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HOW IT STARTED

Fire that Caused Such Loss of Life in New York.

DECKHAND FOUND IT IN

General Slocum's Cabin Full of Oil and Hay.

It had been definitely determined at the preliminary investigation started by Coroner Berry of New York, just where the fire started on board the excursion steamer General Slocum on Wednesday, when she had on board nearly 1,500 women and children, members of an excursion party from St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, over 1,000 of whom were lost.

According of the statement of John J. Coakley, a deck hand on the Slocum, fire was first discovered in the forward cabin, which is used as a storeroom for lamps, oil, and other odds and ends, and onto which had been thrown, just before the boat left her pier, two barrels full of salt hay, in which glasses had been packed.

The fact that a lot of hay had been piled into this oil-soaked room, making the contents more inflammable than ever, was first made known through Coakley's statement. Coakley also said that the fire was first discovered when the Slocum was off Eighty-sixth Street, and that when the deck hands tried to bring the fire hose into play and the water was turned on, the hose, being full of kinks, burst, and this first precipitated the panic among the passengers who witnessed the incident.

Coakley in his testimony said:

"Just before the boat started two barrels of drinking glasses, packed in salt hay, were brought aboard. After the glasses had been taken from the barrels they and the loose salt hay were thrown into the forward cabin, which is a sort of store room where lamps and oil are stored.

"We were about opposite the Blackwell's Island lights, off Eighty-sixth, Street, as near as I can remember, and I was standing at the bar, when a little boy ran up to me and said there was a fire in the forward cabin I ran down there at once and saw smoke coming through the chinks in the door. As I opened the door the whole mass of hay inside seemed to burst into flame.

"I knew at once that the thing looked serious on account of the oil and the lamps there. There were two bags of charcoal lying near. I grabbed one of them and tried to smother the blaze, but I could not do it, so I ran out and called Mate Flanagan. As soon as Flanagan saw the blaze he yelled to Engineer Conkling to turn on the water in the hose. By this time the whole room seemed ablaze. It was very dark down there and the smoke rolled out in a thick cloud. It appeared to me that just about this time some of the people on the boat were attracted by the smoke.

"We started to wheel off the hose, and a lot of people who had come up by this time started to help us. This put a lot of kinks in the hose, and when the water was tirned on in full force the hose burst. The hose was a three-inch one and was made of good canvas.

"When the hose burst, I guess I lost my head. The flames were gathering headway and in a minute, it seemed, the forward part of the boat was in flames. Some of the people who saw the hose burst ran upstairs yelling, 'Fire,' and when I lost my head I ran upstairs after them. They started the panic, for the blaze was plainly seen by that time by the people on the upper decks.

"When I got on the upper deck I saw a boy about fifteen years old jump overboard. He was the first one. He was sucked under the paddle wheel, which was revolving at full speed. Then I pulled down the wires that held the life preservers in racks above the people's heads, and they fell down on the deck, row after row. Then I grabbed a baby and jumped overboard.

"While I was in the water a woman grabbed me and we went down together. I thought I would never come up. She loosed her hold and when I came to the surface I swam for the shore and landed the baby and myself.

"The captain did the best thing he could in making for North Brother Island, for if he had tried to land in any other place he would have run us into forty feet of water, and no one would have been saved. It took only three or four strokes to get on the beach after we grounded on the island bar, and I was able to walk ashore.

"I'll not forget the scene of that panic on board the boat if I live forever. When I try to sleep I see those people struggling and this morning I got up and dressed and went out in the pouring rain to try to get rid of the sight.

"I think that the fire was started by some one tossing a lighted cigar or cigarette into that pile of straw in the cabin."

The Awful Distress Of Irritable Nerves.

Can be Overcome by Enriching and Nourishing the Blood, Thereby Rebuilding the Nerve Cells.

Any failure of the nervous system to do its work properly inevitably causes other troubles. Weakened nerve force is almost sure to bring on gloom and depression. Life loses its attractiveness, worry and care quickly furrow the brow of the sufferer who keeps up a brave heart as long as possible, and then breaks down completely.

Nervous wrecks are very sad, pitiful indeed, when a certain cure like Ferrozone is within easy reach. The success of this great nerve restorer has been demonstrated in many cases where other treatments completely failed, so sufferers can with unbounded confidence rely on a lasting recovery if Ferrozone is used.

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Scotch Settlement.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald).

June 20.—The annual school meeting was held last Saturday, but was not very largely attended. Wm. Graham was elected trustee, James F. Clark retiring.

We are all very sorry to learn that Miss Fowler intends leaving us at the end of the present term. This is the fifth term she has had charge of our school, but still we are unwilling to part with her.

Quite the heaviest electrical storm of the season passed over this section on Saturday afternoon. Lightning entered the woodhouse of the school and shattered it to quite an extent, but fortunately did not set fire.

