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THE EVILS OF DIVORCE.

A Roman Catholic Bishop's Sharp Arraignment of the
 American People.

Fall River, March 5.—(Special)—The evils of divorce are dealt with in a pastoral letter by Bishop William L. Stang of the Roman Catholic church diocese of Fall River, sent yesterday to the clergymen of the diocese.

The letter says in part: "The modern state has usurped the functions of spiritual authority and profaned the sanctity of the marriage state."

"Protestantism has permitted polygamy, first openly, then covertly by cloaking it with the mockery of the civil law."

"All good citizens are horrified at the immoral doctrine and practice of the Mormons, but what is the difference between Mormons who believe in simultaneous polygamy and legislators who authorize husband or wife to separate and marry again during the lifetime of either party."

Is not the latter successive polygamy? The attempted marriage of legally divorced persons (whose lawful partners are still alive) involves the hideous crime of adultery, which no cause under heaven can justify, no gold or pearls can beautify."

"No legislature can grant a divorce so that parties once really wedded cannot marry again, without slapping God, the supreme law giver in the face without undermining the foundations of Christian society, without imperilling the life of the nation."

"I call upon Christian journalists for the defense of the Christian home I entreat them instead of regalling the sensational crowd with unsavory details of divorce scandals, tempting sorely tried with evil suggestions, to manfully denounce all who co-operate in sundering what God has united."

A RUSSIAN SCANDAL.

One of the Principals Accused Dramatically Committed
 Suicide During Investigation.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—(Special)—The accused member of the Father Gapon labor organization, who committed suicide yesterday, while the scandal involving charges of accepting money from the government was being investigated, was named Zechoff.

It now develops that Father Gapon, himself, was present at yesterday's session when Zechoff dramatically killed himself.

Father Gregori Petroff charged Zechoff with obtaining \$2500 from Father Gapon and with having accompanied members of the secret police in search of M. Matushensky the press agent councillor of the Father Gapon movement, who fled with the organization's funds.

Father Gapon exonerated Zechoff, whereupon the latter said: "I will now give you supreme proof of my honesty," and drawing a revolver, he blew out his brains.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, March 5.—(Special)—Prices were weak in the stock market today, under Wall Street influences.

There was, however, little liquidation, and prices affected were chiefly those of internationally listed issues. The leading features were Dominion United 98½ to 98; Toronto Railway, 123½ to 123; Dominion Iron Bonds, 84; Illinois, pfd., 100; Halifax Railway, 105; Dominion Iron and Steel, 30½ to 30½; Montreal Power, 93½; Twin City, 116½; Canadian Pacific Railway, 169½.

Following are today's stock market quotations:

Dominion Coal, 77½.
 Dominion Iron and Steel, 30½, 30½, 30.
 Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 80½.
 Nova Scotia Steel, 65½.
 C. P. R., 170.
 Twin City, 117, 116½, 116½.
 Montreal Power, 94½, 93½, 93½.
 Rich. and Ontario Navigation, 83½.
 Illinois, 100.
 Havana, 36½.
 Toledo, 34, —, 34½.

WAS HE INNOCENT.

Winnipeg, March 5.—(Special)—A rumor comes from Calgary that Wm. Hayward on the charge of murdering whom Charles King was hanged in Edmonton last summer, has been recently been seen alive in the northern wilds, where the tragedy was believed to have taken place.

King was convicted on a second trial. The evidence, though strong, and incriminating, was nearly all circumstantial, and he died declaring his innocence.

SAW THE LAST BATTLE.

Victoria, Australia, March 5.—(Special)—Captain J. C. Voss, who left here with a companion in an Indian canoe of four tons, converted into a three masted yacht, and circled the world, losing his comrade by drowning in the south Pacific, when 1200 miles from Sydney, returned on Saturday night from Ecuador, where he was an eye witness of the battle which ended revolution.

MONTREAL EXPLOSIONS.

Montreal, March 5.—(Special)—A mysterious explosion in the brick factory of Joseph Decarie & Co., at midnight, hurled an iron cylinder weighing many tons through the roof, badly wrecking the building. A son of the night watchman, was the only person injured by the explosion, which carried the cylinder 200 feet. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

RETURNED MISSIONARY.

Rev. Mr. Grierson, a Presbyterian missionary, home on a vacation from Korea, is expected to speak at St. Paul's church services next Sunday on the work in that far off land.

10,000 PEOPLE PERISHED.

Great Tidal Wave 65 Feet High Carried Death and
 Destruction to the Society Islands.

SEVERAL OF WHICH ARE SAID TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

San Francisco, March 5.—The Evening Post states that 10,000 persons perished during the storm on Tahiti and adjacent islands, several of which its account says, have disappeared. It places the damage at \$5,000,000.

Papeete, Tahiti, Feb. 16, via San Francisco, March 5.—The most destructive cyclone ever experienced in the Society and Tuamotu islands occurred on Feb. 7 and 8. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at \$1,000,000 and presumably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamotu islands. The city of Papeete was inundated and about 75 buildings destroyed, including the American consulate and the French government building. The shipping in the harbor of Papeete escaped injury, owing to the direction of the wind, but fears are entertained for vessels which were cruising near the Tuamotu island.

The schooner Papeete was submerged near Anaa, Tuamotu. Her captain, Philip Michaeli, estimated that the waves were 65 feet high. M. Marcadi, a French resident at Fanaran, Tuamotu islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the government buildings and dwelling houses and the Catholic church were swept away. Many of the natives climbed coconut trees and others put out to sea in small boats. Bridges and roads were badly damaged on the island of Tahiti. Bread, fruit, coconut, banana and plantain trees were blown down in great numbers, which will result in hardships to the natives and materially affect commerce during the next two or three years. The British consul has appealed to his government for aid for 500 British subjects. Some Americans have sustained heavy losses and probably there will be a few instances of utter destitution. The Americans are hopeful of securing help from the United States. Money and food are required.

