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FEARFUL CONDITIONS IN STEERAGE REVEALED

Washington, Dec. 13.—A report on steerage conditions based on information obtained by special agents of the immigration commission traveling as steerage passengers on different trans-Atlantic steamers, was made public today, through presentation to the senate, with recommendations for legislation to better conditions. Conditions found on many of these vessels are described as appalling, notwithstanding in some instances the letter of the law was obeyed implicitly.

Summing up one trip as a steerage passenger, a woman agent of the immigration commission, who was herself miserably insulted and compelled to withstand privations which were repulsive to her nature, said: "During these twelve days in the steerage I lived in a disorder and in surroundings that offended every sense. The vile language of the men, the screams of the women defending themselves, the crying of children, wretched because of their surroundings, and practically every sound that reached the ears irritated beyond endurance. There was no sight before which the eye did not prefer to close.

"Everything was dirty, sticky and disagreeable to the touch. Every impression was offensive. Worse than this, was the general air of immorality. For fifteen hours each day I witnessed all around me this improper, indecent and forced mingling of men and women who were total strangers and often did not understand one word of the same language. People cannot live in such surroundings and not be influenced."

The woman agent has described the mingling of the crew with the women of the steerage and said that the same conditions were true of the association of the men steerage passengers with the women.

"Members of the crew," said one woman agent, "never failed to deal a woman passenger a blow when she was found standing on the framework of a lower berth to get anything from an upper berth. If a woman were dressing, they always stopped to watch her, and frequently hit and handled her.

"One night when I had retired very early with a severe cold, the chief steerage steward entered our compartment, but not noticing me, approached a Polish girl, who was apparently the only other occupant.

"She spoke in Polish, saying: 'My head aches, please go on and let me alone.' But he continued, and soon was insulting her. The girl, weakened by seasickness, defended herself as best she could, but soon was struggling to get out of the man's arms. Just then other passengers entered and he released her. Such was the man who was our biggest protector and court of appeal.

The agents of the commission also state: "The universal human needs of space, air, food, sleep and privacy are recognized to the meagre degree now made compulsory by law. Beyond that the persons carried are looked upon as so much freight, with mere transportation as their only duty."

The sleeping quarters are described as being in many cases filthy, inadequate and all that is bad.

Senator Dillingham, chairman of the immigration commission, introduced in the senate today two bills intended to correct much of the evil of which complaint is made.

N. B. APPLE DISPLAY

Visitors to the city market yesterday afternoon saw one of the finest displays of New Brunswick apples ever shown in St. John. This exhibit was shown at the Amherst Winter Fair and carried off several prizes. The exhibit yesterday was in charge of S. L. Peters, of Queenstown (N. B.), who also had charge at Amherst. The exhibit comprises apples grown in Charlotte, St. John, Kings, Queens, Sumbury, York, Carleton Place, Madawaska, Northumberland, Albert, Kent and Restigouche counties, as well as in the remaining counties. Many favorable comments were passed on the quality of the fruit, which emphasizes the fact that New Brunswick can produce fruit that will rank well up with the best. The exhibit attracted considerable attention during the day.

A SYMPATHIZER

Willie—Had er schap wit Sis? Dat's nothin', why, I can't get along with her myself, half the time.

YOUTH AND GIRL DROWNED IN RIVER NEAR LAKESIDE

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—The first fatality of the skating season occurred this afternoon on the Kennebecasis river, near Lakeside, when Mack Trimble, aged 15 years, and Irene (Tibbie) McManus, aged 13 years, skated into the open water and were drowned.

Young Trimble is a son of John G. Trimble, foreman in Fleming's Foundry in St. John, and Miss McManus is a daughter of Alexander McManus, baggage-master at Hampton and station agent at Lakeside.

The cold weather of the past few days has caused the Kennebecasis to freeze along the shores and the ice is about four inches in thickness.

This afternoon young Trimble and Miss McManus, accompanied by Jack and Harold Ryan, sons of Dr. J. J. Ryan, of Lakeside, and Miss Clendon Crawford, of Lakeside, donned their skates and for some time enjoyed a spin up and down the glit sheet of ice.

Young Trimble and Miss McManus, however, finally ventured too far from the shore and suddenly skated into the open water. Their companions were terror-stricken at the tragedy, being enacted before their eyes, but were powerless to give any assistance, as, had they tried to reach the struggling pair they, too, would probably meet death by drowning.

One of the lads—Jack Ryan, thinking to help—flung his hockey stick out when he saw the girl chattering at the rim of ice, but in a moment both bodies sank beneath the surface.

It was about 5.15 when the accident occurred and as it was then growing dark it was feared there was little chance of recovering the bodies.

