

Two Hundred Lives Lost on Steamer

Morro Castle Burned at Sea Two Hundred Lives Lost

Only Six Miles Off the Coast When Struck by Lightning—Left New York on Thursday.

(Special to The Daily Mail)
Ashbury Park, N. J., Sept. 8—The Ward liner Morro Castle with 558 passengers and crew aboard, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire off the New Jersey coast today with a possible death toll of more than 200.

Passengers asleep in their staterooms, met a blazing inferno when they struggled to escape. Of the 12 lifeboats carried by the holiday-liner only half were launched.

A dozen rescue ships, called to the scene, only a few miles off the North Jersey, were able to pick up several score of survivors, many of the members of the crew, while the great ship, out of control, lurched and swung crazily through the trough of the high seas.

Rain squalls, heavy swells, and a high wind contributed to the horror. Survivors reached shore exhausted, burned, and injured. Many of them were "forbidden to talk" by officials of the Ward line who hastened to the nearest point of land where, one by one, surf boats were bringing the battered passengers to shore.

James York, an officer of Brooklyn, told the United Press this story:

"I was asleep in my bunk on 'C' deck. I heard a bell about 3:30 A. M., which I thought was an alarm clock. Just then a sailor busted me one in my bunk and told me the ship was on fire. I rushed up to 'B' deck and found the passenger quarters in the amidships superstructure just about surrounded by fire.

"I saw no passengers around at all, I don't know where they were except they must have been on the other side of that terrible wall of fire. It would have been impossible to get to them.

"Some of us tried to get the passengers out but it was virtually impossible. We could hear them screaming. God only knows what happened to them."

A sailor who requested that his name not be used said:

"I heard two girls screaming. I used a fire axe on the port of their stateroom and pulled them out. There was one boat left on the port side we put the girls into it and several men passengers. I don't know how many, but not many and managed to lower it."

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ANNOUNCE DATE SOON OF PRICE PROBE SITTINGS

Ottawa, Sept. 8—Back in Ottawa this morning from a five weeks' trip through the West, Hon. H. H. Stevens was unprepared to state the date of the first sittings of the price spreads and mass buying commission. He would have to see what advance had been made by government officials in preparing a resume of the voluminous evidence taken before the House committee during the last session of Parliament, the minister of trade and commerce said.

Either the last week in September or the first week in October appears the likely date for the initial public meeting of the inquiry body. Probably with the next four or five days the date will be decided.

HAZING

Dr. C. C. Jones, president of the University of New Brunswick and the members of the Senate of that institution, are commended upon the decision which it is understood was recently arrived at to abolish hazing at U. N. B. While perhaps our provincial university undergraduates have never gone as far in this regard as some other colleges in the United States and even in Canada, still in past years much of their proceedings have been considered rather raw. Some of the men who have graduated from the old college on the hill look back with regret and shame when they reflect upon hazing practices in which they took part.

No reasonable person, whether he be student or parent, can find objection to the annual parades down to the post office, of the freshmen, to making them either sing or try and make a noise like singing, or to some other such harmless nonsense. It does the boys and girls good. If the new student is fresh or swell-headed, this kind of initiation should help to broaden him out and to "make his hat fit him." When, however, the hazing takes the form of destroying a boy's clothes or sending him home to his boarding house covered with filth, it is working a hardship upon people who should not have to put up with these results. Many people make sacrifices to send a boy or a girl here to college. If a young man's clothes are destroyed, or he is obliged to spend extra money to the dry-cleaner or the laundry, this money may come out of the pockets of those who perhaps cannot afford to pay it. This should not be allowed to be inflicted upon parents by unthinking or reckless upper classmen. It is understood that in recent years at U. N. B. the more level-headed of the upper classmen have come to see that unseemly practices of other years not only worked a financial but in some cases also worked a physical hardship on the freshmen. These practices were undignified and not in any way in a line with what sensible people would expect of an institution which is the keystone of our educational system. According to those who know, there is now on the student body at our University an exceptionally level-headed group of students. These young men and women will be the upper classmen and women in 1934-35. With them lies the responsibility of keeping up the dignity of their old "Alma Mater standing half-way up the hill." Let these men—and women, too, see to it that nothing is done to discredit this old institution whose reputation they are supposed to hold dear.