Mrs. Alfred Christie, who has been suffering from asthma and bronchitis for nearly three years, is now confined to her bed from a severe attack of stomach trouble. Dr. MacNeill is attending her.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Sam Allen out again after her recent illness.

Mrs. Charles Allen of Houlton, is visiting her sister here at present.

WHY BRAIN WORKERS BREAK DOWN

Man is not a machine that keeps going as long as the steam is applied. He is a creature of blood, nerves and delicately balanced organism. Many don't realize this, but overwork their brains and break down. Brain workers need a strong, bracing tonic like Ferrozone to fortify their nerves and keep the blood pure and rich. Take Ferrozone and you'll do more work. You will have the strength, the ambition and the desire for work because your system will be in first-class order. For your health and strength take Ferrozone regularly. Price 50c. at druggists.

A Sleep Walking Feat.

In the swampy districts of France the men are accustomed to walk over the marshy ground on stilts. A sleep walker on one occasion buckled on his stilts and crossed a swollen torrent in the dark. On awaking he had not the courage to perform the same feat in daylight.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

STICK TO GOVERNMENT.

Laurier's Supporters in Parliament Condemn Dundonald.

Ottawa, June 22.— As to the political effect of the Dundonald incident, opinion in Ottawa continues to follow pretty closely the line of party clearage. The practical working of the Dundonald incident, as it may be developed at the polls is, of course, a matter of the keenest interest to the politicians who frequent Parliament Hill. There is no question as to where the French Liberals stand, nor is there any sign of restiveness among the Government supporters from Ontario and the other provinces.

The government supporters hold firmly to what they describe as the central idea in the controversy: That the principle of constitutional government for which Papineau and Mackenzie under arms fought in '37, must be upheld by the government at any cost. It is a difficult matter even to argue with them on this point.

Lord Dundonald's declaration that he was riding for a fall and made his Montreal speech to accomplish a purpose which he could not have accomplished otherwise; his insinuation that Sir Frederick Borden practically lied in the House of Commons; his charge that the Canadian militia, as it exists, is practically without value as a defensive force—none of these things, so far as may be gathered from interviews with Liberal members of parliament, change their opinion that in this country a responsible government must be supreme until the sovereign will of the electorate overturns that government.

On that point the present ministry seems to be quite willing to test popular opinion. It seems also to be solidly supported by its following in parliament.

The party spirit is thoroughly aroused and the partizans go the length of saying that they would heartily welcome an appeal to the country on this issue alone, They declared that the implenting of Lord Dundonald's proposals for the improvement of the militia would cost such a sum as would set the country aghast, and they would frankly confess their reliance on the vote of the farmers and artizans of the country to sustain them in the Ministry's opposition to what they describe as an extravagant outlay of the country's defences against an imaginary enemy.

The Watchword of Women.

Modesty is woman's watchword. Whatever threatens her delicate sense of modesty, frightens her. For this reason many a woman permits diseases of the delicate womanly organs to become aggravated because she cannot bring herself to submit to the ordeal of unpleasant questionings, offensive examinations, and obnoxious local treatments, which some physicians find necessary. Doubtless thousands of the women who have taken advantage of Dr. Pierce's offer of free consultation by letter, have been led to do so by the escape thus offered from a treatment repugnant to modesty. Any sick woman may write to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., in perfect confidence; all letters being treated as strictly private and sacredly confidential, and all answers being sent in plain envelopes with no advertising or other printing upon them. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been long hailed as "a God-send to women." It makes weak women strong and sick women well. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, neither opium, cocaine or other narcotic.

Improved Tourist Cars.

Tourist cars of much improved type have been recently placed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on its Boston-Montreal and transcontinental trains.

They surpass in comfort the accomodation provided by any other Company for the same class of passengers, and in essentials are the equal of the ordinary palace sleeping car.

They are large, airy and thoroughly ventilated, and are handsomely fitted, a mahogany finish having been given to the exteriors of the cars.

The seats are upholstered in leather, and are changed into comfortable sleeping berths at night, fully equipped with linen and bedding, and large enough to hold two adult passengers. The seats are of the latest design, and afford room for small baggage to be stored underneath.

Two separate ladies' toilets are at one end of the car. The men's toilet is at the other end, and the smoking room is arranged in the same way as on a first class sleeping car. The toilets are fitted with mirrors, towel racks and other requisites. They have nickeline tops, thus ensuring perfect cleanliness, and hot and cold water are laid on.

A kitchen is provided for those who desire to do their own cooking, though passengers on the tourist car have, of course, the privilege of using the regular dining car attached to the train. It is fitted with a range, capacious cupboards for the storage of the utensils and canned provisions of passengers, and a tank containing about forty gallons which is kept filled with pure, iced water. Privacy for those cooking is gained by the closing in of the kitchen, which also prevents odors penetrating the body of the car. The floors at the end of the car are covered with linoleum and down the aisle with Wilton carpet, while acetylene gas gives light for all purposes. A competent porter is in charge of each car.

