

GIANT STEAMER GOES DOWN AND HUNDREDS LIKELY DEAD

Canadian - Pacific Liner Empress of Ireland Rammed by Col- lier Today

SHIP FILLED WITH WATER AND SANK

Two Boats Rescue Several Hundred, But Most of the First Class Pas- sengers Thought to Have Perished.

Montreal, Canada, May 29.—The Canadian Pacific steamship, Empress of Ireland, carrying twelve hundred persons, sank in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off Father Point, this morning, after collision with the steamer Storstad. Three hundred and fifty survivors were landed at Rimouski by rescue steamers, leaving more than eight hundred unaccounted for and probably lost. The Empress was bound from Quebec to Liverpool.

Wireless Report of the Disaster.
Rimouski, May 29.—A Marconi operator here gives the following account of the sinking of the Empress of Ireland: "The Empress of Ireland was rammed this morning in a dense fog at 1:45 o'clock by the collier Storstad, twenty miles off from Father Point. The Empress sank within ten minutes. S. O. S. signal sent out was received at Father Point and the government steamer, Lady Evelyn and Eureka, were despatched to the distressed vessel's assistance. The Empress listed and was unable to get many of the life boats out."

"Captain Kendal was saved, being picked up on some wreckage by a life boat thirty minutes after his ship had foundered. Both wireless operators and chief pursers, chief engineer and chief steward were saved. The chief officer and purser are among the missing."

The Storstad struck the Empress on the port side, about middle of the ship and tore her way along the Empress's side, almost to the stern, leaving a huge hole through which the water poured in such volume that she sank before many of the passengers were aware of what had happened.

The Empress of Ireland was a twin screw vessel of fourteen thousand tons. She was built in Glasgow in 1906, and owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. She carried full wireless equipment and was fully equipped with lifeboats and life saving apparatus. The Storstad is a Norwegian owned vessel, of six thousand tons, built in New Castle in 1911. She is a single screw steamer and has been engaged for some time carrying coal between Cape Breton and Quebec.

The disaster recalls the accident to the sister ship of the sunken steamer, Empress of Britain, which, two years ago rammed and sunk the collier Helvetia in almost the same spot the collision occurred this morning.

The newspaper, La Patrie, published a dispatch from Rimouski saying all passengers on the Empress of Ireland had been saved, but this has not been substantiated.

Of the crew and third class passengers, Captain Kendall, of the Empress, was the man who discovered Dr. Crippen, the murderer, while he was commander of the steamer Montfort and handed him over to the authorities at Father Point several years ago.

The mail tender, Lady Evelyn, rescued three hundred and thirty-nine and the pilot boat Eureka sixty. Most of the first-class passengers apparently perished. Among those in the first cabin were Sir Henry Seton Kerr, the noted English lawyer, and a big game hunter, and Laurence Irving, son of the late Henry Irving, and his wife.

Of a party of one hundred and forty Salvation Army members aboard, bound to the International conference, London, only twenty were rescued. The most rescued were clad in night clothes. No baggage was saved. Condition of the survivors was pitiable. Some had broken arms and legs and all had suffered terribly. When the rescued arrived the station was converted into a hospital and the townspeople brought food and clothing in an effort to aid the sufferers. The vast majority of those saved were members of the ship's crew.

Captain Kendall, of the Empress, was too overcome to give at first any extended account of the disaster. The residents of this village of three thousand people came silently to the dock where the dead and exhausted living were being landed and under direction of Mayor Piset, gave aid wherever possible. Every doctor in the town was on the scene. Many of the injured were taken to private homes.

The rescue boats Eureka and Lady Evelyn found the scene not unlike to that which greeted the liners which rushed to the aid of the Titanic. The surface of the water was calm, dotted with life boats and smeared with wreckage. In lifeboats were the huddled survivors, dazed and moaning, some dying of injuries. Few could give anything but incoherent and hysterical accounts.

J. Y. Black and wife, of Ottawa, said they had jumped together into the water. They had been roused by the shock of the collision and unable to get into the lifeboat had risked their lives in a leap. They were picked up by a boat from the Lady Evelyn.

