

# LAND IN SIGHT AS LINER SINKS

## 954 Lost When Empress of Ireland Is Rammed By Collier at Mouth of St. Lawrence River.

### BIG STEAMER GOES DOWN IN 14 MINUTES

#### Storstad Tears Great Hole in Side of Canadian Vessel—Explosion Adds to Horror In Foggy Stream—Rescuers on Scene In 20 Minutes, But Too Late.

Rimouski, Quebec — Sinking in 90 feet of water within 15 minutes after being rammed amidships in the upper reaches of the St. Lawrence river early Friday, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland carried down with her more than 900 of her passengers and crew. Of the 1387 persons on board only 433 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 954.

Looming up through the river mists as the Empress of Ireland was lying to, waiting for the fog to lift or day to break, the Danish collier Storstad crashed bow on into the side of the big Canadian liner, striking her about midway of her length and ripping her side open clear to the stern.

The crash occurred not far from the shore off Father Point, 150 miles from Quebec, which the Empress of Ireland left the night before, bound for Liverpool, and 10 miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality, therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean, but of the river. Unlike the Titanic's victims, the Empress of Ireland's lost their lives within sight of shore in land-locked waters.

Immediately the ship's crew recovered from the shock of the collision and it was seen the liner had received a vital blow, a wireless "S. O. S." call was sounded.

The hurried prayer of the sea was picked up by the government mail tender Lady Evelyn here and the government pilot boat Eureka at Father Point. Both sped to the rescue, arriving 20 minutes after the collision. So deep was the wound of the Empress, however, and so fast the inrush of water, that long before either of the rescue boats could reach the scene the liner had gone down.

Only floating wreckage and a few lifeboats and rafts from the steamer, buoying up less than a third of those who had set sail on her, were to be found. The rest had sunk with the liner, had been crushed to death in the Storstad's impact with her, or had been forced from exhaustion and exposure in the ice-chilled Northern waters to loose their hold on bits of wreckage that had supported them and had drowned.

Only a few persons were picked up by the Storstad, which was badly crippled herself by the collision, and these were brought here by the collier, together with those saved by the Eureka and the Lady Evelyn.

Twenty-two of the rescued died from injury or exposure. The others, most of whom had jumped into the boats or plunged into the water scantily clad, were supplied freely with such clothing as the town had, and later those who were able to travel were placed on board a train and started for Quebec.

#### Quebec and Levis Give Aid to 396 Survivors

Quebec—A full equipment of ambulances supplied by the city of Quebec, by the town of Levis, on the opposite side of the river, and the army medical service corps, was awaiting at Levis when the special survivors' train arrived here. The passengers were immediately transferred to the ferry steamer, which had been waiting to facilitate the transfer to Quebec.

It was a pitiful sight when the ferry steamer Polaris docked on the Quebec side and the 396 men and women saved from the Empress of Ireland trooped falteringly down the gangway. Few of them possessed a complete outfit of clothes, the majority wearing only shirts, trousers and boots.

Heads were bared as the injured were brought ashore. The second and third-class passengers and the crew were made comfortable on the Allan

#### Only Two Children Saved.

Quebec — Only two children are known to have been saved from the wreck of the Empress of Ireland. A thrilling rescue was one of these—little 8-year-old Gracie Hanagan, daughter of the leader of the Salvation Army band. Her father and mother were drowned. Gracie was not told of her loss. Asked how she was saved Gracie replied: "Oh, I saved myself." She was entirely unconcerned, apparently not realizing what she had been through. She had clung to a piece of drift until picked up.

liner Alsatian, which was lying at the wharf. The first-class and injured passengers were transferred in automobiles and other vehicles to the Chateau Frontenac. A staff of doctors and nurses took charge of the injured.

#### Action of Collier Costs Lives of Many Passengers

Quebec—The story of a tremendous explosion on board the Empress of Ireland after she was hit by the Storstad was told by Philip Lawler, a steerage passenger from Brantford, Ont. Lawler was on his way to England with his wife and son.

