

# 131 LIVES LOST IN A WRECK.

## Struck on a Rock Entering Golden Gate at San Francisco.

A despatch from San Francisco says:—A pilot's attempt to bring in during a thick fog the big Pacific mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, early Friday morning, led to the wreck of the vessel on Fort Point ledge, outside the Golden Gate, and the loss of 131 persons out of a total of 208 on board.

The explanation of the terrible loss of life is that the vessel sank in fifteen minutes after she struck, thus garrying down most of the small boats which still hung on the davits.

The officers showed great coolness, and the passengers behaved well until the bow began to sink suddenly. Then when it was seen that the vessel was on the point of sinking there was a wild panic. Men and women ran screaming to the boats only to find them not lowered.

Over one hundred Chinese were huddled together below, simply dazed with terror. Many jumped overboard and were carried down by the suction of the steamer. All about was thick darkness, which probably prevented many from escaping.

The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Ronsaville Wildman, U. S. Consul at Hong-Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. It is thought all are drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she struck. He was rescued. Captain William Ward went down with his vessel. As nearly as can be learned, there were 208 people on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows:—Cabin passengers 23; second

cabin, 7; steerage, Chinese and Japanese, 58; officers and crew, 114. The following have been accounted:—Rescued, 77; bodies at the morgue, 10; total, 87; Missing, 121.

### THE PILOT'S STORY.

thick fog settled down on the water. The reports of the disaster were very conflicting. Pilot Jordan declares that they were coming in slowly when a They were going at about six miles an hour, and the tide was racing out at four miles an hour. It was dangerous to go any slower, and the only thing to be done was to keep on and watch carefully. He could see the light near the cliff house and at Fort Point, and he figured they were well in the stream when the vessel suddenly struck. Captain Ward asked what should be done, and Jordan, judging from the great damage that would be done by the jagged rocks, said "Get out all your boats at once." Capt. Ward sprang to the starboard side, and was getting the boats out when the low suddenly dropped down. Jordan rushed from the bridge down to the deck, realizing that the ship was sinking. He helped Mrs. Wildman into a boat and had one of the Wildman children grasp him around the neck. Then the vessel sank. He thought he went down fully fifty feet. When he came up the child was gone. He could see nothing of the steamer nor of any of the boats, so he struck out, and was soon able to climb on a part of the deck-house on which three Chinese were floating. After three hours they were picked up.

### SCHEEPER'S COMMANDO.

#### Exact Whereabouts of His Force Is Unknown.

A despatch from Cape Town, says:—The Government reports that the exact whereabouts of Commandant Scheeper's force, which is a small one, is unknown. He has certainly abandoned his original intention of crossing the railway between Prince Albert and Beaufort West, and is breaking back easterly, followed by Gens. Parsons and Grenfell. During the last few days parties of Boers have been reported in the neighborhood of Willowmore and Uniondale. They probably belong to Scheeper's commando.

Parties of invaders continue to move about in the Middleberg and Steynsburg districts, looting on a small scale. The principal body, estimated to number 300 men, appear to be located at Zurberg, north-west of Steynsburg.

Troops are assembling at various points on the Midland line, with the object of clearing the marauders, who probably consist of small bodies of Boers, who have crossed the Orange river at various times during the past month.

In the Albert district the Boers have been reinforced by a number of young colonists, who were recruited in the districts invaded.

### KITCHENER'S NEW ORDER.

#### Thought to Indicate a Big Move Eastward.

London, Friday, Feb. 22.—Despatches to the Daily Mail report that Lord Kitchener has issued instruction that no goods of any description are to go forward by the Delagoa Bay line until further notice, with the exception of urgent military and hospital supplies. This order is supposed to indicate a big move eastward.