WIND 120 MILES AN HOUR.

The cyclone or hurricane reached the velocity of 120 miles an hour. It struck the islands about midnight on Feb. 7 and continued until about 4 o'clock the following afternoon. The island of Anaa, Tuamotu group, is believed to have been the centre of the storm.

At Papeete, about 8 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 7, the sea began to break heavily over the reef, the waves in the harbor washing over the quay. There was no perceptible wind. Toward 10 o'clock people dwelling in the vicinity of the water front were compelled to abandon their homes, saving as a rule only a small portion of their belongings. The merchants and clerks went to the stores and warehouses only to find that it was quite impossible to save goods on the lower floors. An hour later, high seas broke, completely demolishing the government slip and buildings, beside causing great damage to the coal sheds. The guardian of the arsenal, Tesser Adams, an expert swimmer, was in the water for many hours and assisted in warning and rescuing others. The village of Taonoa, near the arsenal, was completely swept away. It consisted of the mission buildings and homes of native converts of the reorganized Latter Saints Mission. A settlement about an eighth of a mile distant, inhabited by several hundred Cook Islanders (British subjects) was completely destroyed. Further east on the beach road all the houses were swept away for about half a mile.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

At Taunoa, the family of Herman Henell had a thrilling experience, their fine residence, probably worth

\$15,000, being badly damaged by high waves which compelled the family to flee for their lives to a native house. Frequently the water was up to their necks, and they were obliged to cling to trees for safety.

Matters were worse in the city of Papeete than in the suburbs. To the west of the arsenal along the water front dwelling houses and commercial establishments were invaded by the high water which broke at the quay, about ten feet high, but rushed through the narrow streets many feet higher. The shipbuilding yards of Captain Peterson and Brown & Benchahman were destroyed.

CONSULATE COLLAPSED.

Mrs. Gooding, an aged American, narrowly escaped death, being caught by debris in her home when it collapsed. The establishment of V. L. Raoux suffered much damage. The loss may reach \$30,000. Donald and Edenberg sustained an equal loss while the Society Commercial De Oceanica, the largest mercantile establishment in French Oceania, losses about \$60,000. The Oceanic Steamship Company's wharf was badly wrecked. The custom house, the bonded warehouse and sheds, the post office, the house of the captain of the port, a club house and the police headquarters were wrecked.

At about 8 o'clock in the morning the American consulate, the oldest structure in Papeete, built about 1839 collapsed. The American consul, his mother, Mrs. Doty, supervised the removal of the archives, aided by several missionaries. Beyond the American consulate several government buildings, including the treasury and storehouses, sustained great damage.

The guardian at the quarantine station at Motauto island, Papeete harbor, was waving a lantern for many hours during the night as he and his wife clung to the tops of coconut trees in the midst of waves that dashed thirty feet high over the island. On shore M. Andre, the chief pilot, asked Commander Hurbin of the gunboat Zelee to let him have a boat and crew for the rescue of the man and woman at the quarantine station. Commander Hurbin declined to send his men in what appeared to be a forlorn hope and Pilot Andre requisitioned four prisoners at the local jail and with them went to the rescue.

M. Marcadia, a French resident, put to sea in a cutter and after three days out arrived from Tahiti, reporting that the government buildings, Roman Catholic church and all the dwellings had been swept away. He knew of no loss of life, but feared that many would succumb to hunger, thirst and exposure.

MUCH DISTRESS.

In addition to the property destroyed at Papeete about an equal amount is believed to have been destroyed altogether along the beach road around Tahiti. Scores of dwelling houses were blown down. There is much distress among the homeless people. The government extended the military barracks as a temporary refuge and provide food when needed, but the funds of the treasury are practically exhausted. Governor Jullien will appeal to France for aid.

The islands of Moorea, Huaheni, Ratic and Tohoa of the Society group, are known to have sustained damages to the extent of about \$100,000.

The steamer Mariposa waited beyond her sailing time at the request of Governor Jullien, who hoped that the French gunboat Zelee would return from her relief trip to Tuamotu Islands.

from the woods, and we are glad to welcome them home, the young ladies are especially pleased.

John Bird's crew came home last week, all looking well and feeling better.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brewer home. After spending the winter on their honeymoon, they have taken up their residence at "Bird Cottage" where they will be "At Home" to their many friends.

Mr. Winslow Jones has returned from the woods with his team.

THE BARONY.

March 3.—Miss McKeen, Keswick, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Anderson.

Miss Ebbett entertained a number of her friends at her home on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, Dumfries, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atherton, Woodstock, were the guests of the Misses Kirk, Saturday.

Miss Ebbett and Miss Susie Ebbett were entertained by the Misses Porter, on Saturday.

W. E. Ebbett has returned home after spending a few days in Woodstock and Meductic.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence and daughter Myrtle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebbett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grant, Middle Southampton.

Mr. John Anderson has returned home after spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. George Hagerman of Scotch Settlement.

Mr. F. N. Atkinson and son Harry of Greenville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebbett one day last week.

Inspector H. V. B. Bridges, visited the schools in this vicinity last week.

At a special meeting of the Amherst town council ex-Mayor Lowthar was appointed Scott Act inspector. During Mr. Lowthar's term as mayor the Scott Act was most vigorously enforced and his appointment tonight is recognized as a signal victory for the temperance party.

Mr. C. S. Everett of St. Andrews, spent Sunday at his former home in this city.