"People were simply shot out of the ship into the sea by the explosion," Mr. Lawler said. "I was pushed overboard with my wife and boy. The boy could swim, so I tried to take care of my wife, but she slipped from my grasp and sank."

Dr. Johnston, chief medical officer of the Empress, said that had not the Storstad backed out so soon from the Empress, a large number of the passengers would have been saved. He said that when the collier pulled herself free the sea surged into the hole she had torn in the side of the Empress and the liner quickly sank.

"Virtually every leading officer of the Salvation Army in Canada is gone," said K. A. McIntyre, of Toronto, who was saved. "Out of our Salvation party of 150 on board, probably less than 20 were rescued."

"I was on the upper deck and therefore had a better chance to get to safety than those in the lower berths. The water came in through the portholes of the lower decks before the passengers there realized their danger."

"I was aroused from sleep by the impact and awakened the others in my cabin."

"I grabbed a life preserver" and went out to the deck. On deck there were no life belts and quite a number of people were standing about apparently unable to determine what to do. I gave my belt to a woman of our party. I tied the belt on her myself."

#### Andree's Balloon Once More Reported Found

Stockholm, Sweden — What is believed to be the remains of the balloon in which Professor Salomon A. Andree ascended from Dane's Island, near Spitzbergen, July 11, 1897, in an attempt to reach the North Pole, have been found in a forest in Eastern Siberia, according to a telegram received at the Swedish foreign office from Yakutsk. Investigation of the reported discovery has been ordered by the government.

The Arctic explorer was accompanied by two scientists, and after they left Dane's Island no report was received from the party.

Although traces of Andree's balloon have been reported at various places, and while even the body of the famous Swedish Arctic explorer was said to have been discovered on the coast of Labrador, nothing has ever been established definitely as to what actually happened to the expedition or what became of the balloon.

#### Huerta Would Relinquish Power.

Vera Cruz—Reports reached here Thursday through private sources that President Huerta has committed himself to turn over the government to a commission composed of members of the various factions in the republic. He is also said to have agreed to relinquish power to any successor which such a commission might select.

The report further says that Huerta's determination has already been communicated to the Mexican delegates and probably direct to the Washington government.

#### Full Inquiry Demanded.

London — The London morning papers, in commenting editorially on the disaster, call for a thorough investigation as to whether the bulk-heads were closed, and if so, how it was that the most modern system of water-tight compartments failed to keep the ship from sinking.

The claim for the Empress of Ireland will be the heaviest sustained by the Lloyds underwriters since the sinking of the Titanic.

# Pioneers of Two Counties Meet in Big Celebration

Davenport — A big feature of the Lincoln and Adams county pioneer picnic, annually attended by more than 5000 campers at the grounds on Crab creek, between Harrington and Sprague, will be addresses by former Governor M. E. Hay and Governor Ernest Lister the morning of June 16, the first of a three-days' meeting. The committee has arranged that all candidates for any office whatsoever may have five minutes in which to make their appeal to the people.

The grounds, among the most beautiful spots in Eastern Washington, are being prepared for a big attendance and the track is being worked. The association has decided upon one of the most elaborate speed programs in the 12 years of its history, with purses amounting to more than \$1000. In addition to a number of track events, on the afternoon of the first day will be a 2:25 pace, best three heats in five, for a purse of \$125.

Tillie Baldwin has been engaged to give a daring riding exhibition on this day. Among the dashes will be a quarter mile, for \$50; a half mile dash, purse \$75, and pony express for

\$90. Downs and Lamona will cross bats for purses of \$40 and \$20.

The forenoon program of the 17th will be occupied by Professor Severance and Miss Sutherland, of the State college, who will talk on farm economics.

In the afternoon a 2:30 trot will start the speed events, with a purse of \$125. In addition to foot races, there will be a three-eighths dash for \$65; a pioneer derby for \$100, and a pony express for \$90. Reardon and Ritzville will play ball for purses of \$40 and \$20.

The annual election of officers will occur the morning of the 18th at the pavilion and will be followed by a band concert, after which the political spellbinders will appear. The feature of the closing day of sports will be a free-for-all trot or pace, three in five heats, purse \$125. In the five-eighths dash a purse of \$75 has been hung. There will also be many novelty races and the sports will end with a ball game between Davenport and Sprague for purses of \$40 and \$20.