### COLD WEATHER IN EUROPE.

#### Coldest in Germany in Twenty-Five Years.

A despatch from Berlin, says:—In some parts of the country the weather is the coldest known in twenty-five years. At Cologne, a young lady reveller was frozen to death in the street, and a coachman fell from his carriage with both legs frozen. Near Remagen a bicyclist was found dead. In the Gulf of Dantzig a fishing cutter was frozen in, and three of the crew perished. The Moselle at Coblenz is frozen solid. At Hirschberg the temperature is twenty-nine degrees below zero centigrade, and in the Upper Hartz, thirty. From all the mountainous regions come reports of great snowfalls.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, &c in the Leading Markets.

### BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Exporters now bid 66 1/2-2c for red, white, and goose wheat, low freights to New York, and holders ask 67c. Red and white, north and west, is quoted at 64c bid and 65c asked. Manitobas firm on scarcity. No. 1 hard, old, g.i.t., 98 1/2-2c; No. 2, 94 1/2-2c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 97 1/2-2c; No. 2 hard, 93 1/2-2c.

Millfeed—Scarce and firm. Ton lots at the mill door, sell as follows:—Bran, \$13 to \$13.50; and shorts, \$15, west.

Corn—Firm. American, No. 2 yellow, on track here, 47c; and No. 3, 46c.

Peas—Firm. No. 2, middle freights, at 63 1/2-2c; and east at 64c.

Barley—Firm. No. 2, east, 42 1/2-2c; 43c; and middle freights, 42 to 42 1/2-2c; No. 3 extra, 40 1/2-2c, east; and 40c, middle freights.

Rye—Steady. Car lots, 48c, west; and 49c, east.

Buckwheat—Quiet. Car lots, west, are quoted at 49c; and east at 50c.

Oats—Firm, but demand is rather quieter. No. 1 white, east, 29 3/4-4c; No. 2 white, north and west, 28 3/4-4c.

Flour—Quiet. Export agents bid \$2.60 for straight roller, in buyers' bags, middle freights; and \$2.65 is asked by the mills, which do not do their own exporting. Choice brands are quoted from 10 to 15c above these figures.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.25 per bbl; and in wood, at \$3.35 per bbl.

Buffalo, Feb. 20.—Flour Steady; light trade. Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern, old, 83 3/4-4c for small lots; no offerings, c.i.f. Winter wheat—Nothing doing; millers would probably pay 76c for fancy white, and 77c for No. 2 red, on track here. Corn—Quiet. No. 2 yellow, 43 3/4-4c; No. 3 do., 43 1/2-2c to 43 3/4-4c; No. 3 do., 43 1/4-4c, through billed. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 31 1/2-2c; No. 3 do., 31c; No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 do., 28 1/2-2c, through billed. Barley—Unchanged. Rye—No. 2 on track, 56c asked.

Detroit, Feb. 26.—Closed:—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 79 1/2-2c; No. 2 red, cash and February, 79 1/2-2c; March, 81 3/4-4c.

Duluth, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 75 1/2-2c; No. 1 Northern, 73 1/2-2c; No. 2 Northern, 67 3/8-8 to 70 3/8-cc; May 76 1/4-4c; July, 76 3/4-4c. Corn—May, 88 7/8-8c. Oats—26 1/4-4 to 26c.

Minneapolis, Feb. 20.—Wheat—Cash, 74c; May, 75 5/8-8 to 75 3/4-4c; July, 75 1/2-2c to 75 5/8-8c; on track, No. 1 hard, 76c; No. 1 Northern, 74c; No. 2 Northern, 67 3/4-4c.

### PRODUCE.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Eggs—Eggs are easy, owing to increasing supplies of new laid. Prices are as follows:—Strictly new-laid, 20c; fresh gathered, 16c; cold stored, 14 to 15c; limed, 14 to 15c.

Poultry—Prices for bright stock are as follows:—Turkeys, 10 to 11c; geese, at 8 to 8 1/2-2c; chickens, at 40 to 50c; and ducks, at 60 to 80c. Cold stored turkeys and geese are quoted 1 to 2c lb under bright stock.

Potatoes—Steady at 28c for ear lots, on track here; and 35c out of store.

Field produce, etc.—Turnips out of store, 30c per bag; onions, 70c per bag; carrots, 35c per bag; apples, per bbl. \$1 to \$2; sweet potatoes, per bbl. \$2.50.

