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SURVIVORS FROM STEAMER LACONIA

281 Survivors Landed. Accounts Differ as to Number Lost. Several Perished from Exposure, Number of Americans Among Them.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 27— A steamer brought 267 survivors of the steamer Laconia to Queenstown early on Tuesday, who were rescued from eight boats. The passengers versions of the number lost differ. Some say 25 were drowned and others, not more than 10. Apparently two small parties of the Laconia's survivors apart from main body have been landed, 15 at Bantry and about the same number elsewhere. The steamer which rescued the bulk of those aboard the Cunarder carried also survivors of the sunken British steamer Falcon and 14 members of the crew of another lost British vesesl.

United States Consul Frost at Queenstown has telegraphed the American Embassy here that Mrs. Hoy and her daughter died of exposure and that their bodies were buried at sea. 8 American negroes, members of the crew of the Laconia, died from exposure, according to a Central News despatch from Queenstown. Cedric P. Ivat, theatrical manager, who was a passenger on the Laconia died of exposure. Mr. Ivat was a resident of London. Mrs. Hoy's husband, Dr. Albert H. Hoy, who is a Civil War veteran and her son, Austin Y. Hoy, reside in London.

A later telegram from Consul Frost gave the total number of persons landed from the Laconia as 281 out of the 294 on board. Of the thirteen lost, five were drowned, and eight died from exposure and were buried at sea. Six persons are in hospitals at Queenstown. Their condition is not serious.

THOUSANDS OF TURKS TAKEN PRISONERS AT KUT

Retreating Turkish Army Being Pursued by British and Initial Successes Well Maintained.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 27— The Turkish troops taken prisoners by the British at Kue-el-Amara now number several thousands, Earl Curzon stated in the House of Lords today. The retreating Turkish army is being pursued and artillery and infantry action is taking place fifteen miles northwest of Kut-he added. The scene of operations has been transferred further up the river and the initial successes are being followed up.

BERLIN REPORT.

(Special to The Guardian.)

BERLIN, Feb. 27— (Official).— British troops yesterday many times attacked German positions on the front between Ypres in Belgium and the River Somme. The statement follows:

Western Theatre.— Of numerous advances made by the English against our front between Ypres and Somme only one arrived in our trenches. The enemy that had entered the east of Arras was ejected by a counter -thrust. Only in few sectors did artillery fire exceed its usual intensity.

Eastern War Theatre.— Cold weather, not being so severe, fighting activities repeatedly became livelier than since last report.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TO RUSSIAN TROOP TRAIN

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 26— A train carrying 228 invalided Russian soldiers who were on their way home from Germany through Sweden went off the track late last night between Gefle and Soderhamn, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Stockholm. The first car, carrying twenty-three insane Russian soldiers, was demolished and its passengers were killed. About twenty-five persons in other cars were killed. The work of rescue was made difficult by the condition of the passengers most of whom were blind, or had lost arms or legs or were otherwise rendered incapable of helping themselves. Their hardships were increased by the fact that the wreck occurred in the darkness at a distance from any important town.

Minard's Liniment Cures Toothache.

EIGHTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

(Special to The Guardian.)

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 27— Eighteen persons, seventeen passengers and a negro porters were killed in a rear end collision between an express train and a feright on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Mount Union Station, forty-three miles east of this place early today. The accident occurred shortly after midnight and the bodies were so badly mangled that six hours later only nine had been identified.

(Special to The Guardian.)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27— Information from a Pennsylvania railroad source shows that twenty persons were killed in the wreck. It has been learned that in addition to those already accounted for two small children were killed. As no tickets were required for them they were overlooked when the passengers were checked up by the train crew.

BRITISH USE N EW PERISCOPE.

This is one of the first illustrations of the new Eradus periscope to be published. Attached to the butt of the rifle it is said to insure accurate aim at the minimum risk to the sharpshooters.