Secretary C. E. Ivy, of Davenport, reports many inquiries for tent reservations.

# Want Accurate Method of Computing Apple Cost

Spokane — Orchard accounting systems and by-product manufacturing receive special emphasis in the preliminary program of the Seventh National Apple show and Fruit Products congress to be held in Spokane November 16 to 21, according to Chairman James S. Ramage of the board of trustees.

Three distinct plans have been formulated for the purpose of establishing a practical, clear and accurate method of computing cost of producing apples and the net profit from a given orchard or number of trees. A 100-tree contest, in which each contestant will enter a quantity of the product and give a complete financial account of the cost of production, is one of the plans approved by the board at a meeting this week. Another means of arriving at production cost and net profits will be taken through a single tree contest on similar lines. In addition, a competition will be held for the best set of orchard accounts giving the ac-

tual record of an orchard during the growing and marketing season of 1914.

At the conclusion of the board meeting Manager Gordon C. Corbaley announced that upwards of \$10,000 will be distributed by this year's apple show in gold and merchandise. The board decided to extend greatly the division of home-made products by having 60 separate contests for the best home-made pies, dumplings, jellies, cider, vinegar, preserves, etc.

"The board of the 1914 show is determined to make the show of the greatest possible service to the grower," states Manager Corbaley.

"Paul Weyrauch, of Walla Walla, has been placed in charge of the daily growers' conferences, and has already begun shaping a program along practical lines designed to help the grower solve his problems. Orchard accounting and by-products will receive emphasis among other things at these conferences."

#### Naches Canal Breaks; Water Sweeps Farms

North Yakima — Twenty-eight feet of the new concrete canal of the Pacific Power & Light company in the Naches valley gave way about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, sending a tremendous volume of water across adjoining farms, doing damage to the amount of several thousand dollars, compelling the company to temporarily shut down its Naches water power plant and making it necessary to draw on the Selah irrigation canal for the city's water supply until the broken canal was repaired.

The damage and inconvenience are increased by the fact that it is the height of the irrigation season, and the canal furnished irrigation water for thousands of acres in that part of the valley.

#### Blue Sky Law Invoked.

Olympia—Secretary of State I. M. Howell is threatened with the penalties of Ohio's blue sky law, in a letter from Joseph H. Harper, that state's Commissioner of Securities, because of a series of advertisements he has placed in Eastern papers, calling attention to the possibilities for farmers in this state. Commissioner Harper, in his letter, advises the Washington official that he must take out a dealers' license if he is to continue advertising in Ohio. Mr. Howell, replying, claims he is offering nothing for sale.

#### Long Land Litigation Ends.

Olympia—The case of John Powles and Dodge Alley, who have been fighting over a piece of land for five years, has been settled, the secretary of the interior holding for Powles, reversing the general land office commissioner, who had reversed the local courts.

The land comprises seven acres, with a house and barn on it. Powles, a miner, claimed it as a mineral claim, and Alley because he homesteaded it.

#### Weed Nets Farmer \$745.

Odessa — The value of the Russian thistle has been demonstrated by Herman Mennrich, a farmer, the weeds bringing him \$854. This money was received through the sale of 6100 pounds of wool at 14 cents per pound. Mr. Mennrich fed the sheep on the thistle. There were 1003 sheep. The services of four clippers to do the shearing cost \$100, leaving a net profit from the thistle of \$754.

#### Fire Blight in Lower Yakima.

Olympia—Appeals for help in combating fire blight in the lower Yakima valley, where the disease has suddenly assumed alarming proportions, have called T. O. Morrison, head of the horticultural division of the State department of agriculture, to North Yakima. The lower valley previously had been comparatively free from the blight.

#### Youths Kill Monster Lynx.

Spokane Bridge—One of the largest lynx ever killed in this section, measuring four feet from tip to tip, was shot by 12-year-old Elbridge Chandler, living on a homestead in the hills, four miles south of here, and Willie Smith, of about the same age.

