition of the operators to return to work immediately on a five-year agreement had been formally approved by the miners.

The joint conference of miners and operators still have to formally approve the peace settlement, after which a convention of miners called to meet in Scranton next Tuesday, will have to ratify it.

Immediately after the miners ended their session the sub-scale committee went into conference with the operators' negotiating committee to draw up the final agreement.

SOVIET PLANS SALE TO RECOUP COFFERS

Millions of Dollars Expected From Disposal of Art Treasures

CANADIAN PRESS
LENINGRAD, Feb. 12.—Another great sale of former Russian imperial possessions is soon to take place. In line with its policy, "to make the property of Czaristic potentates the property of the common people," the government expects to realize millions of dollars by this sale. There are enormous collections of paintings, Gobelins, tapestries, bronzes, clocks, mirrors, furniture, silver articles and miscellaneous furnishings which the government thinks can be profitably turned into cash of which the state treasury is always in need.

COLLECTION ENORMOUS

Articles of definite historic value will be retained; the remainder will be sold to the highest bidder. The government estimates that there are millions of dollars worth of art treasures.

W. H. Graham Dies; Member Dominion 141

The death of Walter Hebert Graham occurred last evening at his residence, 133 Erin street, after an illness of several weeks. Although his condition had been considered quite serious, hopes were held out for his recovery, and the end came suddenly. He was the son of Philip C. Graham and besides his father, he is survived by two brothers, Edward C. and William B., and one sister, Edna M., all at home.

Mr. Graham was of a quiet disposition and had a wide circle of friends. He was a member of Dominion L. O. L. No. 141, and he took an active interest in the work. The members felt that he was a true friend and brother who was ready to make any sacrifice for their benefit and his loss is being sincerely mourned.

ONE RECORD READ.

After a long discussion which became at times acrimonious, amongst the committee men, it was decided to present with reading documents at present.

The record of J. E. Bisillon was the only one read. It showed that the former special inspector in the Montreal district, entered the service in 1910, and was dismissed at the end of 1925, when his salary had reached about \$2,500 a year.

MEMBERS OF CABLE BOARD DECLINE TO TAKE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S THREAT SERIOUSLY

Believe Murphy's Pamphlet Will Lead to Debate in Parliament, and Declare That Canada's Withdrawal Can Only Be Made by Legislative Action.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—While there is no Canadian representative attending meetings of the Pacific Cable Board, it is generally believed that a settlement of the differences will soon be made. Canada's threat that she will not facilitate the landing of the duplicate cable at Bamfield, is not taken seriously by members of the board, who think that the Dominion cannot long persist in such an attitude.

They believe that Postmaster-General Murphy's pamphlet will lead to a full dress debate in Parliament which will aid conciliation. It is expected that Sir Campbell Stuart, who is now in the West Indies will go to Ottawa before returning home to use his influence towards securing a settlement by members of the board, who think that the Dominion cannot long persist in such an attitude.

REBUKES MUSSOLINI

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Former Premier Nitti of Italy in an interview with the Paris correspondent of Vorwarts, expressed conviction that Southern Tyrol will never be disloyal to Italy, provided they are treated fairly.

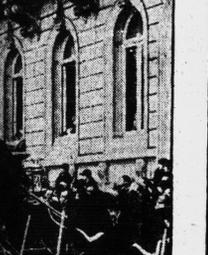
Halifax Member Is Not Cheerful

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—W. A. Black, (Conservative, Halifax) declared in the House last night that unemployment was wide in Nova Scotia. He gave instances of impoverished families among the workers. In the city of Halifax today real estate was unsaleable and throughout the country whatever prosperity was enjoyed was the outcome of a good crop and the government could claim no credit for it.

English Workers To Study U. S. Methods

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Daily Mail announces that it is inviting six working representatives of the Engineering and kindred unions in Great Britain to visit the United States at its expense to inform themselves on the working conditions, hours and wages and the use of the latest machinery in United States industrial establishments.

Scenes At Loved Belgian Prelate's Funeral



Picture at left hooded horses drawing through a Brussels street, between walls of spectators and bayonets, a hearse bearing the body of Cardinal Mercier, following funeral services at the Brussels cathedral.

