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MANY LIVES LOST WHEN THE
BRITISH SLOOP AND FREIGHTER
WENT DOWN OFF BERMUDA COAST

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 24—Loss of the British sloop H. M. S. Valerian and the British freighter Eastway of Cardiff with a total of about 100 lives, damage to many buildings and an unprecedented loss of harbor and local shipping, was the toll of the West Indian hurricane that drove up from the south and swept over Bermuda Friday morning. The death toll on the Valerian is about 80 men.

From the 19 men who were today reported as the sole survivors of the Valerian, little could be learned of the cause of the disaster. Her commander, Captain Usher and one officer were among the saved.

Captain Usher was tonight very ill and none of the others was in condition to give any details. One seaman said that the Valerian overturned and only the lifeboats could be used as a means to safety. As the survivors were picked up by the cruiser H. M. S. Cape-town, which did not leave port until Saturday morning, it is presumed the survivors were afloat on the lifeboats at least 24 hours.

Wireless Calls Heard.

Wireless calls from the British freighter Eastway were picked up Friday night and the Furness liner Fort St. George, carrying 500 passengers, started for her position but after an hour's steaming was forced to heave to owing to the terrific force of the storm and the responsibility of carrying so many passengers. The schooner Luciline, owned by the Luciline Navigation Company, of London, got the calls by radio and found herself only 30 miles from the position given. The Luciline soon reached the spot, but the freighter had foundered and the crew were drifting at the mercy of the sea. The schooner picked up the third officer and 11 others and landed them safely. The Eastway was owned by the St. Mary Steamship Company, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

During the storm the cruiser R. M. S. Calcutta broke from her moorings but was secured after great difficulty by H. M. S. Wisteria.

Errand of Mercy.

The Valerian was returning from an errand of mercy to the Bahamas, whence she had sailed to carry succor to those stricken in the hurricane of a month ago, it being her second trip on that mission. The official statement from the admiralty in Bermuda said the Valerian sank at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. H. M. S. Curlew, which was also returning from the West Indies,

answered the Valerian's call for help but failed to find any trace.

Names of Survivors.

Following are the names of some of the survivors:

Commander W. A. Usher, Lieut. F. G. Hughes, Petty Officers Marshall, Tandy, L. R. Webb, Lindsay, Drinkwater, Able Seamen Bell, Morley, J. Smith, Card, Howell; Signaller Hughes; Telephoneist Saunders; Stewart Matthews; Stokers Garston, Bone, Isill, Webster.

Lack of rapid communication on the island prevented a full report on the damage on land, but it was not thought to be so serious as at first feared. Many buildings were damaged and the posts suffered while trees and telephone cords were thrown across the highways, making carriage traffic difficult.

Coal Shop Cuts Cables.

When the naval coal ship Shah ran amuck in the harbor Friday, her anchor dragged across the cables between Tuckerstown and Hamilton, severing them and cutting the island off completely from communication with the outside world for several hours. The instruments of the Halifax and Bermuda cables in the Hamilton office were taken down to Tuckerstown where the cable enters the sea and a temporary office set up there. Communications were restored late Friday night on a limited scale, but with the arrival of additional instruments by carriage over the littered roads, normal communication was being restored quickly. In the meantime all messages have to be taken by carriage to the temporary office at Tuckerstown for transmission to Halifax.

Death Toll Heavy.

London, Oct. 24—The death toll on the British naval sloop Valerian, which was sunk in the recent hurricane in the Atlantic, south of Bermuda numbers about 80 men. This is the estimate of the British Admiralty, which in a brief statement relative to the disaster, gives the names of 19 survivors, among them her commander, William Usher. The Admiralty places the total crew aboard the sloop at "about 100."

The Valerian was a submarine hunter, during the war and recently was engaged in customs work.

She measured 1,250 tons and carried two 4-inch guns and four 3-pounders.

The King has sent through the Admiralty a message of condolence and sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

REV. FRANK BAIRD
INDUCTED AT
PICTOU, N.S.

(Eastern Chronicle.)