STEAMER FINLAND REPORTED SAFE

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 27— The steamship Finland of the American Line, which sailed from Liverpool on Feb. 17th, with 166 passengers, it was reported by wireless to her owners here today would reach Ambrose Channel Lightship a few hours after midnight last night and would dock about 8 a. m. today. The Finland was the third American Line passenger vessel to leave England after Germany had proclaimed her unrestricted submarine warfare.

WHITE STAR LINER CEDRIC ARRIVES

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 27— The White Star Liner Cedric, which left New York on February 12th, arrived safely at Liverpool last Thursday, according to announcement by the agents here.

B. C. TUG BOAT FOUNDERED AT SEA ALL HANDS LOST

(Special to The Guardian.)

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 27— The British Columbia Salvage Company's tug, Pilot, of British Columbia Tugboat, Vancouver, which sailed from here last July for Ocos, Guatemala, to salvage the former German freighter from Sasote, has foundered off the Guatemalan coast with the loss of all on board, according to advices received today from Salima Cruz, Mexico. So far as known five men were on the Pilot when she left Salima Cruz.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 27— The British steamer Aries, of 3,072 tons has been sunk by a German submarine, Lloyds Shipping Agency announced today. The crew was landed. The sinking of the British steamer Seagull of 144 tons, is also announced by the Agency. The Seagull's crew likewise was landed.

EX-PREMIER OF N.B., HON. G. J. CLARKE, DEAD

(Special to The Guardian.)

ST. JOHN, Feb. 27— Hon. George J. Clark, until recently Premier of the province died at his home in St. Stephen at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been ill a long time and resigned a month ago, being succeeded by Hon. J. A. Murray, whose government was defeated Saturday and yesterday.

SECOND MONCTONIAN WINS MILITARY CROSS

(Special to The Guardian.)

MONCTON, Feb. 27— Lieut. Frederick A. Ritchie, of this city, and a former member of the Central Methodist Church choir has won the Military Cross. This is the second Military Cross won by soldiers from this church. Lieut. Frank Tingley won the other.

WHEAT CROP A GREAT SURPRISE

OTTAWA Feb. 23—The Western wheat crop was thirty per cent larger than was estimated.

The estimate was from 170 to 180 million bushels, but it has proven to be 225 million bushels.

At $1.50 per bushel this is $75,000,000 more than was anticipated. But watch Canada in 1917. This is the year we hope to prove to the world that we are the granary of the Empire.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Feb. 28— Fresh westerly winds, clearing and somewhat colder.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 38 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 36 above; at 9 p. m., 36 above. The coldest the previous night was 23 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.11 and tomorrow at 3.55; it will be high tomorrow morning at 4.53 and Friday at 5.58.

The sun sets this afternoon at 6.03 and tomorrow at 6.05; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.56 and Friday at 6.54.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 2.41.

There was a new moon on Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 1.09 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 11.14 a. m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and five minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF LOBSTER PACKERS

Pass Strong Resolution Urging Removal or Modification of Embargo on Lobsters to England.

At a largely attended meeting of the lobster exporters and packers of this Province held in this city yesterday the matter of the embargo on canned lobsters recently imposed by the British Government was discussed.

Senator McLean of Souris presided and Hon. John Agnew, acted as Secretary.

The following telephone communications received yesterday morning from Halifax by Mr. J. J. Hornby were read:—

A large and representative meeting was held in Halifax yesterday of lobster packers, buyers and exporters; the meeting was held in conjunction with the Board of Trade, and when the meeting was over they sent a cablegram to Sir R. L. Borden and one to Hon. J. D. Hazen.

The cable to Sir R. L. Borden was as follows:—

"A representative meeting of canned lobster packers and canned lobster exporters was held here today. We are alarmed at the report prohibiting canned lobsters into Great Britain especially of crayfish and crab meat, and 50 per cent. of American Salmon are allowed to be imported or have free entry into England. To exporters and packers, the embargo means disaster, to 15,000 Maritime Province fishermen and families. There is only about 5,000 cubic tons, of space or feet required for shipment and practically the whole value remains in the Provinces with the exception of the value of tinplates, tin and lead. We would suggest the distress be relieved by importation being allowed and by placing maximum prices and if necessary to restrict the quantity. We respectfully submit and solicit your very great influence in making a representation arranging modifications. All sections of the provinces are placing similar views with the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

(Signed) HALIFAX BOARD OF TRADE.