Dried apples—Dried apples sell at 3 1/2-2c to 4c; and evaporated at 5 to 5 1/2-2c.

Beans—Ordinary white beans bring \$1.40; choice hand-picked beans are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.75.

Honey—Firm; dealers quote from 10 to 10 1/2-2c per lb. for 5, 10 or 60-lb tins, according to the size of the order. Comb honey sells at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Steady. Choice timothy, on track here, \$10.25; two-ton lots, delivered, \$11 to \$11.25.

Straw—Car lots of straw, on track here, \$5.50 to \$6.

### DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Dressed hogs continue scarce. There are practically no offerings of ear lots on track here. Packers bid \$7.50, and holders outside ask \$8, for ear lots, on track here. On the street prices are firm at \$8.50 to \$8.75. Provisions are firm, and in good demand.

Quotations for provisions are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 8c; long clear bacon, loose, in car lots, 10c; and in case lots, 10 1/4-4 to 10 1/2-2c; short cut pork, \$19.50 to \$20; heavy mess pork, \$18 to \$19.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 12c; medium, 12 1/2-2 to 13c; light, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c; picnic hams, 10c; roll bacon, 10c.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—We had at the western cattle yards to-day fifty carloads of live stock, including 1,500 hogs, 700 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, 30 calves, and a few milch cows.

Trade was fair; good stuff sold readily enough, but we had an undue proportion of unfinished cattle, and for this kind the market was a slow one.

Shipping cattle sold at from 4 to 4 3/4-4, and for the best offerings 5c per lb.

Good to choice butcher cattle sold steadily at from \$1-4 to 4 1/4-4 per lb; and for a few extra choice lots a shade more was reported paid. Secondary and inferior cattle ranged at about the rates quoted below, with a weak tendency.

There was no quotable change in stockers, feeders, and bulls.

There is an enquiry for a few choice milch cows up to about \$50 each.

Good to choice veal calves are in steady request.

Good grainfed lambs are unchanged steady and wanted.

Sheep are a fair sale at unchanged prices.

Hogs are firm at the advance of last Tuesday.

"Singers" are fetching 63-4c per lb, and light and fat hogs, 61-4c.

Hogs to fetch the top price must be of prime quality, and scale not below 160 nor above 200 lbs.

Following is the range of quotations:—

Cattle.	
Shippers, per cwt.	\$1 00 \$5 00
Butchers, choice do.	4 00 4 25
Butcher, com. to good.	3 50 3 75
Butcher, inferior.	2 75 3 00
Stockers, per cwt.	2 75 3 25
Export bulls, per cwt.	4 00 4 50
Sheep and Lambs.	
Export ewes, per cwt.	3 00 3 50
Butcher sheep, each.	2 50 4 00
Lambs, gn.fed per cwt.	4 25 4 75
Do., barnyds per cwt.	3 75 4 25
Bucks.	2 50 3 00
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each.	20 00 50 00
Calves, each.	2 00 3 00
Hogs.	
Choice hogs, per cwt.	6 50 6 75
Light hogs, per cwt.	6 00 6 25
Heavy hogs, per cwt.	6 00 6 25
Sows.	3 50 4 00
Stags.	2 00 2 25

### SWEEPING THE COUNTRY.

#### The Boers Are Scattering in Disorganized Parties.

A despatch from London says:—Gen. Kitchener, in a despatch dated Middleburg, Feb. 24, reports to the War Office as follows:

"Gen. French, who was at Piet Retief, Feb. 22, reports that the result of his column sweeping the country to the east is that the Boers are retreating and scattering in disorganized parties, totalling some 5,000 men, in front of him. Amsterdam and Piet Retief have been occupied. Troops are protecting the Swazi frontier.

"Gen. French will push on, but he is much hampered by continuous heavy rains.

"I regret to say that Major Howard a very gallant officer of the Canadian Scouts, was killed on Feb. 17."