On Tuesday evening the Presbytery of Pictou met in First Church Pictou, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Frank Baird, M. A., into the Pastoral charge of that congregation.

Rev. John Hardwick, of Westville, Moderator of Presbytery, presided and inducted. Rev. Mr. Griffiths, of Scotsburn preached a very able sermon from the text "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." The charge to the Minister was given by the Rev. Robert Johnston, of Westminster Church, New Glasgow, and the charge to the people by Rev. Mr. Condit, of the Kirk, New Glasgow.

The newly inducted Minister has been for over a year in charge of both the First Church and St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, and has done magnificent work there. A few weeks ago, however, it was deemed advisable for the two Churches to go forward in their work for Christ's Kingdom as separate congregations. First Church calling Mr. Baird, and St. Andrew's looking forward to calling a Minister in the immediate future. Both congregations have prospered under the leadership of Mr. Baird, and St. Andrew's Church would have liked to have called him.

The Rev. Frank Baird has held pastorates in Woodstock, N. B., and Bedford, N. S., previous to coming to Pictou. He is held in high esteem by his fellow Ministers, and is both Clerk of the Pictou Presbytery, and Clerk of the Maritime Synod. He brings to First Church a trained and cultured mind, versed in the history and procedure of the Presbyterian Church as few men are. He is in constant demand throughout the Church on points of Church law, and methods of procedure. He has contributed to Canadian literature several novels, many articles in magazines, is a keen debater, and an able speaker, and his richly endowed mind will uphold the best traditions in the historic town and church of Pictou.

CAN'T DO AWAY
WITH HELL, NEEDED
AS CUSS WORD

New York, Oct. 25—Hell, figurative or otherwise, is necessary for a man as a "cuss" word if for no other reason, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, said tonight in introducing Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, at a dinner given in honor of the visiting churchman by the Pilgrim Society.

"My attention has lately been attracted by a theological dispute which has caught the attention of the press," Dr. Butler said. "It is seriously suggested by clerical persons that there is no such place as hell, and the word should disappear from use as unnecessary, irrelevant and meaningless. I wonder.

"If there be no hell, what is to happen to the vocabulary of high temper and careless speech who wishes to express himself with vigorous completeness and no uncertain emphasis? For myself I should particularly deplore the loss of hell.

"Perhaps it is for the prophets of gloom that I feel most keenly, if hell is really to be lost to us. What would these eminent ecclesiastics, philosophers and even poets who are so sure of our unhappiness and decay do without hell? Upon what an uncharted sea must they set out if there be no hell, in order to find an appropriate destination for the world in which we now live!"

The Lord Bishop, who has been touring America and lecturing to student bodies, arrived in New York today. He will be the guest of Bishop Manning for several days. It was his first visit since 1907.

The Misses Rita and Molly Barry are visiting friends at Nelson, N. B.

ton.

The large congregation present at the Induction Service showed the esteem in which he is held.

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MANY AUTOS
WERE SEIZED
AT AMHERST

Customs Officers Allege That they were Smuggled—Sold by Late A. S. Etter.

Amherst, Oct. 23—More automobiles were seized here, today, by the two special Customs investigators, J. E. Knox and R. B. MacDongall, of Ottawa. In all, ten cars are in the possession of these officials, including the two Nash sedans, owned C. M. Morrison and H. N. Stevens; a Hudson sedan, belonging to W. A. Simpson, C. N. R. Station Master; a large Packard, owned by J. A. DeWolfe, ex-Mayor of Oxford; a Cadillac touring car, the property of the estate of the late A. S. Etter; a Hudson coach, purchased by M. J. Kaufman, manager of the Maritime Pant Co.; a super-Hudson, belonging to Frank Brown, local undertaker; a Dodge coach, owned by Mrs. W. G. Gesner; a Hudson sedan, the property of Mrs. Amos Etter, and another large car, that was taken in Kentville.

The special investigators have had little or nothing to say for publication, but it is understood that they are still continuing their work in looking up the history of other cars sold in this district by the late A. S. Etter, and procured from Montreal dealers. The Customs officials are making an exhaustive examination of each car, and are paying special attention to the serial and secret numbers placed upon the different cars for purposes of identification.

