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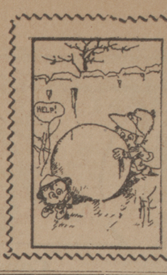


...THE... WEATHER

Wind east with snow flurries becoming milder

REPORTS DEALT WITH THE WORK OF THE YEAR

Annual Meeting of Local Council of Women Being Held This Afternoon

The Various Societies Affiliated With the Council Have Done Much Valuable Work During the Year—Report of the Secretary Discusses Supervised Playgrounds, the Fight Against the White Plague and Other Matters.

The annual meeting of the local Council of Women is being held this afternoon. Reports are to be submitted by the various officers as well as from the affiliated societies. The president, Mrs. D. Mc. Lellan is occuping the chair.

The Secretary's Report

The secretary's annual report showed that there had been four executive and five general meetings during the year. It noted with pleasure the election to life membership in the National Council, of Miss Grace Leavitt. The honor was well merited on account of the services reedered by Miss Leavitt as treasurer of the local council. Gratification was expressed at the great success of the supervised play-grounds during the past summer. "Through the courtesy of the Every Day Club," the report stated, "our convenor, Miss Mabel Peters, secured the Victoria athletic grounds which were utilized for a second play-ground. Therefore we had two play-grounds fully equipped." Instruction had been given in basketry by a competent instructor.

Of the day nursery, the report said:—"A day nursery was established in April last, under the superivsion of a competent matron. Through the generosity of individuals, the public and the Women's Council, the nursery was fitted with everything necessary for such an institution. Through the generosity of Mrs. Woodman the first quarter's rent was paid."

The council had assumed charge of the women's work department of the exhibition of last fall, and great credit was due the president, Mrs. McLellan, for the excellent arrangements. The quality of the work of the department was superior to that of two years ago, and the quantity sent exceeded the former occasion. A demonstration of kindergarten work had been given, and also of domestic science as taught in the public schools. The rest-room had been in charge of the W. C. T. U. The work in connection with the women's work department had been laborious, but the results had fully justified the effort.

Juvenile courts came in for attention as follows: "At our meetings attention has been called to juvenile courts in our city and the council recently appointed a committee to deal with this subject so that steps may be taken to place the matter before the legislature at the earliest possible date."

The white plague, tuberculosis, was dealt with: "During the year tuberculosis has received much attention. A petition was forwarded to the municipal council calling attention to the non-enforcement of the bye-law on expectoration, with the result that the chief of police received instructions to have the law enforced. The citizens of St. John can best judge whether this most fruitful conveyor of contagion has been removed fro mour amusement halls, our cars and our streets."

The municipal council came in for attention again in the following manner: "Once again our council petitioned the municipal council for a jail matron and with no better success than on former occasions, but we hope in the end by perseverance to attain the object in view." A resolution on "Home Making," had been discussed at the meetings and the council pledged itself to arouse interest in the movement and to use its influence for extension of domestic science in all the public schools.

The council had been zealous in all matters of public interest and here regret was expressed at the loss by removal from the city of Mrs. Howard Sprague, the vice president of the council who had always been a zealous worker.

The affiliated societies and standing committees all had done excellent work and a balance was shown sufficient for council needs. "To the St. John press the thanks of the local council are due; by opening of the columns of their newspapers to the needs of the council, they have lightened our labor and enlarged the sphere wherein we hope to work." The report was signed by the secretary, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm.

Other Reports

Mrs. John S. MacLaren, for the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, submitted their report, which showed 39 children in the institution, there being 24 girls and 15 boys. The general health had been reported by the visiting doctor, Dr. Inches, as good. There had been the usual number of outings during the year, but that afforded by Mr. and Mrs. James Manchester received especial mention. Three of the girls had received prizes in the exhibition of last fall. On a recent visit to Boston by the matron, a number of the former inmates were ascertained to be doing well, two girls employed at dress-making, were supporting their aged father; one girl was married and had a nice home, and one young man, 17 years of age, was holding a good position. In all there were 17 former inmates in Boston, but time would not permit of visiting to any extent.

Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. James L. Dunn and also Mrs. T. S. Simms, and mention was made of the election of Mrs. W. Z. Earle and Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks.

