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WRECK OF LINER WAS SAD TRAGEDY

CAPTAIN REFUSED TO JUMP FOR HIS LIFE TO THE BOATS

Over One Hundred Still Missing from Wrecked Steamer Vestris Captain and Wireless Man Lost

Survivors Arrive At New York and Tell of Experiences; Some Blame Captain Carey; Steward Duncan Is Hero of Tragedy

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. — When the passengers and crew were being taken from the sinking steamer Vestris there was an absence of confusion. The rule of women and children first was followed, according to passengers arriving here. According to Steward Duncan, after all the lifeboats were gone he and the captain only remained. When urged to jump, the captain replied: "Hell, no; you jump." These were his last words. Duncan jumped and did not see the captain again.

Second Steward Alfred Duncan is described by passengers as the hero of the tragedy. He gave each passenger food on leaving the ship and then jumped overboard and swam from lifeboat to lifeboat ordering persons from the over-filled boats to those having more room. Almost 100 persons swam from one boat to another. Captain Carey and Radio Operator Michael O'Loughlin were lost.

Carey was the senior captain of the Holt line and was making the last voyage on the Vestris previous to taking command of the crack ship Voltaire. O'Loughlin was 29 years of age and from County Wexford, Ireland.

The missing number 108, including seven women and a number of children.

The American Shipper arrived this morning with 125 survivors of the wrecked Vestris. The Berlin brought in 3. Those on the Shipper severely criticized Captain W. J. Carey's delay in sending out an SOS. They stated that no lives would have been lost if the ship's boats had been safe and properly equipped, or been launched before the ship took list, which made the descent into lifeboats a terror. The warmth of the Gulf Stream is credited with the survival of those who spent hours immersed in the Atlantic waters before being picked up.

The Berlin survivors were less severe in their criticisms and on the whole praised the actions of the captain and crew.

The cause of the disaster is not learned, the only theories being that the cargo shifted in the severe battering the ship received in the storm of Saturday and Sunday, or that a leak started and gradually grew worse.

THREE LINK ORDERS HONOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NEWLY WEDDED

There was a large gathering present at a dance and social evening given last evening in the Metropole Hall by the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Church, who were recently married.

Miss Durran, noble grand of the Rebekah Lodge, presented Mrs.

Church with a beautiful Irish linen table cover, and Alex Barbe, noble grand of the Oddfellows, made the presentation to Mr. Phillips of a handsome cut glass water set. The recipients responded suitably and other speakers who added words of tribute to the popularity of the honored guests included James Irvine, district deputy grand master of the Oddfellows; Mrs. J. W. McKinley, district deputy grand president of the Rebekahs; Ex-Mayor S. M. Newton, J. W. McKinley, Rev. A. Wilson and Mrs. Thomas Priest.

NOTICE OF CONVENTION

Delegates and Alternates to a Liberal Nominating Convention will meet in the Moose Hall on Thursday evening, November 15, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the Skeena federal riding at the next Dominion election.

FEDERAL DISTRICT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

EXTRADITION CASE HEARD

Judge Young Reserves Decision in Matter of Returning Charles Sinclair to Alaska

After a three-hour hearing yesterday afternoon, Judge F. McE. Young, sitting as an extradition commissioner, reserved his decision in the case of Charles Sinclair, whom United States authorities are seeking to extradite to Alaska to face charges of jail breaking last summer from Juneau, where he was serving a term under the Volstead Act.

With decision in the case will come a fight which Sinclair has staged for several months against attempts made by the United States government to have him returned to Alaska. An endeavor was first made to have him deported to Alaska, but this failed when Sinclair established that he was a citizen of Newfoundland and therefore could not be deported to the United States. The next move of the American authorities was to institute extradition proceedings on the basis of the jail breaking charge. After various delays, the case was finally heard yesterday. All the evidence was in the form of depositions from the United States.

City Solicitor E. F. Jones appeared on behalf of the United States government in the hearing with W. O. Fulton acting for Sinclair.

It is expected that Judge Young will hand down his decision very soon.

LIBERALS ARE VOTED DOWN IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The Liberal amendment, to the address in reply to the speech from the throne declaring that the Franco-British Naval compromise endangered the prospects of peace in Europe and the good relations with the United States, was defeated in the House of Commons late Tuesday, by a vote of 326 to 163.