### TRAITOROUS LANGUAGE.

#### Sentenced to Twelve Months' Hard Labour.

A despatch from Kimberley says:—A local sequeper has been convicted by the military court here of traitorous and disloyal language against the late Queen and the British Government, and of disfiguring the Queen's picture. He was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and to pay a fine of £300 or undergo an additional six months' imprisonment.

Another man was sentenced to pay fine of £150 or undergo three months' imprisonment for leaving Kimberley while on the suspect list.

### BOTHA SUING FOR PEACE.

#### All the Boers Proper Anxious to Surrender.

A despatch from Cape Town says:—It is rumoured in Johannesburg that General Louis Botha is suing for peace. It is understood that, in addition to the scarcity of food and ammunition, continual hardships coupled with the worrying tactics of the British have told heavily on the burghers. The Boers proper, it is said, are anxious to surrender. It is only the mercenaries and the rebels, who have nothing to lose, who desire the continuation of hostilities.

## THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

### THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, All Parts of the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

### CANADA.

London, Ont., has four smallpox-patients.

The Canadian Northern Railway will use Nova Scotia coal.

Port Arthur will have ten regular line steamers this year.

Brantford City Council has decided in favor of union printing.

Brantford may erect a South African war memorial, to cost \$5,000.

Six new cases of smallpox have been reported near Dorchester, N. B. Nova Scotia's gold yield last year was 30,000 ounces, valued at \$570,000.

Chief Powell wants fifteen additional men for the Ottawa police force.

Many Ottawa people will take their children from school to prevent them from being vaccinated.

Fernie, B.C., is rejoicing in the prospect of a big smelting industry. The conditions are favourable.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declined the invitation of the Canadian Club of New York to attend their annual banquet.

A. P. Love, of the geological staff of the Dominion has resigned to take a position in the Dominion Steel Works at Sydney, B. C. at a salary of \$6,000 yearly.

The Great Northern Railway has secured control of the Montreal Terminal Railway, which gives it a valuable franchise and a good entrance to Montreal.

The establishment of an iron and steel industry at St. John and the development of New Brunswick's coal area are among the important matters that will be considered by the New Brunswick Legislature.

Archbishop Falconio, Apostolic delegate at Ottawa, is to leave Canada, according to a Rome despatch, to succeed Mfr. Martinelli, the Papal delegate at Washington, who is to be made a cardinal.

The January statement of the Post-Office Savings Bank shows that the total deposits on hand at the end of the month were \$38,868,673; deposits during the month totalled \$950,551, and withdrawals \$768,866.

A violent snowstorm accompanied by a heavy gale swept over Halifax on Sunday, doing great damage. The roof of the grand stand at the Exhibition grounds was blown off and pieces of timber were carried six hundred yards.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The price of British steel is declining.

This spring King Edward will visit Ireland.

The new naval program of England includes five submarine torpedo boats.

The estate of Lord Armstrong inventor of the gun of that name, is worth £1,339,946.

The London Daily Mail advocates a tariff for revenue purposes, not as a protective measure.

Dr. T. Anderson of Edinburgh claims the discovery of a new star, which is now one of the brightest in the sky.

The Prison Reform Committee of London, ask for the release of Mrs. Maybrick the convicted prisoner.

Adelbert S. Hay, United States Consul at Pretoria was banquetted at London. Secretary of War Brodrick was present.

British locomotive trade, Sir Christopher Furness says, has decreased 25 per cent., while American has advanced 450 per cent.

The British steamer Ophir, on which the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will sail for Australia, is being fitted out with a wireless telegraphy plant.

Thomas O'Donnell, M. P., who was prevented from speaking the Irish language in the British House of Commons, says he will continue to speak it until he is knocked down and dragged from his place.

### UNITED STATES.

One of the suspects in the Cudahy kidnapping case at Omaha is under arrest.

The Kansas Legislature has passed a bill classifying saloons as public nuisances.

At Sharon, Pa., an Erie & Pittsburg freight train ran into a crowd of men on their way to work. Five were killed outright.