Captain Wires In.
Montreal, Canada, May 29.—The first official account of the disaster came from Captain Kendall, who sent a wireless to the Canadian Pacific offices as follows:
"The Empress of Ireland, stopped by a dense fog, was struck amidships in a vital spot by the collier Storstad. Ship gone."
A special train was dispatched from here at 8:30 to Father Point to bring back the survivors. The Empress carried seventy-seven first, two hundred and sixty second, five hundred and six second and five hundred and four third class passengers and a crew of six hundred and fifty officers and men, making a total of fourteen hundred and thirty-seven souls aboard.

The collier Storstad has 350 survivors of the Empress of Ireland aboard, according to announcement by the Government signal service. With approximately four hundred landed at Rimouski, this accounts for seven hundred and sixty, leaving six hundred and seventy-seven unaccounted for at 10 a. m.

Collier Did Not Sink.
Father Point, May 29.—The collier Storstad did not sink after the collision, but is proceeding slowly to Quebec under her own steam, with bow badly driven in. The Empress of Ireland sank in one hundred and fourteen feet of water. The Storstad was bound from Sydney, Cape Breton, to Quebec.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF ASTOR
AND BRIDE ON HONEYMOON



Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor photographed while strolling through a street in Norfolk, Va. This is the first photograph made of the young multi-millionaire and his bride-together since their wedding. The honeymooners had successfully evaded all photographers since the wedding. The camera man in this instance, outwitted Mr. and Mrs. Astor by hiding around a corner and snapping just as they stepped past the corner of the building.

POLYGAMY NO MOST WONDERFUL LONGER WORK

Abound in Utah According to Senator Sutherland.

OVERMAN TO FORE ON EXTENSIVE SCALE

Presents Petition From West Durham People Protesting Against This Iniquity.

Washington, May 29.—Polygamy no longer is practiced by the Mormons in Utah, according to a statement made in the Senate today by Senator Sutherland. His statement followed reading the petition from citizens of West Durham, N. C., presented by Senator Overman, protesting against the existence of polygamy.

Senator Sutherland declared polygamy to have been absolutely abandoned in Utah and had not been practiced for many years. "There still are some old people who entered that religion many years ago," he said, "who still maintain their households."
"I am sure that if question were submitted to a vote of the Mormon people they would never decide to return to polygamy," he stated.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON BECKER TODAY

For Second Time Ex-Police Officer Hears Death Sentence.

APPEARS CALM

Instigator of the Murder of Gambler Rosenthal Sentenced to Die During Week July 6th.

New York, May 29.—Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a gambler, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning July 6th. Becker, when sentence was pronounced, appeared calm, even turning to his friends in the court room and smiling.

Becker's lawyer said an appeal would be filed Monday. This will act as a stay of execution and a year may elapse before the Court of Appeals hands down its decision. Becker was taken to Sing Sing by automobile, in the custody of six deputy sheriffs.

FEDERAL COURT

Holding Forth in Raleigh, But Noted Eank Case Won't Be Up For Second Trial Until June 6th—Automobile Activity in the State—Adjutant General Receives Clothes For Men of the Guard.

Raleigh, N. C., May 29th.
With Charles U. Harris presiding as chairman and Edward E. Britton serving as secretary the Democratic convention for the seventh judicial district, composed of Wake and Franklin counties, met in this city yesterday and renominated without opposition Herbert E. Norris for solicitor of the district in accordance with the action of the Democrats in both counties in instructing that this action be taken.

Mr. Ben T. Holden, of Louisville made the speech, nominating Mr. Norris to succeed and Dr. L. P. Sorrell, of Wake, seconded the nomination. Mr. Norris is still confined to his home by sickness and in his absence Editor E. E. Britton, of the News and Observer, made a stirring speech on behalf of Mr. Norris giving expression to his acceptance and pledge of best possible service. The convention passed a resolution of sympathy for Mr. Norris in his sickness. The convention elected Charles U. Harris and J. J. Barrow on the executive committee.

Gov. Craig spent yesterday in Fayetteville where he delivered an address in connection with the annual meeting of The Scottish Society of America. The governor was met in Fayetteville by a number of the members of his military staff who participated with him in the ceremonies of the day.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, of the North Carolina national Guard, announced today the receipt of a shipment of clothing for the men of the Guard in this State, the value of which aggregates \$28,000, which will be distributed among the companies of the Guard, just as rapidly as possible. The shipment includes the new olive-drab kakis uniforms for the entire force in this State.

DR. VENABLE HAS RESIGNED AS HEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY

Forced to Take This Step Because of Ill Health.