To Hon. J. D. Hazen:

"We wish you to consult and co-operate with our Prime Minister, Sir R. L Borden on the matter of the proposed embargo on canned lobsters going into Great Britain."

Also a similar telegram sent to Sir G. E. Foster, Ottawa.

The communications were thoroughly discussed and as a result the following telegram was sent last night to Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa:—

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To Hon. Geo. E. Foster,
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa.

At a meeting of packers and shippers of lobsters held here today we are very much alarmed at the report that Canned Lobsters are being prohibited into Great Britain. This, if carried into effect, would cause great distress amongst the fishermen and factory hands, and would cause the dealers and shippers to cease operations and the advance of supplies and materials to the smaller packers. We are advised from Halifax that cables have been sent strongly urging that immediate action be taken by Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Mr. Hazen and Sir George Perley, and we sincerely trust that as Minister of Trade and Commerce you will use your great influence to have embargo removed, or at least moderated, so as not to crush out the industry. We consider that Canned Lobster compares favorably with other foodstuffs at present prices, which are not restricted. We would strongly urge you at your earliest convenience to wire Senator McLean, Souris, the decision that may be arrived at, in order that parties interested may know how to proceed as everything at present is entirely tied up.

Sent on behalf of all exporters and packers of this Province.

JOHN AGNEW,
Secretary.

P. E. ISLANDER WITH FOUR SONS AT FRONT ONE DIES A HERO

A citizen who has just reason to be proud for the part which his family have taken in the great war now raging is Mr. John McMurrer of West Royalty. Mr. McMurrer has had no less than four sons on active service doing their bit nobly for King and Country and offered to go himself but being beyond the age limit could, of course, not be accepted.

One of the sons, Louis P., who enlisted in the Sixth Mounted Rifles was killed in action soon after performing a gallant deed for which he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Being himself severely wounded he ran across a comrade who was also wounded. There being no others to render assistance McMurrer tore off his own bandages and bound them about his comrade in distress and it is understood, that as a result of his self-sacrifice, saved the soldier's life.

McMurrer soon after yielded up his own life in the great cause of National liberty. This is one of the most striking, and at the same time, most pathetic cases of heroism of the many which have occurred in the present awful conflict. As long as deeds of bravery are cherished, the action of the gallant McMurrer, of Prince Edward Island, should live in the history, which will tell of the part taken by the Island in the great world war.

(Special to The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26— John Grier Hibben, President of Princeton University, speaking in church here last night criticized the United States for what he termed its lack of international conscience" in failing to join the Entente Allies against Germany and declared America's entrance into the war was "solemn obligation."

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Attention is called to the ad. in this issue re farm for sale of Alexander McKinnon at Fredericton.
4567-2-27M3i.

**NOTICE.— The annual meeting of the Belfast Egg Circle will be held in the Eldon Hall on Monday, March 1st, at 7 o'clock p. m. Mr. Curran will be present and address the meeting.
4576

**NOTICE.—Meeting of the Farmers' Institute of Cornwall will be held in Cornwall Hall Wednesday, February 28, at 7.30 p.m. P. Brodie will give an address on "Potato Culture". All interested are invited
4588-2-28M1i

PREPARING FOR INVASION OF HOLLAND

LONDON, February 27.—Late and accurate information regarding the so-called German threat on the Dutch frontier and economic and other conditions in Germnay has been obtained by the Rotterdam correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

It is perfectly true, says the informant, who had just returned to Holland from Germany, that the towns and villages near the Dutch frontier are crowded with troops. For instance Emmerich, which usually has had 300 men, now has three regiments. But I have seen and spoken with many of these men and also with their officers. They are a rotten lot, but very numerous.

I asked why on earth they were always doing trench digging and making all sorts of preparations. Usually I was told that they were intended partly to suppress smuggling and partly to protect the German frontier in case of invasion by England.