#### New University Opens; Wilson and Daniels Speak

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and two members of his cabinet, Secretaries Bryan and Daniels, participated Thursday in the formal opening of the American university, the National Methodist Episcopal school located on the Potomac heights overlooking the nation's capital.

Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, presided at the ceremonies, held on the university campus and attended by thousands of educators and churchmen from all parts of the United States. The late President McKinley and Colonel Roosevelt laid cornerstones of buildings for the university, which was projected 25 years ago by Bishop Hurst.

"Scholarship, it seems to me," said President Wilson in his address, "is the mastery, the exact mastery, and comprehension of great bodies of knowledge, and the comprehension is more difficult than the mastery. It is much easier to acquire than it is to interpret, and yet all knowledge is dead which is not interpreted. The vision of the scholar is worth more to the world than his industry."

"It is knowledge, properly interpreted, seen with a vision of insight, that is uniting the world, the spirits of the world."

The President told an anecdote of Charles Lamb, who said he was never able to hate any man he knew. "There are races whom we despise," he added, "and it generally turns out that we despise them because we do not know them. We have not found the same common footing of humanity with which to touch and deal with them."

Secretary Daniels described the navy as a great university and emphasized the fact that patriotism and religion have always gone hand in hand. He insisted that religion and education must also be united.

"Only this week," he said, "a distinguished preacher in New York declared that 'our universities are controlled by capital and do not heed the call of struggling humanity.' Your university, fortunate in its environment and fortunate in its scope, cannot fail to hear the call to serve humanity. It will hear the clear call that Wesley heard at Oxford and put all learning and science under contribution for the opening of doors of help and opportunity to struggling men and women."

#### Bible Study in Schools Asked by Presbyterians

Chicago—A resolution favoring the study of the Bible in the public schools and urging churches to petition state legislatures for the passage of the necessary laws to bring about the desired reform was adopted by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America.

Another resolution, urging the establishment of a permanent tribunal of arbitration at The Hague, with a view of abolishing future wars between nations, was adopted.

The assemblage exchanged fraternal greetings with the Protestant Episcopal church of the diocese in Chicago, in session here.

The use of grape juice, or "non-alcoholic wine," in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was recommended in a supplemental report from the committee on temperance and the report was adopted by the assembly.

The reorganization of the board of home missions was accomplished when the report of the standing committee was adopted. It provides for an increase from 24 to 30 members, that the headquarters should remain in New York and that the work of the board shall be divided into four or more departments, tentatively listed as the executive or administrative department, the department of church extension, with headquarters in the West; the department of immigration and social service and department of finance.

Synods and presbyteries are to have supervision of home missions in their own territory.

#### Elk Herd Is Nuisance.

Seattle, Wash.—State Game Warden L. H. Darwin has asked the United States government to take back the herd of Montana elk liberated near Startup, Snohomish county, the animals having become a nuisance because of their depredations on farms. The Federal authorities will ship the Startup herd to Oregon if the beasts can be corralled. It was supposed that the animals would browse in the mountains, but instead they have come down to the river bottoms, seeming to know that they were protected by law.

#### "Eugenics" Move Opposed.

Baltimore—The American Medical Psychological association, at its annual convention, refused to go on record as favoring hygienic marriage laws. The resolution adopted by the council of the association recommending the enactment of laws requiring a clean bill of health and evidence of a normal mind before issuance of a marriage license was tabled by a large majority. Resolutions recommending the segregation of the feeble-minded, imbeciles and the establishment of separate institutions for their care, were adopted.

#### Depot at Detroit Burns.

Detroit—Forty-seven persons were overcome by smoke from a fire which threatened to destroy the Port-street Union station. The condition of some of them was said to be serious. A dozen foreigners, locked in a basement room, had a narrow escape from suffocation. The loss saw \$200,000.

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A Baltimore doctor says those who would restrict marriages are growing old.

New rulers for Mexico are being considered by the mediators at Niagara Falls.

A Tacoma woman judge gives those who just "drift" into town, 10 days on the rock pile.

