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**THE SINKING OF THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND AS PORTRAYED BY THE LONDON SPHERE ARTISTS.**

Passengers standing on the side of the Empress just before she sank. The vessel, after being struck, careened over to the star-board. That side of the vessel soon became wholly submerged. The port side became flatter and flatter until, as the survivors from the liner state, they walked down the side of the vessel as on a sloping shore. The portion shown in this diagram is just the forward part of the vessel at the point where the navigating bridge rises high above the forward deck.

**Canadian and Foreign News in Brief**

**CANADIAN**

The Montreal Board of Control last week decided to dismiss nearly one hundred employees in the Public Works Department, thereby reducing the salary list by about \$64,000 annually.

The one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Lexey, of Golden Prairie, Sask., was burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home on Saturday afternoon. Both parents were away at the time. The cause of the fire was an overheated stovepipe.

At the convocation of McGill University last week, it was announced by Principal Peterson that in order to place the finances of Macdonald College on a stable basis Sir William Macdonald had paid into the university treasury \$1,000,000 as a further endowment. This makes Sir William's whole expenditure on Macdonald College between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

A number of steamers either owned or chartered by the Department of Railways and Canals will set out from Halifax next month, to assist in the work of construction of the terminals at Port Nelson, Hudson Bay. Among these will be the Government steamer "Minto," whose first work will be to place buoys in the vicinity of Port Nelson to mark the channel, and to establish a light on Nelson Shoal.

The will of the late Lord Strathecona has been entered for Canadian probate at Montreal. The Royal Victoria College of Montreal gets half a million dollars and land worth a quarter of a million. The Royal Victoria Hospital receives half a million. Among the other legacies are \$5,000 for Principal Peterson of McGill University, \$100,000 for an extension fund of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., \$6,000 for the endowment of a professorship in the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

After a spirited debate the members of the Anglican Synod last week turned down a resolution endorsing the campaign for abolition of the bar in Saskatchewan. A motion by which the Synod declares the condition of the hotel system in the Province and calls attention of the Government to the same was carried by a substantial majority. Motions were passed amending the canons of the Diocese in such a way as to enable women to become parishioners and vote in the election of delegates to the diocese Synod. These motions not having passed unanimously must obtain the approval of the next annual meeting of the Synod before they become effective.

A larger proportion of the land on Prince Edward Island is under cultivation than in any other Province of the Dominion. In a recent bulletin issued by the Census Department, P. E. Island is rated as using 95 per cent of all its available land, and it has only fifty-six thousand acres that could be used but are not.



**G. Howard Ferguson**

The Conservative member-elect for Grenville, Ont. Mr. Ferguson was highly criticized last year for his participation in the affairs of the Trent Valley Canal, while he was still a member of the Provincial Legislature.

British Columbia stands at the other extreme, as only five per cent of the available land of this Province is now being farmed. Nova Scotia cultivates sixty-five per cent of her good land. New Brunswick about forty-five per cent, Quebec, thirty-five per cent, Ontario thirty-eight per cent, Manitoba seventeen per cent, Saskatchewan thirty per cent, Alberta seventeen per cent.

**BRITISH AND FOREIGN**

Two and a half inches of snow fell in France on the 8th ult.

A cat in a Suffolk village deprived of two of her kittens went out into the fields, caught two small rabbits, and is bringing them up as part of her family.

It is said that within two weeks after the profit-sharing scheme in the Ford automobile works had been made public, seventy-five Ford employees applied for marriage licenses—a fact which seems to indicate a connection between a living wage and the establishment of a home.

A number of rabbits inoculated with germs of tuberculosis and of other serious diseases were stolen by thieves from the laboratory of a doctor near Marseilles. The police immediately gave the widest publicity to the fact, warning people not to eat rabbits unless they were certain of their source.

On its second reading in the British House of Commons, the Weekly Rest Day Bill was lost, by a majority of 12—105 for and 117 against. The Bill, promoted by the Imperial Sunday Alliance was not so much a "Lord's Day Observance" Bill as one to secure to every worker a complete day's rest each week, with Sunday as the normal rest day.

At the meeting of the London

County Council a scheme was adopted for dealing with tuberculosis throughout the county. The scheme provides for a network of dispensaries and for residential accommodation in hospitals and sanatoria. The cost of the scheme for the present financial year is put at £28,921, towards which the Government will contribute £14,250, and the cost next year will be £40,280.

Striking workmen in Italy last week burned railroad stations and created such disorder that martial law was proclaimed in twenty towns of Central Italy.

Tourists fled the country in droves, fearing that the railway service would be paralyzed. In Rome the people tiring of the disorders caused by strikers, organized several monster demonstrations in favor of the police and army and determined to crush the strike by violence without the assistance of the authorities. This was followed by a cessation of the general strike and an ending, for the present of the labor crisis in Italy.

**Cofferdam Gave Away**

St. Paul, Minn., July 6.—The crest of the flood waters that swept down the Mississippi River late today when a section of the cofferdam at the government works gave away, had passed St. Paul and the section south of here, and fears of extensive property damage were allayed.



**REVIVAL OF OLD COACHING CUSTOM**

Mr. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Mitchell Henry driving down to Epsom on Derby Day in the good old-fashioned style. Mr. Vanderbilt's four-in-hand is one of the smartest turnouts in England, and he must be congratulated on braving the dust of the journey on "coach-back" in these days of the ubiquitous and comfortable motor.

**FIFTY FLAT CARS ORDERED BY P. G. E.**

Company Is Getting Ready For Track-laying South of Fort George

In preparation for starting track-laying south of Fort George late this summer the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has just placed an order for fifty flat cars. Additional equipment for the North Shore portion of the line is expected to arrive next week. One gasoline motor car of a larger and more powerful type than those already in service, and three passenger coaches were ordered a short time ago for the service.

As mentioned in an interview with Mr. J. Callaghan, chief engineer of the P. G. E., published in The News on Saturday the contractors expect that grading will have been sufficiently advanced on the sections south of Fort George to commence laying steel in September.

**Fought Like Wild Cats**

Carnarvon, Wales, July 6.—Two militant suffragettes, Georgina Lloyd and Phyllis North, created a scene of violence today when brought up for trial at the Carnarvon sessions on charges connected with a window smashing campaign on June 2 at Cricieth in the constituency of Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George. The prisoners fought like wildcats and it took five wardens to keep them in the prisoners' enclosure. Each of the women was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

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