The summer and winter examinations had resulted very creditably. Thanks were extended to all those who kindly donated at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was noted also that while the institution was the oldest charitable institution in St. John, being established in 1854, it had shown itself able to hold its own with any and all.

The financial report was submitted by the treasurer, Miss Grace Leavitt, and other reports were submitted by Miss Estey for the ladies' auxiliary Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. Matthew for the Natural History Society; Mrs. George A. Smith for the Victorian Order; Mrs. Jamieson for King's Daughters; Mrs. Dearborn for the W. C. T. U., and Miss Chandler for the Church of England Institute.

Besides the president, other officers present were:—Vice Presidents Mrs. H. Ellis, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Dr. Gray, Mrs. Bullock; recording secretary, Mrs. Chisholm; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Whittaker; treasurer, Miss Grace Leavitt.

WILL SUBMIT IT TO HAGUE

British, Canadian and Newfoundland Governments Will Refer the Fisheries Question to Arbitration.

Washington, Jan. 25—An agreement has been reached between secretary Root and the British, Canadian and New Foundland Governments through their representative here, on the New Foundland fisheries question to be submitted to the Hague Court for arbitration.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Mary E. Hancock was buried at 2.30 p. m. from her late residence, Queen street, to Fernhill. The services were conducted by Rev. W. W. McMaster.

On the arrival of the Fredericton train at Fairville this morning, the body of Mrs. Sarah Stephenson was conveyed to Cedar Hill cemetery, Rev. J. M. Parker, of Welsford, was the officiating clergyman.

The funeral of John Stevens took place at half past two from the residence of J. B. Eagles, Main street. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery, with Rev. G. A. Kuhring officiating.

FAST HOCKEY IS PROMISED

St. John May Have Some Matches With Crack Outside Teams.

St. John people will be given the chance to see some fast hockey this season with outside teams. Tomorrow night the Charlottetown Victoria's will meet an All-St. John septette and judging by the close game last week, the coming contest should prove very interesting.

It is possible that arrangements will be made for a game with the Moncton Victoria's, the Starr trophy winners, on Saturday night. The Moncton team is billed to play in Fredericton on Thursday and Friday, and it is suggested that they stop over and play here on their way home.

The Truro team of the Nova Scotia league, may come here next week to meet the local players. E. Percy Howard leaves tomorrow for Amherst to referee the game between the Amherst and Truro teams. There will be a practice of the members of the All-St. John and Mohawk teams at 7.30 sharp.

GREAT DETECTIVE STORY

A Mysterious Disappearance

By GORDON HOLMES

WILL BEGIN IN THE TIMES Tomorrow

THE PERFECT DISCIPLINE SAVED HUNDREDS OF LIVES IN SATURDAY'S DISASTER

What Might Have Proved Most Horrible Accident in History of Atlantic Coast Was Turned Into an Everlasting Testimonial to Bravery and Intelligence

In a Raging Sea and a High Wind Hundreds of Shivering Passengers Were Transferred From the Steamers Republic and Florida to the Baltic and Brought Safely to New York—Not a Trace of Panic But Six Lives Were Lost—S. S. Republic Sunk in Deep Water, May be a Total Loss.

New York, Jan. 25—The White Star Liner Baltic, bearing 1,650 passengers from the steamships Republic and Florida which were in collision on Saturday, was anchored off the Ambrose Channel Lightship at the entrance to New York harbor early today, waiting for the fog to lift, to make her way into port. With the captain and crew of the steamship Republic, who remained with the stricken vessel until she sank last night, safe on the revenue cutter Gresham, anchored off Vineyard Haven, Mass., the last chapter of the sea drama of Saturday, which cost six lives, was thus drawing to a close.

There was a heavy fog down the bay this morning, and all vessels groped their way with caution. For this reason it seemed probable that the Baltic would be late in coming up to her pier. Whether the crew of the Republic would be transferred to the derelict destroyer Seneca or whether they would land near Vineyard Haven was not known, although it was thought that they would come to New York on the Seneca. The six dear and two injured is, apparently, the sum total of casualties, but the report that she has sunk will mean a total loss. It is doubtful whether the Florida, in her crippled condition, with her progress impeded by the fog, will be able to reach port.