In the foreground (right picture) of this uniformed group at the funeral of Cardinal Mercier are Marshal Foch (left), King Albert of the Belgians (center) and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium.

OTTAWA REPORT IS NAILED BY BRITISH SECY.

Sir Geo. Chrystal Discusses Pension Ministry's Action

HAS NO COMPLAINT

Praises Canadian Government For Services And Tells Of Staff Changes

LONDON, Feb. 12.—In connection with a reference in the Canadian House of Commons to the report that the British Ministry of Pensions was taking over the administration of all the imperial pensions payable in Canada, Sir George Wm. Chrystal, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Pensions, in an interview here, says it was not true, as had been suggested in the House of Commons at Ottawa, that the change was the result of maladministration by the Canadian government.

"There is no truth whatever in the statement that the British ministry of pensions has made complaint about Canadian administration of the pensions in question," Sir George declared. On the contrary the minister of pensions (Major G. C. Tryon) feels greatly obliged to the Canadian government for their services in the past.

TAKE OVER STAFF

"With the exception of one or two officials, who will be sent out from England, all the staff at present employed by the Canadian government in administering imperial pensions, will be taken over by the British Ministry of Pensions, including the doctors."

Continuing Sir George Chrystal emphasizes the cordial relations which have existed between the British Ministry of Pensions and the Canadian government. He declares that the manner in which the Dominion always has met the ministry with regard to claims and counter claims, has not afforded the least subject for recrimination and so far as the ministry is concerned, there is no occasion for such a suggestion as Canadian maladministration being at the bottom of the British pension ministry's action.

L A T H PRODUCTION

Figures For 1925 Expected to Show New Brunswick Still Leading

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR.
FREDERICTON, Feb. 12.—In 1925 and 1924 New Brunswick had the greatest production of laths of any Canadian province. The statistics for 1925 are not yet issued but are expected to show this province still leading.

MAN SHOTS FRIEND IN PECULIAR MIX-UP

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 12.—A mistaken directory address, the right house, but the wrong man, and a bullet fired at the wrong man, which found a lodging place in the brain of another—that is the peculiar combination of circumstances surrounding the alleged killing of Walter Vere, 21, by his pal, Karl Purdue, 23, here yesterday.

SEEK LOWER FARES FOR IMMIGRANTS

Australian Settlers League Urges Action to Compete With Canada

MELBOURNE, Feb. 12.—Members of the Federal parliament have been urging Premier Stanley Bruce to adopt the New Settlers League suggestion and arrange reductions in the fares of British immigrants. They pointed out that Australia was at a disadvantage compared with Canada, owing to the latter's nearness to Great Britain and the reduced fares now in force.

M. P. Dons Woman's Bonnet Amid Merry Scene In House

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A little comedy for which the House of Commons had been waiting ever since the advent of women members, was performed last night when a male member addressed the House wearing a woman's hat. Among many of the old rules governing procedure in the House, is one that if a member wishes to raise a point of order after a division has been called, he must don his hat. The Laborite member G. Buchanan, desired to raise a point, but he had not brought his hat with him. He solved the dilemma, however, by borrowing the velvet toque of Miss Ellen C. Wilkinson, also a Laborite member, which he clapped upon his head of red hair. Thus he addressed the speaker amid noisy merriment on the part of the commoners.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Snow

MARITIME—Strong north and northwest winds, partly cloudy and moderately cold tonight and Saturday. Snow flurries.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair to night. Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer, diminishing northwest winds, becoming southerly and increasing Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.

TORONTO, Feb. 12, 1926.
Highest, lowest
Saturday, yesterday, night

Victoria	38	30	26
Calgary	24	36	22
Winnipeg	26	32	26
Toronto	16	16	8
Ottawa	6	29	8
Montreal	6	18	4
Saint John	24	24	20
St. John's	28	28	26
Nfld.	30	28	26
New York	18	22	16

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SYNOPSIS—The Atlantic coast storm has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland, and high pressure which now covers the Great Lakes and Middle States is spreading toward the Maritimes. The weather has become somewhat colder in the western provinces.

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