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Bear Island.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

June 21.—The farmers have finished putting in their crops which is of smaller area than last year owing to the wet spring. The prospect for the hay crop is slim, especially on the highlands.

John Jordan has been very busy with his mill all the spring, and will be for some tims to come, it is a great accommodation to the people on both sides of the river. There was quite a serious accident took place in it a few days ago, by which Frederick Sinnot had the thumb and middle finger of his left hand cut nearly off, only the skin being left.

Mrs. Stephen Burden is back on the old farm, her daughter Mrs. W. A. Burden of Fredericton is with her. They intend to spend most of the summer there. Their old neighbours and friends are pleased to to see them back.

Alfred Rossborough becoming tired of singleblessedness took unto himself a wife one day last week. His neighbors think he made a wise move, and wish him much happiness.

It is also reported that before the month of June leaves us, one of our business men will again venture into the matrimonial state. The object of his choice it is said is a young lady from Bright. We will be pleased to welcome her to Bear Island.

Other weddings are also talked of in the near future but they may not take place in the month of June which seems to be the favorite month for marrying with most young people.

The annual school meeting passed off very quietly last Saturday. The district voted $125.00 for general school purposes and an additional sum of twenty dollars towards the amount they think will be required to repair the school house. They also approved the course taken by the trustees in closing the school during the month of January last and think they better make it January and February of next year as the school is small and composed of young children. They were sorry to hear that Miss Jonah had tendered her resignation as teacher as she had given good satisfaction and was well liked by the pupils and their parents.

The shores along the river are kept bare of logs as Mr. Quigg and his men keep the logs moving and don't give them a chance to get far from the water as he is along over his route about once a week.

BRONCHITIC ASTHMA A HEAVY BURDEN

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A vain woman is to be feared, for she will sacrifice all for her pride.

A haughty woman stumbles, for she cannot see what is in her way.

Upper Queensbury.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald)

June 21.– We are having some very pleasant weather now.

The Misses Porter of The Barony, were visiting their many friends in this place last week.

Miss Augusta Coy left on the 11th inst. on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Woodstock, Houlton and Presque Isle.

Miss Alice Ingraham of Bear Island, who has been spending several days with relatives here, has returned home.

Mrs. Wm. Whitehead of Fredericton, spent several days recently with relatives in this place.

Mrs. H. Manuel and Murray and Loran Manuel spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends here and at Granite Hill.

Hinaziah Keetch, who has been visiting his brother in Maugerville, has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. Coy and family of Prince William, and their friend, Mrs. George Hoyt, spent last Friday with friends in this place.

Mrs. Ira Hagerman, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. W. S. Parent were the guests of Mrs. Jas. Huestis on the 16th inst.

Harry Currie has recently returned from a business trip to Fredericton.

Chester Morrison of Granite Hill, was in this place recently on business.

A. C. Whitehead of the Massey-Harris Co., was assisted last week by Mr. Nelson, one of the company's leading salesmen. They report the prospect this year for farm machinery very bright indeed.

The many friends of Ward Hagerman will regret to learn that he is now critically ill. Dr. Saunders is in attendance.

Our school meeting passed off pleasantly on Saturday last. Hinaziah Keetch was elected trustee in place of Squire Whitehead, who has served in that capacity for 28 years.

Our farmers have all got their crops in at last. It has been a very lengthy job owing to the continued wet weather in the early part of the season.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Kuroki and Oku Trying to Join Forces.

St. Petersburg, June 22.—The imminence of a battle in the northern part of the Liao Tung peninsula is admitted by the war office and is indicated succinctly in today's despatches from the Associated Press correspondent at Liao Yang, Kai Ping and other points on the railway.

It is believed here that General Kuropatkin's object is to prevent a junction of the Japanese armies. On the other hand, the aim of the Japanese apparently is to drive the Russians out of Liao Tung peninsula preparatory to a march on Liao Yang. The approach of the rainy season will more than likely precipitate matters.

Kai Chou, Liao Yang Peninsula, June 22.—Japanese scouts have appeared two miles from Zuchen. The main columns of the enemy are three miles in their rear. General Samsonoff, with the Russian rear guard, is falling back as the Japanese advance.

St. Petersburg, June 22, 5.35 p. m.—The general staff has received a despatch from Liao Yang, dated today. It does not mention any serious fighting.

The Russian rear guard is now at Seuchen. General Kuroki's advance along the roads from Siu Yen, leading respectively to Hai Cheng, Ta Che Chou and Kai Chou, is being warmly contested by General Kuropatkin's outposts. The column heading for Kai Chou is the furthest advanced but is still thirty miles distant. A serious collision is regarded at the war office as unlikely for some days.

General Kuroki's movements betray a tendency to go south and join General Oku. Kuroki's outposts are fortifying the pass between Saimatsza and Kwandian Sian.

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Give heed to the voice of an old woman, sorrow has given her wisdom.