First Direct Story of Marine Disaster

Quarantine, R. I., Jan. 25—As the White Star Liner Baltic lay at anchor in the darkness, three miles east of the Ambrose Channel lightship this morning, seemingly at rest after her exertions of Saturday, when the transfer of passengers from the two stricken vessels lasted for twelve hours, the Associated Press tug crept alongside her great hulk and through megaphones hurled halloes repeatedly up her precipitous sides. Although lights twinkled in the saloon, on the bridge, and at her masthead, there was no answer to the shouts until two figures dimly outlined, made their appearance on deck, through whom the Associated Press obtained the first direct version of the disaster.

The spokesman was H. . Hover, of Spokane, Washington, accompanied by his wife, who was planning an extended automobile trip abroad, and was outward bound when the ship was rammed by the Florida during the fog of Saturday morning.

Capt. Ranson of the Baltic said that the Florida was following him under convoy of the Allan liner New York. He said that the condition of the Republic was for salvage and she had no perceptible list when he left her, not knowing that she had sunk last night.

Frightened Passengers Were Safely Taken Off

Mr. Hover in response to queries through the megaphone gave a graphic account of the safe transfer of the passengers from the Republic, and later of the same operation from the Florida. The transfer of frightened men and women from the Florida lasted twelve hours, beginning at 8 o'clock on Saturday night and ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. During the night the searchlights of the Baltic illumined the sea, making a wierd picture as boat load after boat load was safely gotten on board the Baltic. Two of the Republic's passengers tumbled into the sea while being placed in a boat, but were promptly rescued.

There was little or no panic aboard the Republic at the time of the collision, although after it was seen that the Florida was seriously disabled some of the Italian passengers were in great fear and prayed aloud for aid.

Capt. Sealby had his own boats lowered and in these and in those of the Florida all of the passengers of the wounded liner were put aboard the Florida. This operation took twelve hours in a placid sea. Among the wounded who were put on the Italian liner were Eugene Lynch, whose wife had been killed in their stateroom on the Republic. Mr. Lynch's leg was broken in three places and he was otherwise injured. As it was considered unsafe to transfer him to the Baltic he was left in charge of the Florida's surgeon.

Perfect Discipline on the S. S. Republic

Mr. Hoover added: "There was very little panic aboard the Republic, although many came on deck in their nightdresses. The discipline of the crew was perfect. Three of the compartments of the Republic were flooded. This is not going to keep my wife and me from making our auto trip. Telegraph to Spokane that we are all right."

"The crash of the Florida into the Republic came between 3 and 4 o'clock on Saturday morning, when everyone was in bed, continued Mr. Hoover's story. A great many passengers were thrown from their bunks by the impact and many rushed wildly on deck in their bare feet, although the discipline of the crew and the conduct of the captain prevented disorder. As the Florida disappeared in the fog almost immediately those on the disabled Republic began to think they were abandoned and their whistle was blown in distress. They were relieved to see the Florida approach again to render assistance and immediately boats were lowered and the transfer of passengers from the Republic to the Florida began.

Carrying out the rigid rules of the sea, the women were placed in the boats first, and in two hours all were safely off and on board the Florida. Conditions were terribly crowded, however, and at a conference between the captains of the Florida and the Baltic, it was decided that another transfer of passengers was necessary. Accordingly this second hazardous undertaking was begun. While the sea had been smooth during the transfer of passengers from the Republic to the Florida, the waters were now rough and the operation was necessarily more dangerous and of longer duration. Thinly dressed passengers crowded to the Baltic's rail and watched the work, while those who remained on the Florida waiting for the next boat load saw their companions lifted safely to the new haven. It was during this that the two passengers fell overboard, but were rescue, little the worse for the experience.

Republic Lies in Deep Water

Grayhead, Mass., Jan. 25—The revenue cutter Gresham, which was assisting in towing the steamer Republic, together with the Destroyer Seneca, when the White Star liner made her final plunge beneath the waves off Nantucket Lightship last evening, arrived at Menemsha Bight at 4 a. m. today, and anchored. Whether the Gresham had any of the officers and crew of the illfated Republic on board has not been ascertained up to 8 a. m., as no communication has been received from her up to that time.

It was thought possible that Capt. Sealby and the brave men who risked their lives with him in an effort to bring into port the sinking Republic, might have gone on board the destroyer Seneca and been taken to New York.