THE MAIL could tell stories of some pretty raw treatment handed out to freshmen in years gone by—but we won't. In more than one case, however, action against the college were narrowly averted. In one of the Western provinces a couple of years ago, the provincial university was forced to pay fifty thousand dollars to a parent as a result of hazing practiced on his son. The boy, who was of a nervous temperament, lost his reason as a result of some rough, and probably thoughtless treatment on the part of the students.

U. N. B. students of the better class—which includes about all of them—will, it is said, join hand in hand with President Jones in ABOLISHING HAZING!

MYSTERY GIRL IS HUNTED IN HORAN CASE

Eight Detectives Working Day and Night On the Case

A Dedham, Mass., "mystery girl," said by police to hold the key to the murder of John Horan in his Massachusetts Ave. apartment on Aug. 24, was being sought by a squad of detectives yesterday, as police activity in the case quickened again.

Captain James R. Claffin received the information connecting the girl with the case, and immediately set his detectives to work. The girl is said to have frequented beer parlors in the vicinity of Horan's home.

Eight headquarters detectives were working day and night on mysterious information supplied by two men who visited Capt. Stephen Flaherty late Wednesday.

So far 115 persons have been questioned in regard to the mystery murder of Horan.

The man, a painter for the Boston Elevated, was shot three times by three men who invaded his room. The robbers stole a trunk and took his life savings of \$700.

E. W. CLEVELAND PASSES AWAY IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

Former Moncton Man's Invention Revolutionized the Locomotive

Vancover, B.C., Sept. 8—Eugene W. Cleveland, 77, who came here 30 years ago from Moncton, N. B., where he had been employed until his retirement by the Canadian government as a technical engineer in the manufacture of locomotives, is dead.

One of his outstanding achievements was the origination of the seven-inch valve stroke for locomotives, which revolutionized their construction.

Mr. Cleveland's great grandfather was the founder of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, while his grandfather was a member of the United Empire Loyalist group which left the United States and settled in Nova Scotia.

His father and Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, were cousins.

Mr. Cleveland was born on a farm in the Annapolis Valley.

Police have held the theory that some valuable objects in the trunk supplied the motive for the crime.

N. B. FORESTS BECOMING DRY, FIRES FEARED

Chief Forester Anxious As N. B. Forests Get Drier

Rangers Alert

Chipman and Minto Areas Very Dry, Outbreak is Feared

After a lull of several weeks a New Brunswick forest fire situation threatened today as forests continued to get dryer and dryer. There has been no moisture to speak of for several weeks save for several disagreeable days at the last end of August.

In the Chipman and Minto area today rangers and officials were fearful of an outbreak since the woods there appear to be dryer than in other parts. It is hoped that the predicted rainfall for the coming week-end will avert a fire situation.

Rangers in the respective fire areas are vigilant and active.

The chief forester, George L. Miller, declared today that all over the province the forests were getting dry and that a good rainfall is necessary if the hazard is to be definitely allayed.

So far no outbreaks have occurred. It is hoped by officials that the fire hazard can be circumvented in time for the opening of the New Brunswick game season, which opens next Saturday with the hunting of wild birds and deer permissible. An influx of U. S. sportsmen is expected at that time.

THE PRINCESS HELEN MAY REJOIN CAROL

Rumors of Reconciliation Between Royal Couple

Vienna, Sept. 8—Reports of a possible reconciliation between King Carol of Rumania and Princess Helen, his former wife, circulated today in diplomatic quarters.

Madame Magda Lupescu, King Carol's friend, is said to have urged His Majesty to agree to such a truce in order to silence growing criticism of the King and make a definite provision for a future Queen of Rumania.

In return, it was said that Madame Lupescu asked only that she be permitted to remain in Rumania and live a quiet life as one of the King's loyal subjects.

An important role in this reconciliation move is being played, it was declared, by the Dowager Queen Marie, who, it was recalled, was responsible for Carol's marriage to Helen.

It was said that Marie's devotion to Helen continued even after Helen had begun her divorce proceeding against Carol.

It was regarded as a good augury for the success of the reconciliation move that Carol already had made peace with his brother Prince Nicholas who for some time has been in royal disfavor because of his marriage to Madame Lucia Jeletj, a commoner.

That marriage greatly displeased Carol and until recently the two brothers were completely estranged. Now, however, Carol and Nicholas are frequently seen together in attendance at public functions.

Being in the right is poor consolation to the driver who finds a road-hogs' truck on his neck.

U.S. Trying to Drag In the King's Name

ANOTHER WINNER!