Word was immediately sent to Mrs. McManus, at her home at Lakeside station, and the news reached Mr. McManus while he was at work at Hampton station. Both were completely prostrated.

Mr. Trimble learned of the tragedy when he stepped from the Sussex train at Lakeside, coming from his work in St. John.

Grappling irons were procured as quickly as possible and a boat shoved over the ice to the fatal spot and willing hands offered their assistance in the search for the bodies. About 9 o'clock the girl's cap and a hockey stick were found floating on the water and shortly afterwards Robert Appleby, who was using a long pole with a hook on the end located the boy's body and hauled it to the surface. Messrs. Appleby, Harlan, Smith and young Jack Ryan, with the aid of a lantern, soon after located the body of the girl close by and it, too, was drawn from the waters. The bodies were then conveyed to the homes of the stricken parents.

The place where the accident occurred is about three-quarters of a mile from the Ryan's shore in a direct line with Spoon Island, and good sound ice was found up to the edge of the six-foot hole in which the bodies were found at a depth of about nine feet.

The whole community is plunged in sorrow at the melancholy event and the sincerest sympathy is extended to the stricken families.

SIR ALFRED JONES DEAD

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the firm of Elder, Dempster & Company, ship owners, died today. He was born in 1846.

Sir Alfred Jones was decorated in 1901 in recognition of services to West African colonies and to Jamaica. He was president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and the founder of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

J. H. Scammell & Co., the local agent of the Elder-Dempster line, yesterday received a cablegram announcing the death of Sir Alfred Jones, the senior member of the Elder-Dempster firm.

ACHES AND PAINS of rheumatism are not permanently, but only temporarily relieved by external remedies. Why not use an internal remedy—Hood's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acidity of the blood on which rheumatism depends and cures the disease?

CANON SMITHERS ON DIOCESAN MISSIONS

Canon Smithers addressed a large meeting in behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in St. Luke's church school room last night. H. B. Schofield acted as chairman. His Lordship Bishop Richardson



Canon Smithers.

was present and delivered a brief address. Canon Smithers spoke at some length on the diocesan missions and also of the pressing need of immediate work and the need of redistribution of missions and districts. He also referred to the expansion of work and the work of the deacons and what they accomplished in many parts of the diocese. In conclusion, Canon Smithers asked for the prayers and help of all those present to aid in the work of the diocesan missions.

HAMPTON HAS A SERIOUS FIRE

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 13.—Fire broke out in Smith's building, Hampton station, at a quarter to 11 tonight and destroyed the whole structure, including J. W. Webster's jewelry establishment, Frank A. McPherson's tailor shop, and Israel Smith's photograph rooms.

The Methodist church, across the street, and J. W. Smith's hardware store in the adjoining lot, eastward, were in danger for some time, but fortunately there was little wind and the indefatigable efforts of a hundred willing workers, supplemented by the fire apparatus from the village, sufficed to confine the conflagration to the building where it first started.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but when first discovered flames were coming through the roof close to one of the chimneys. Webster and his assistant were both away from home, but the latter arrived from the city by the midnight train. MacPherson also was away at Chipman and little can be learned as to insurance. Much of the contents of these two stores were got out, including Webster's safe and show cases, which contained his most expensive goods. The fire is still burning, but seems to be under control.

S. T. GOLDING PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

News of the sudden death of Stephen T. Golding, the well known livery man, came as a great shock to his many friends in the city Monday night. The deceased was a member of the jury that met in the court house Monday to inquire into the death of the late H. F. Heenan, and at the expiration of the inquest was leaving the court house with several members of the jury, when he was suddenly seized with a paralytic stroke. He was assisted to the drug store of Burpee Brown at the corner of Princess street, and Dr. T. D. Walker was summoned. Seeing that nothing could be done he ordered Mr. Golding removed to his home on Princess street. On his arrival home Mr. Golding appeared to be resting quite comfortably, but about 11:30 p. m. he took a sudden bad turn and soon expired.

Mr. Golding was in his usual good health earlier in the evening, and his death came as a great shock to his family. For about forty years the deceased conducted a livery stable in this city. He came to this city when a young man and has resided here ever since.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Ernest, city editor of the Sun, one brother, A. Wellington, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. O. G. Branscombe, also of St. John. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

THERE WERE NO OTHERS.

Melquire—"What was done with that man down your way who stole automobiles and wrecked them by running them over a cliff?"
Rushville—"Nothing."
Melquire—"Nothing? How is that?"
Rushville—"Why, when his case came up for trial no man in the community could be found who was acceptable as a juror. The defendant's attorney objected to all those that owned or operated autos, and the attorney for the plaintiff objected to every man that an auto had run down, injured or scared."

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A LOUIS XVI. GOWN IN WATTEAU COLORING.