At daylight today the fog in Menemsha Bight was very thick, but as the wind had shifted to the northwest every effort was being made to board the Gresham for news.

It was evident from the time of the accident, 7.30 o'clock Sunday night, and taking into account the probable distance which the Republic was towed, and the speed of the Gresham running into Gay Head, that the Republic sank in about thirty fathoms of water, ten or twenty miles a little north of the Nantucket Lightship, and about 40 miles directly south of Nantucket Island. It was expected that the captain of the Gresham would definitely report the position of the Republic, but it is undoubtedly true that she lies in at least 20 or 30 fathoms of water, and is probably a total loss.

Survivors Taken Aboard U. S. S. Seneca

Menemsha Bight, Island of Marthas, Vineyard, Mass., Jan. 25—Capt. Sealby and 50 members of the crew of the Republic, were transferred to the derelict destroyer Seneca, off Vineyard Sound Lightship at 8 a. m. today, and an hour later the Seneca started for New York.

The captain of the Gresham stated that the Republic sank last night, 9 miles south by east of Nantucket Lightship, in about 40 fathoms of water.

Capt. Sealby was picked up from a grating, but he and his crew were uninjured.

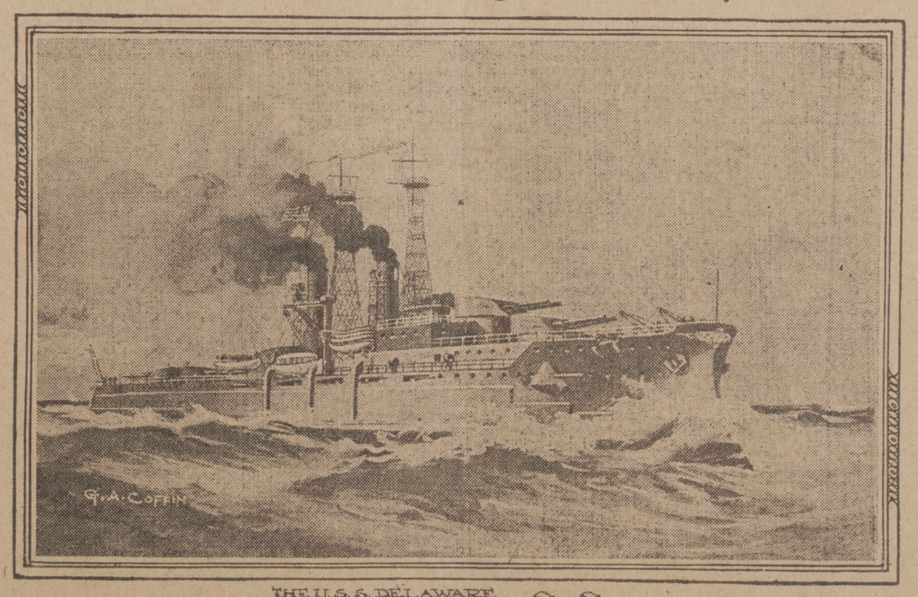
The steamer Florida had not reached this port up to 8.45 o'clock today, but this caused no uneasiness, as she was expected to proceed slowly, owing to her injured bow and the dense fog. The Florida left the scene of the collision after her own passengers and those of the Republic had been transferred to the Baltic. She was convoyed on the way from Nantucket Lightship toward New York by the steamer New York. Neither the Florida nor the New York has yet been sighted from any station near this port, but this could hardly be expected owing to the fog. During the early morning hours, when the weather was comparatively clear, the life savers at Gau Head sighted the lights of a vessel rounding the head, and heading into Vineyard Sound. Some time after the vessel anchored in Menemsha Bight. It was supposed that this vessel was the revenue cutter Gresham, fresh from the scene of the final sinking of the Republic, and as the fog settled down two hours before dawn, there was no means of identifying the steamer.

A representative of the Associated Press went from Vineyard Haven to Menemsha in the darkness of the early morning in an automobile and at dawn drove out to the vessel which proved to be the Mohawk.