In certain instances, the serial numbers have been changed and altered, in order to conform with the numbers contained upon the Customs forms which were sent by the Montreal men to the local dealer, and then given to the ex-owners. It is reported that the investigators know of other cars in the Dominion that bear identically the same numbers as the ones seized in this district.

The cars are being stored in a local garage, and this morning preparations were commenced to block up several of the cars for the winter. Local owners are in a quandary, and many of them have offered to give the Customs Department bonds for the continued use of their cars until the investigation is concluded. Thus far, nothing direct has been heard from the Department at Ottawa.

THREE INCHES
OF RAIN FELL IN
EIGHTEEN HOURS

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heard no reports of damage to bridges. There is yet time for such reports to come in as the rain hardly had time to have full effect.

Motorists coming to the city report water being over the roads in various places in the country the rainfall having been too heavy for the water to run off.

NOTHING TO DO IF GIRLS
WEAR LESS, FESS SAYS.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 25—Words of wisdom from Senator Fess: "If the girls decide they are going to wear less clothing, how are you going to help it? Legislation won't be of any benefit."

Notice to Electors

The revisors will meet at City Hall on the 25th, 26th, and 27th day of October, 1926, between the hours of 3 p. m. and 5 p. m. and 7 p. m. until 9 p. m. for the purpose of revising the Voters List. Any person claiming to add to or strike off from the list must give notice thereof with the ground of addition (or with the cause of objection as the case may be) to either of us, on or before above dates.

MURRAY E. HAGERMAN,

A. B. BELYEA,

WALTER BURDEN,

Revisors.

SENATOR KING
IS NESTOR OF
UPPER HOUSE

Will be 90 Years Old on Dec. 11th.—Senator Poirier in Poor Health

Shediac, Oct. 24—The latest word from Hon. Senator Pascal Poirier, of Shediac, who has been ill in Ottawa for several months, is that he is improving gradually, although not able to move about for any distance. He was not able to visit Shediac this year and will remain at the capital until next spring or summer. Senator Poirier has been in the Senate longer than any living member of the red chamber now living, he having been appointed by the government of Sir John A. Macdonald, on March 9, 1885, more than 41 years ago. He was born in Shediac February 15, 1852, and is therefore in his 75th year.

Besides Senator Poirier there is only one senator living who was appointed by the Macdonald government. He is Hon. Hippolyte Montplaisir, of Three Rivers, Que., who was appointed in 1891. He is in his 89th year.

The old Senator for many years was from New Brunswick, Hon. David Wark, of Fredericton, and one of Richibucto, who lived 102 years, being the oldest legislator in the world.

Oldest Senator.

The oldest Senator at the present time is Hon. George Gerald King, of Chipman, Queens county, who will be 90 years of age on Dec. 11 next. On Dec. 26 he will have been a senator 30 years, his having been one of the first appointments to the red chamber by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Senator King was born in Springfield, Kings county in 1836, during the reign of William IV, Hon. Dr. J. H. King, a member of the Federal Cabinet, and G. H. King, ex-M. L. A., for Queens county, are sons.

3 Macdonald Appointees.

There are three men living who were appointed Senators by the Macdonald government—Hon. Messrs. Poirier and Montplaisir and Hon. Josiah Wood, of Saskatoon, who resigned his seat to become Lieut.-Governor.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
AT GAIETY THEATRE

"Variety" is the photo play at the Gaiety for Monday and Tuesday.

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PRINCE SILENT
OVER A WISH
AT MT. VERNON

Washington, Oct. 22—Princes and princesses can wish like other people. While Queen Marie was walking through the rose garden at Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, she was shown a "wishing rose." If a person makes a sentimental wish while touching the flowers, the legend is, the wish will come true.

Her Majesty turned to Princess Ileana and said:

"Here, Ileana, is your chance."

The princess touched the flower and smiled.

"You, too, Nicky," said the Queen, and Prince Nicholas also touched the flower.

Asked what his wish was and whether it involved girls, His Highness blushed and said:

"Oh, now, I really couldn't say, you know."

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