Freeman Gilby, Mouth Kewick, today called on us and claimed one of our Two Dollar awards. Freeman had The Daily Mail number 70316 and, by his care in checking-up, is today richer by Two Dollars. There are still unclaimed numbers and you may have one of them.

Look up the last two weeks' "Mails."
Keep this week's copies!

\$100,000 BOND ISSUE IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Resolution Passed at a Special Meet of Gloucester Co. Council

Bathurst, Sept. 8—A special meeting of the Gloucester County Council was held at the court house here this afternoon. The meeting was called for the purpose of passing a resolution authorizing a \$100,000 issue of 20-year four and one half per cent bonds for the purpose of paying the county's present debts. This was done at the suggestion of Premier Tilley, who met the council some days ago, at which time he stated that the province would take over the bonds at par, also to deal with direct relief and to consider the account of J. B. Hachey, registrar of deeds, for recopying old records in the registry office.

The council passed a resolution asking for assistance to pay the following accounts: Provincial Hospital, \$42,000; Sanatorium Notre Dame de Lourdes, \$22,000; River Galde Sanatorium, \$2,000; Hotel Dieu Hospital, Tracadie, \$500; Sheriff Poirier, \$4,500; J. B. Hachey, registrar of deeds, for recopying old records, \$2,200; Gloucester Hospital, Bathurst, \$800, and provision for unemployment relief, if and when it may become necessary in some of the parishes later on in the year and through the winter, an approximate amount of \$15,000.

Premier Tilley wired Secretary-Treasurer Mullins from Montreal that he had arranged the placing of the county bonds. The telegram was read to the council and the above resolution of condolence was passed on the death of J. A. Blanchard, councillor for the parish of New Bandon, who died recently. On motion, Councillor Jean Paul Chiasson was named to accompany Secretary-Treasurer Mullins to Fredericton on Sept. 12, when the representatives from the various counties, cities and towns will meet the government to discuss relief matters.

HUB LIQUOR CASE ADJOURNED FOR A WEEK

Moncton, Sept. 8—A further adjournment until Sept. 14 was made this afternoon in the case of Joseph Blakney, Leger Corner, when he appeared before Magistrate Mitton on a charge of having contraband liquor in his possession.

English Press Is Up In Arms Over Mention of King's Name in Muni- tions Probe.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8—King George V of England and the United States war department were portrayed before the Senate munitions committee today as competing salesmen in the armament marts of the world.

There were gasps of amazement from a little group of spectators when the committee was told that England's ruler, in 1932, personally intervened in an attempt to stop the sales of guns to Poland by a New York firm.

The war department, it was testified previously had actively aided the Driggs Ordnance Engineering Company of New York in its efforts to sell the Polish government weapons that deal death.

London, Eng., Sept. 8—London newspapers expressed astonishment and indignation today that the name of King George had been mentioned at the United States Senate inquiry into munitions manufacturers.

The Morning Post, noting that his majesty's name had been injected into the inquiry, added an editorial footnote to a summary of the Washington evidence. The footnote said: "We publish this incredible story as illustrating the sort of evidence which is thought good enough for the sensational inquiry."

The Daily Herald, commenting on the inquiry, said yesterday's disclosures that armaments agents had been making use of the name of "a very high personage" were the "most amazing" of the Washington evidence.

"The curious business methods and political intrigues of big armament firms is likely to become a dominant public issue here as well as in the United States," said the Daily Herald. "The British government is likely to be pressed by Liberal, Labor and even Conservative members to make a searching investigation into the conduct of the munitions industry when parliament reassembles."

"The Washington inquiry has produced sufficient evidence about practices in this country to make clear there is an overwhelming case for such an inquiry."

Telegram in Evidence
Washington, September 8—Senator (Continued on page four)

FIRST REAPER EVER MADE, AT THE EXHIBITION

A duplicate reproduction of the first reaper ever made will be on exhibit at Fredericton's exhibition which opens this evening and continues until next Saturday night. The reaper was made by Cyrus Hall McCormack in the year 1831.

The reaper, constructed by the McCormick people, is a monument to its creator. The reaper is now worth thousands of dollars. One of the stipulations by the McCormick people, who have given the Fredericton Exhibition the right to display it, is that it must always be ready for use in the field. So that when citizens and visitors see this device in the Transportation building here next week they will be seeing an agricultural machine ready for instant use in the field.