Premier Baldwin yesterday told the house that the Anglo-French naval compromise was, "nothing but an honest, straight-forward attempt to get out of the dead lock which occurred at Geneva and which was threatening the cause of disarmament."

Direct intimation that compromise was dead was made by the Premier when he called attention to the fact that he had used the past tense in referring to it. His statement was in reply to a speech by David Lloyd George moving the official Liberal amendment.

THE PRINCE AS A "LATHER BOY"



This unusual-looking person above is none other than H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in the costume of a "lather boy," which he wore aboard the "Malda" when he assisted in initiating his brother, Duke of Gloucester, in the strange "Crossing the Line" ceremony.

WILL CHOOSE NEW LEADER

Liberal Executive to Meet Next Month to Select Head

VANCOUVER, Nov. 14.—The choice of a Liberal leader to direct the opposition activities next session will be made early in December, it was indicated yesterday by the members of the B. C. Liberal Association executive. The executive will meet immediately after the Victoria bye-election, it was stated. It is not planned to choose a permanent leader until the convention has been arranged in the next year or two.

PREMIER TOLMIE IS INDISPOSED

VICTORIA, Nov. 14.—An indisposition which forced Premier Tolmie to cancel a week end trip to Kamloops which caused great concern to his colleagues, not because of its seriousness but it is regarded as an indication that he must alter his program of overwork, which he had been following since he had formed the government.

HIGH PRICES HALIBUT AGAIN

High prices were again paid for halibut at the local Fish Exchange this morning when a total of 97,000 pounds was sold. Two American vessels received 19.6c and 7c and 19.9c and 7c for 62,000 pounds while six Canadian boats disposed of 35,600 pounds at 17.7c and 6c to 18.9c and 7c. The fishing season, closing tomorrow, all these boats will now tie up for the winter.

The day's sales were as follows:

- American
 - Seattle, 45,000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 19.6c and 7c.
 - Tatoosh, 17,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 19.9c and 7c.
- Canadian
 - Takla, 23,000 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 17.9c and 6c.
 - M. M. Christopher, 5,000 pounds Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 17c and 7c.
 - Eric Roy, 5,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 18c and 6c.
 - Zero, 1,000 pounds, and Nuba, 1,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 18.9c and 7c.
 - Cape Spear, 600 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 18.7c and 6c.

Thrilling Experience for Young Lady School Teacher Drifting all Night in Chatham Sound

Miss Betty MacMillan, young school teacher, who spent the holiday week-end in the city visiting with friends, had a rather harrowing experience while returning to her pedagogical duties at Oona River on Sunday last.

It was early that afternoon when the young lady embarked by gasboat on her return to Porcher Island. Engine trouble developed when the small vessel was off Holland Rock and the man in charge was unable to start the motor again. It was then that the vessel started drifting into the open waters of Chatham Sound before a south-east breeze. Over the rough sea, the boat continued to go seawards before the elements. During the night the wind changed to the west, and, in the vicinity of Dundas Island, the boat started coming landwards again. At Hodgson Reef an anchorage was effected and the man went off in a dinghy, with one oar and a broken board, in search of assistance. Meantime, no less than four other boats which had passed had failed to respond to frantic distress signals. Finally, Monday afternoon, 24 hours after leaving Prince Rupert, the man was able, from the smaller boat, to attract the attention of the local pleasure cruiser Vaquero, returning from a hunt to Swamp Island with Alex McRae in charge.

Eventually, the disabled gasboat, with the young lady still on board, was taken in tow and the couple were brought back to Prince Rupert, little worse of an experience which quite easily might have been attended with much more disastrous results.

WHEAT CROP OF COUNTRY

OTTAWA, Nov. 14.—Canada's wheat crop for 1928 is placed at 500,613,000 bushels, in a crop report issued by the Dominion bureau of statistics. Last year's total for the Dominion was 440,024,000 bushels.

MUCH GRAIN IS COMING TO PORT

Eighty Cars Arrive Within Twenty-four Hours, Will be Plenty to Fill Two Boats Coming

Movement of grain from the prairies to Prince Rupert continues to be heavy. Yesterday 22 carloads arrived and this morning, 58. Eight hundred cars are reported today to be on the way here.

There will be plenty of grain here to load the first two ships of the season—Yaye Maru and ss Rockpool—both of which will arrive within the next week. Both will take full cargoes to the United Kingdom or Continent.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