Captain Landry, of the Mohawk, stated that after leaving New Bedford where the Mohawk had come off the flats without injury, he steamed directly for Nantucket lightship, and was within fifteen miles of that vessel last night when he received a wireless from the Senaca that the Republic had sunk nine miles south by east of the lightship. The Mohawk was ordered to return to Menemsha Bight and be in readiness to assist in taking off of the Gresham a portion of the crew of the Republic in case there was not room enough on the Senaca for their accommodation.

The Seneca and the Gresham steamed up through comparatively calm water in the vicinity of the Vineyard Sound lightship, ten miles to the northwest of Gay Head, and there Captain Sealby and his crew of 50 men were transferred to the Seneca. The transfer was made about 8 a. m. today in a thick fog and an hour later the two cutters parted company, the Seneca steaming in the direction of New York, while the Grsham began threading her way up past Vineyard Sound toward Wood's Hole. It is believed the Senaca will reach New York some time early this evening.

United States Largest Battleship



THE U. S. S. DELAWARE

QUESTIONS THE WISDOM OF EMPLOYING SPOTTERS

Rev. Fr. Carney, of Fredericton, Says He Does Not Believe Temperance Cause is Helped By It

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He Says It Tends to Induce Perjury and Cites a Fredericton Scott Act Case Where Witnesses on One Side or the Other Assuredly Perjured Themselves—Fredericton Boy Marries in Brooklyn—General News.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 25—(Special)—New York papers on Friday last published announcements of the wedding of Dr. Frank D. Phinney, of Cincinnati, to Miss Florence Voorhes, daughter of the late Rev. W. B. Voorhes, of New York. The ceremony was performed at the Bay Ridge Reformed church, Brooklyn, in the presence of a large gathering of people. Dr. Phinney, who is a successful practitioner at Cincinnati, is the only son of J. D. Phinney, K. C., of this city, and a 1895 graduate of the University of N. B. His father was present at the wedding, and came home last evening.

St. Dunstan's church collection, yesterday, for the Italian sufferers, amounted to $93.

The cases of Henry Braithwaite and Sergt. Major Duncan, convicted some weeks ago at Chatham of game violation, and to have been reviewed before Judge Wilson today, have been postponed to a date to be fixed by counsel.

Chas. E. Tisdale, of Vancouver, B. C., who spent Sunday here, will leave for the west this evening. He will join Supt. Downie at Fredericton Junction and travel to Montreal in his private car.

Rev. Father Carney, in the course of his sermon at St. Dunstan's church yesterday, condemned the practice of employing spotters and informers to assist in the enforcement of the Scott Act. He declared that evidence taken in cases now before the police court here, clearly showed that perjury had been committed on one side or the other. He did not think that the cause of temperance was promoted by such questionable methods.

The case against Station Agent Walker, of the I. C. R., was resumed in the police court this morning, when Assistant Superintendent Hoben gave evidence for the defence. He failed to disclose the name of the consignee of the liquor seized at the railway station, and his testimony was unimportant. Col. Marsh will hear argument of counsel this afternoon.

A GREAT REVIVAL PLANNED FOR BOSTON

An Organized Fight Against Sin Will be Carried Into All the Slums, Saloons, Dives, and Every Place Showing Chance to Do Good.

Boston, Jan. 25—With a grand song service in which 2,000 choristers took part, one of the largest evangelistic meetings ever held, was opened here today. Meetings in 156 churches of all Protestant denominations will be held every day and evening until Feb. 21. The revival promises to be most strenously waged, and plans have been made to carry the fight against sin into the slums of the city, into saloons and jails, and visiting hospitals, factories and every place where an opportunity is offered to accomplish good. The revival is under the leadership of Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilbur Chapman, of Albany, N. Y., assisted by Chas M. Alexander, the gospel singer, and more than sixty evangelists from every part of the country.

Although it was a busy one, the work was preparatory for the openings tomorrow night.

It is estimated that fully 500,000 persons will be reached and that the revival will cost about $15,000.

MRS. GRAY IS DEAD

Lawrence, Mass., Woman Beaten by Robbers Passed Away This Morning.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 25—Mrs. Catherine Gray, who was assaulted and robbed in her store on Abbott street, Saturday morning, died at the Lawrence General Hospital this morning. She had been unconscious most of the time, and was unable to give the police any description of her assailant, who is at large.