This concentration of troops has however, led to a well founded belief that they are intended to invade Holland.

The people believe devoutly that Holland sends ten times as much food to England as to Germany and since they know what huge quantities go to Germany you can see how they regard Holland as a country simply blocked up with spare food.

With regard to public spirit, I was in Germany until after the new submarine campaign started. Frankly the Germans generally, both military and civilian, with whom I talked, think of the submarine less as a means of achieving final victory than of securing peace. But they made gods of the U-boats. They consider them sure to isolate England. I frequently pointed out to the Germans that England has daily some 300 ships at sea and even submarines cannot sink all; but they always replied:

"Yes, if England has 300 ships at sea we shall sink all and within two months England also will have nothing more to eat."

They believe the wildest legends about submarines. Thus I was informed by a grave and perfectly serious person that Germany launched 120 submarines on one day.

The people are frankly sick of the war and even among the soldiers and junior officers and non-commissioned officers, with whom I often talked, the only ones who show any war keeness are those who have not yet been to the front.

But the general talk is all of the great German attack on England. They say the crisis of the submarine campaign is to coincide with a great German attack on the western front the idea being that just at the crisis of the fight in the west the submarine campaign will cut short the supply of ammunition to the British front in France.

PRACTICAL LESSON IN MEAT INSPECTION

Anti-Tuberculosis Society, Board of Health and Citizens, Given Ocular Proof of Need of Meat Inspection.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Jos. McCarey, President of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, Rev. Canon Simpson, representing the Executive of the Society, Health Officer McMillan, the members of the Board of Health, a number of the citizens, and representatives of the press, visited Mr. J. M. Roop's abattoir on the Kensington Road, east of the city, where, it had been learned there were carcases of two tuberculous cattle recently slaughtered.

These two animals had been bought from a farmer a few days ago for $150. As may be inferred from the price paid, they were a fine pair of animals and in no way gave any indication of disease. They were honestly sold by a man who believed they were prime beef, and honestly purchased by a man accustomed to buying and slaughtering cattle and who believed he was getting full value for his money. On the animals, being slaughtered they were found to be tuberculous, lungs, pleura and liver a mass of putrid tuberculosis.

Dr. Derome, assistant to Dr. Pethick, Provincial Veterinary Inspector, showed the visitors the diseased parts of the carcases and answered a great many questions informally asked by the visitors. Needless to say, the visitors were impressed by what they saw and many of them understood for the first time the imperative and immediate need of meat inspection. They realized that these carcases might have been sold to unsuspecting citizens; realized that there was little doubt that such carcases have often been sold in the market. To the visitors the quarters of these diseased animals looked like excellent beef; as toothsome looking roasts and steaks as the most particular housewife could desire could be cut off and taken home, cooked and eaten without suspicion, and yet the whole carcase was diseased, the flesh perhaps filled with tubercular germs.

Asked as to how the disease could be detected, whether meat, as it is cut up and offered for sale, would show evidences of disease by which the purchaser could be warned, Dr. Derome stated, and his statement was concurred in by the Health Officer, that the only way in which disease could be detected was by examining the carcase with the head and organs attached. Asked further, if it would not be advisable to inspect meat offered for sale in the market, he said that such inspection, even by a skilled veterinary, would be absolutely useless unless the head and organs were attached for examination.

Those who visited the abattoir, in addition to those mentioned above, were: Councillors, Wright, Jenkins, Ledwell, Rattray, McKenzie, McNevin, Smith; Water Commissioners, McDonald and McGregor, constituting the Board of Health; also Rev. Maurice McDonald, Mr. James Paton, M. L. A., Messrs James Eden, Peter McDonald, and representatives of the press.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the abattoir conducted by Mr. Roop is a model of cleanliness, all the fixtures being of metal, which admits of sterilization and ensures thorough sanitation. The abattoir has capacity for probably one hundred animals a day and could be indefinitely enlarged. The manner in which the carcases are handled ensures perfect cleanliness and the whole plant is under constant inspection by a Dominion Veterinary Inspector.