Carranza has little faith in success of the "A. B. C." mediators in session at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Huerta seems in high spirits and is loudly cheered when he drives through streets of Mexico City.

President Wilson declares business depression is psychological, and insists that his trust policy goes on.

Washington authorities say the landing of arms at Puerto Mexico for Huerta was a great surprise.

Wholesale execution of Federal officers and women captured in the battle of Paredon, Coahuila, is reported.

A pistol shot fired in a melee at Annapolis military college has proved fatal to William R. Bowles, a student.

Central Labor council in session at Seattle, voted in favor of the admission of Japanese in all unions affiliated with the American Federation.

Fire Friday destroyed the home of J. W. McCormack, a wealthy rancher near Pendleton, Ore. Mrs. McCormack rescued her 7-year-old daughter, who was ill in bed.

Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, wife of Representative Knowland, of Alameda, Cal., who is a candidate for the United States senate, announces that she will stump the state with her husband.

It is unethical for a lawyer to make a statement for publication in a newspaper concerning a case in which he is engaged or to give out his plan of procedure, according to the view of delegates to the annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar association, who adopted a resolution prohibiting such publication.

The theory of Dr. Samuel Pierpont Langley, who proclaimed to the world that he had solved the problem of the air several years before heavier-than-air machines had been successfully navigated, was vindicated at Hammondsport, N. Y., Saturday, when Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, went aloft in "Langley's folly."

Buckingham Palace, London, was invaded by militant suffragettes and many windows were broken.

Two games of baseball were played by the inmates of the Kansas state penitentiary with outside teams for the first time.

Castings were started for a 100-inch reflecting telescope, the largest in the world, to be installed at the Mount Wilson observatory at Pasadena, Cal. The mirror of speculum metal was successfully cast in France after four others had been discarded because of blemishes.

#### SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 87c; club, 86c; Fife, 86c; red Russian, 85c.

Bags—8c.

Corn—Eastern Washington, \$27@28 per ton; Puget sound, \$27@28; rolled, \$28.

Feed—Bran—\$25@26; rolled barley, \$25@26; alfalfa meal, \$22; alfalfa, molasses, \$24; shorts, \$27.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$18@19 per ton; Puget sound timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14@15; No. 1 mixed, \$17@18; straw, \$9.

Eggs—Select ranch, 20@21c dozen.

Poultry—Live hens, 14@16c per pound; old roosters, 8c; 1914 broilers, 25c; ducks, 12c; squabs, \$2 per dozen; geese, 12c per pound; guinea fowl, \$9 per dozen.

Dressed Pork—9@10c per pound.

Dressed Veal—Small, 12@12c per pound; large 8@10c per pound.

Ranch butter—12@14c per pound.

Apples—Winesaps, \$2@2.50 per box.

White Winter Pearmain, \$1.75@2; Arkansas Blacks \$2; Yellow Newtowns \$2.

Cantaloupes—\$3.50 per box \$10 per crate.

Cherries—\$1.25@1.75 per 10-pound box.

Gooseberries—4@5c per pound.

Strawberries—Dollars, \$1.50 per crate; Kennewicks, \$2.75; Ollalas, \$2.25; Prosser, \$2.75@3; Winslows, \$3; Bellevues, \$2.75; Vashons (quarts) \$4.

Honey—\$3.50 per case.

Dressed beef—Prime beef steers, 9@10c per pound; cows, 8@9c; heifers, 12c.

Dressed veal—12@13c per pound.

Dressed hogs—Whole, packing house, 8@10c per pound.

Artichokes—\$1 per dozen.

Asparagus—\$1.25@1.75 per box.

Beans—String and wax, 12@13c per pound.

Beets—New, \$1.75 per sack.

Cauliflower—Local, \$1.50 per dozen.

Celery—California green top, \$1 per dozen.

Cucumbers—Hothouse, 40c@\$1 per dozen.

Horseradish—10@12c per pound.

Lettuces—Hothouse, \$1@1.25 crate.

Mint—60c per dozen bunches.

Onions—Green, 25@30c per dozen.

Peas—Local, green, 8c per pound.