NO ACTUAL NEWS OF THAT EARTHQUAKE

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25—No actual news yet has been received here of the earthquake, which was recorded so extensively throughout Europe last Saturday. Apparently it occurred in the remote and thinly populated region of the Pamir, in Russian Turkestan, and that the effect was localized.

LANGFORD AND JOHNSON

San Francisco, Jan. 25—According to a statement made by Joseph Woodman, manager, Sam Langford expects to leave for London about March 1, to prepare for a match with Jack Johnson, before the London A. C. on some date not yet fixed. The London fight promoters have cabled Woodman that he can draw on them for expenses whenever he is ready.

U. S. FLEET LEAVES SMYRNA

Symrna, Jan. 25—The American battleship squadron sailed from here today for Negro Bay, Morocco, where the entire fleet will rendezvous prior to proceeding to Gibraltar.

Ambassador Leishman, who has been here during the stay of the warships, returns to Constantinople tomorrow.

CAPT. KING RECOVERING

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 25—Capt. Reo King, of Perth Amboy, N. J., who was overcome by coal gas in the cabin of the barge Boston, was reported to be recovering today.

The staff of the St. John Railway Co. office will have a sleigh drive this evening. There will be about twenty-five in the party, including several guests and they will go to Newcombe's, where supper will be served.

FIRE IN FACTORY EMPTIES MANY TENEMENTS

Twenty Families Forced to Vacate Their Homes by Fire in New England Bedding Co.'s Plant at Boston Today —$35,000 Damage Done.

Boston, Jan. 25—The plant of the New England Bedding Co., at 75 Pitts street, was nearly destroyed by fire at 9 o'clock today, and the works of E. B. Blago & Son, occupying part of the building, was also damaged.

Nearly fifty employes of the New England Bedding Co. made their way to the ground hurriedly over the fire escapes.

Slippery pavements prevented the firemen reaching the scene as promptly as usual, so that the fire obtained a good headway and nearly cleaned out the building.

The total loss was estimated at $35,000, the greater portion of which was divided between Badger & Sons, and the New England Bedding Company. The Charles S. Gove Company, bottlers, sustained a loss not exceeding $3,000.

The basement and ground floor of the New England Bedding Co's building was occupied as a storeroom by Badger & Sons, and a considerable quantity of copper stored there was destroyed.

While the half a hundred employes of the bedding plant, all men, were scurrying down the fire escapes, some 20 families were forced to vacate their tenements, which adjoined the burning building. All made their way out in safety.

MURDER TRIAL OPENED TODAY

Case Against Napoleon Rivet Was Opened at Lowell This Morning.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 25—The case of Napoleon Rivet, charged with the murder of Joseph Gailloux, March 1 last, in this city, was opened at the Lowell court house this morning, Judges Harris and Hitchcock presiding. The government will have about 30 witnesses. The evidence, it is understood, will be largely circumstantial.

Joseph Gailloux's dead body was found in Ernest Daigle's plumbing shop, in Hall street, early Sunday morning, March 1, 1908. An examination showed that the man's skull had been battered in in three places. The store was filled with the fumes of gas. Further evidence that a carefully planned murder had been committed, was unearthed in an examination of Gailloux's clothes, which were soiled by some chemical which had been forced into the man's throat. Suspicion centered on Rivet, because of the fact that an insurance policy on Gailloux's life had been made out in Rivet's favor.

U. S. GOVERNMENT WORKING TO SAVE NATURAL WEALTH

Washington, Jan. 25—The personnel of the joint committee to represent the states and the federal government to make plans for further work for the conservation of the resources of the country has been announced by Gifford Pinchot. Six of the members are chairmen of state conservation committees, and three are members of the National Conservation Commission. Besides the chairman, Mr. Pinchot, and Secretary Thomas, are Shipp, of the National body. Among the representatives of state conservation committees are Prof. W. Rane, Boston, Mass.

J. H. Scammell & Co., ship brokers, this city, and agent for the Elder-Dempster South Africa line of steamships, received word yesterday that the steamer Canada Cape, bound to this port from Demerara, with a cargo of sugar, was at Norfolk, with her bunker coal on fire. No further word has been received today. Pilot Richard Cline has gone to Norfolk to bring the steamer to this port.