NOTIFIED GOVERNOR

Well Known Educator Has to Resign Presidency of the University of North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., May 29.—Dr. Francis Preston Venable, President of the University of North Carolina, has resigned, a letter to this effect reaching Governor Craig today.

Dr. Venable was given a leave of absence last year to recover his health, which broke under the arduous labors of his work, and a letter from him today says he is not in condition to resume the burden.

The trustees will hold their annual meeting at Chapel Hill Tuesday night. During Dr. Venable's absence Prof. Edward K. Graham, dean of the graduate school, has been acting president.

JAP. NAVAL OFFICERS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Tokio, Japan, May 29.—The court- martial today sentenced Vice Admiral Matsumoto, of the Japanese Navy, to three years' imprisonment for accept- ing bribes in connection with the naval contracts and Captain Sawasaki to one year's imprisonment.

There are thirteen announced candidates for United States Senator in Kansas.

no further deliveries of opinions by the court now until Saturday, when there will be a conference for this purpose. The justices gave the opinions in nearly all of the pending appeals prepared ready for this delivery Saturday. It is thought, however that the final adjournment for the term will not be taken until early next week. The court will adjourn with practically a clear docket, all appeals being disposed of before adjournment.

Automobile activities during the month of June in the office of the secretary of State will be something enormous. There are about 12,000 automobiles and 1,200 motorcycles in the State the licenses for all of which expire July 1st and must be renewed at that time if the owners of machines would continue their use. This means that twelve thousand letters containing applications for renewals must be mailed out to these owners from the office of the secretary of State; replies to these must be handled and answered and the licenses made out and mailed, checks handles and numbers weighing one and a half pounds each put into the mails. The annual license tax is graded according to the horsepower of the machine from \$5 to \$10 each and the revenue to the State under this will be very considerable.

REBELS SEEK TO BE HEARD BY THE NIAGARA BOARD

Carranza Wants Only Inter- national Questions Considered.

NOTHING ELSE

Won't Agree That Provisional Govern- ment of Mexico Should be Taken Up By the Mediators.

Niagara Falls, May 29.—Juan Urquidí, private Secretary to Rafael Zubaran, the Constitutionalist agent at Washington, arrived here today, bearing a communication to the mediators from General Carranza, saying he is willing to send a representative to the mediation conference to discuss the international difficulties between the United States and Mexico.

Urquidí said he came merely as a messenger, to deliver the communication and not to discuss the issues. He expects to return to Washington tomorrow.

When this card was sent to Ambassador Dagama, of the mediators, Dagama sent word that he was busy, but did not say whether he would receive Urquidí later in the day.

Although Urquidí declined to make public the contents of the communication, it is understood Carranza reiterates his original declaration that he accepts mediation in principle, on condition that international questions alone be discussed.

Carranza is unwilling that the question of a new provisional president should be discussed at any international conference. He holds that the occupation of Vera Cruz, which directly gave rise to the mediation proceedings, concerns all the Mexican factions, as well as the Huerta Government and that the Constitutionalist should have voice in adjusting differences, which caused the American troops to enter Mexico.

The Carranza Note.
Washington, May 29.—The Carranza note to the mediators was not construed here as affecting the success of negotiations. Secretary of State Bryan and other officials, as they entered the Cabinet meeting, declared the situation still was progressing satisfactorily.

THINK STRIKE WON'T LAST LONG

Charleston, W. Va., May 29.—Leaders of the miners here expressed the opinion today that the strike, declared yesterday, because of refusal of the operators to grant a check off, would not last long.

The operators refused to discuss the situation. The formal strike order is expected to reach the men, in the remote sections of the district tomorrow, although all were apprised of the convention's action last night. Of the twelve thousand men affected by the strike many are in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek regions.

INVENTOR OF THE MAUSER RIFLE DEAD

Stuttgart, Germany, May 29.—Peter Von Mauser, the inventor of the rifle bearing his name, died today aged 76 years. The Mauser rifle, which, under various designations, has been introduced into the armies of many countries was perfected by the brothers Mauser at Liege, Belgium, with the financial assistance of an American named Norris.

Crowds Clamor For News.
Liverpool, May 29.—Crowds gathered today at the Canadian Pacific office here awaiting information concerning the fate of the passengers and crew of the Empress of Ireland. Many of the vessel's crew belong here and pathetic scenes were witnessed when their wives, children and relatives turned away with information that no names of survivors had yet been received.