RETURNS OF GLOUCESTER ELECTION

(Special to The Guardian.)

BATHURST, Feb. 27— Complete totals for Gloucester county are as follows:—

Byrne, 3,789; Venoit, 3,782; Leger, 3,756; Robichaud, 3,716, all Liberals. The majority is about 2,068. Hacey 1,721, Young 1,717, M. J. Robichaud 1,670; A. Robichaud, 1,645. The latter all lose their deposits.

SUPREME COURT AT GEORGETOWN

The February term of the Supreme Court of King's County opened in Georgetown yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. Justice Haszard on the bench. The Grand Jury consisted of the following gentlemen:

Captain Hugh McPhee, Georgetown, (foreman); Charles Dingwell, South Lake, Alfred K. Morrow, North Lake, William Power, Little Harbor; Sewell Robertson, St. Peter's Bay; John H. McLean, Montague; Spencer Moar, New Perth; George Mellish, Union Road; Allan Gillis, Clear Spring; Archd. C. McPhee, St. Margarets, Wm. McDonald, Montague; Wm. Undernay, Bay Fortune; Alex. D. Smith, Montague; Harlan Kennedy, Kingsboro; Fred Peters, Rollo Bay; Thomas Donahue, Roseneath, Augustine McDonald, Souris East; Leslie Poole, Lower Montague; Ewin McKie, Little River, Daniel R. McAulay, Southampton.

There were no criminal cases on the docket and His Lordship was accordingly presented with a pair of white gloves. In addressing the Grand Jury His Lordship expressed his pleasure that since the last term there had been no crime in the county. He congratulated the people on the fact and hoped that this state of things marked the opening of a new era of lawfulness in the country, following the splendid example set by Great Britain. He made fitting reference to the war and spoke of the necessity for greater production of foodstuffs.

The Grand Jury having been addressed on motion of Mr. Gilbert Gaudet, Mr. Adrian F. Arsenault, until recently articled under Mr. A. C. Saunders of Summerside, was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law and at the same time called to the Bar he having secured a sufficient percentage of marks in his examination to do so. He was congratulated by His Lordship.

The Grand Jury submitted the following report at 3 o'clock:—

"We the Grand Jury of King's County submit the following report:

"We have visited the County Jail and find it clean and in good condition. We are pleased to note that there are no prisoners. We have appointed constables and fence viewers for the ensuing year and hope that King's Co. will sustain its reputation as a law-abiding county."

Two non-jury cases were disposed of.

HOLLAND DEMANDS RESTORATION OF SHIPS

(Special to The Guardian.)

THE HAGUE, Feb. 27— The government has given no intimation of the course of action to be followed in connection with the recent disaster to Dutch shipping in the submarine attack on a flotilla of Dutch ships off the English coast. It is taken for granted, however, that a peaceful solution is being sought in the form of the cession by Germany of certain number of ships to replace the lost tonnage, such replacement being considered imperative because of the necessity of immediate re-organization of food supplies arrangements.

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4595-2-28M1i

WANTED— A FEW ACRES OF land with cottage located near the city, or at a railway station within ten miles of the city. Write, M. G. A., Box 13, Charlottetown.
4592-2-28M6i

LINOTYPE OPERATOR WANTED.— A splendid opportunity for a Linotype operator. Good wages. For full particulars, write "The Evening News," New Glasgow, N. S.
4578-2-28M3i

FOR SALE.—A BLACKSMITH'S stand at North River, 4½ miles from Charlottetown, including dwelling house, barn and garden. Apply to P. J. Proud on premises.
4582-2-28M3ipd

NOTICE— ALL MILK SOLD BY Lawndale Dairy must be settled for on or before the 5th of every month; otherwise it will be charged at 8 cents per quart. Alex. R. McKay.
4579-2-28M6ipd.

WANTED— A HOUSE-KEEPER, middle-aged, to go to country for a few months. Also, farmer and wife, or sister, to go to Canadian Northwest. Good wages to right party. W. Wheatley, 36 Elm Avenue.
4580-2-28M3ipd.

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