Pearly gray combined with pink—the exquisite color scheme of many of the dainty Watteau paintings—has been used for this charming theatre and restaurant frock. The gray chiffon skirt has a deep gray satin hem—a model and most graceful feature of this winter's evening costumes. The bodice matches the satin hem and opens in front over a vest of pink satin, the same satin being used beneath the gray chiffon skirt. Delicate white lace forms the tucker above the bodice and the little sleeves which peep from under the skirt. At the back is a Watteau pleat of chiffon and satin, which ends in a moderate train.

HUDSON BAY RAILROAD FACTS AND FIGURES BEFORE HOUSE.

Could Be Used Only Two Months in Year — Port Nelson Favored Over Churchill — Resolution Favoring More Assistance to Fight the White Plague

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The report of the engineers who surveyed the alternative routes of the Hudson Bay Railroad to Fort Churchill and Port Nelson, with the comments of Chief Engineer Butler, of the department of railways, have been laid before parliament today. The investigation of the engineers leads them to conclusions strongly in favor of Port Nelson.

To connect Churchill with the Pas, the nearest railroad point at present to Hudson Bay, would require the construction of 477 miles of line, while only 410 miles would have to be built to connect the Pas with Nelson.

The Nelson route lies through better country, more capable of settlement and the line could be built with better grades and more cheaply to the mile.

The total cost for a line with eight pounds rails with stations, engine houses, water tanks, yards, two four-million bushel elevators and harbor improvements, exclusive of lighthouses and booying, is estimated at \$19,108,672 to Churchill, and \$16,426,340 to Nelson, a difference of \$2,682,332 in favor of Nelson.

Nelson harbor is described as the more commodious and easily approached than Churchill and more economically equipped, the cost of developing facilities in Churchill being estimated at \$8,750,000, and for Nelson the estimate is a little over \$5,000,000.

In commenting on the report of the surveyors, Mr. Crockett, in deciding upon what basis to provide accommodation for a railway that in the nature of things cannot be operated to its capacity for more than two months of the year, to a lessened extent for a possible three months, and for the remainder of the year still less.

"Providing there were facilities for the maximum capacity of a single line it could handle thirty-two freight and one of the busy season. With Mallett engines, passenger train every twenty-four hours and 149 ton cars could be handled. This would mean that sixteen loaded trains of wheat or 64,000 tons a day could be landed at Nelson, which would mean the delivery of 61,000,000 bushels in the estimated time between the beginning of the spring and the close of navigation on Hudson Bay. It would take nine ships a day to take care of the wheat for the season of thirty days. Freight going to the bay would have to be stored until the following August or nine months. The operating equipment of thirty-two trains a day would cost an additional \$9,000,000. It would mean providing 108 train crews.

"It appears," says Mr. Butler, "to be a difficult proposition for independent operation and would seem to require to be worked by one of the big corporations, so that men and rolling stock could be utilized the whole year."

STRANGE AS FICTION. Newspaper For Kidney and Rhumatic Sufferers

In Germany there is a newspaper published in the interests of all rheumatic sufferers, and each week symptoms and treatments are discussed by both laity and medical men. One scientific contributor related that a formula originated especially to relieve kidney diseases, had almost phenomenal virtue in the treatment of all forms of rheumatism.

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CANADIAN NEWS NOTES

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Eight persons from Galt, including four children, left today for the Pasteur Institute, New York, having been bitten by a mad dog. The names are: Andrew Wright, Bert Sinclair, Andrew Pettigrew, J. Graham, W. Smith, J. Hyndman, C. McKeown, Annie Duncan.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Magistrate Denison committed for trial today Victor Simonsky on a charge of robbing the Bank of Nova Scotia at Rainy River last summer. Simonsky has just finished four months for vagrancy across the line. In a confession secured by a police detective in Buffalo, Simonsky related how Andrew Salder, MacLain, Wincinski and he went to Rainy River, and at Wincinski's suggestion went into the bank and held up Manager John A. Templeton with a revolver and got away with \$9,032.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Dr. J. O. Orr, manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, who returned today from a feature hunting trip to Europe, stated that a number of prominent firms besides taking space at the exhibition for next year, have decided to open branch factories in Canada. Among the concerns that will come are Doulton & Co., the famous makers of Doulton ware; Maw & Co., one of the largest makers of fancy tiles, and Hope & Co., of Birmingham, makers of ornaments and ornamental iron works.

British manufacturers, said Mr. Orr, have come to realize that they must follow the example of the American competitors and establish factories in Canada.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture

A MILK BATH
In the shade of a cocoon tree,
Sat a baboon and a chimpanzee,
A ripe cocoon fell
And they shouted, "Oh! well,
Glad 'twas the milk, not the sh all that hit me!"
Find the Chimpanzee.

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