

NINETEEN SURVIVORS OF VALENCIA PICKED UP.

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Great Difficulty Experienced in Removing Them from the Raft and Getting Them on Board.

Survivors Tell Terrible Tales of Wreck—Ninety People on Board When They Left.

Seattle, Wash., despatch: A special reporter of the Post-Intelligencer wires from Port Angeles at 3.30 a. m. that the rescue ship City of Topeka picked up a life raft at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, six miles off Cape Beale, with 19 survivors of the Valencia on board. The rescued are:

G. D. Hadden, passenger; M. Tarpey, quartermaster; P. O'Brien, waiter; W. Raymond, messenger; W. D. Johnson, coal passer; J. C. Egan, fireman; C. F. Leeman; Frank Lehn, first freight clerk; Joseph McCaffery, passenger; J. Welch, waiter; A. Hawkins, passenger; J. Peterson, second officer; J. Poindexter, waiter; John Johnson, third cook; C. L. A. Jensen, passenger, from St. Paul; John Glasgow, fireman; Thomas Garrick, first assistant engineer; G. Wills, passenger; P. H. Primer, fireman; W. Davy, fireman.

The condition of the survivors was pitiable. They were half frozen and practically unconscious from the exposure. The raft was sighted about 12 o'clock, but owing to the thick weather it was supposed to be nothing but a log. At last, by the aid of a powerful glass, its true nature was determined.

A terrible sea was running. The men on their frail support battled bravely with a pair of oars to reach the City of Topeka, which, owing to the dangerous coast, could not run in any closer to them. Within half a mile from the wreck a boat was lowered from the City of Topeka, in charge of Second Mate Burke, who with much difficulty succeeded in making fast a line to the raft.

The spectators on the Topeka watched the struggling of the gallant seven breathlessly. One minute they were high in the air and the next lost to sight. At last they succeeded in bringing the raft to the side of the steamer. The sight of the poor creatures on the raft brought tears to the eyes of the sailors on the vessel.

In the stern of the raft was an old man with snow white hair, and pallid features, who held bravely to his place. Three other men were lying in a scowled heap in the rear, washed by every swell and retained solely by the bodies of the other men who were closely packed. Time and time again great seas swept over them, sending a shudder through the onlookers who feared to see them swept away. The work of rescuing them was dangerous. The men were too exhausted to even tie a rope about themselves.

For a minute it looked as though the old man with gray hair was gone when the raft gave a sudden lurch, but the prompt work of Mate Burke and his men finally got him on deck. This man was no sooner safe when another fainting form was swept away and was only rescued by quick work on the part of the boat's crew. The next man to be swept from the raft managed to grasp a line and cling to it until he was hoisted half way up the ship's side, when his strength gave out and he fell back. He was picked up by the boat.

The raft put out from the wreck yesterday morning on sighting the steamer or Queen and attempted to reach her, but before they could get within sighting distance the vessel put about and headed to the strait.

When the Topeka was in sight the raft was once more manned and again put forth. The survivors told terrible tales of the wreck of the vessel. When they left the ship there were about 20 people on board, most of them clinging to the rigging. Men and women were being swept by every sea. As soon as the men got aboard, Dr. B. F. Whiting, assisted by two nurses and members of the crew hastily administered stimulants and put them to bed.

After picking up the raft the steamer went in search of another raft which the rescued men said had left the ship early in the day. The vessel ran fully twenty miles the other side, looking for the raft, but no sight of it was seen. It is the general impression that this raft foundered.

The survivors say that most of the boats were smashed to splinters when they were lowered. Two of the new boats were capsized shortly after being launched. One escaped the breakers and put to sea with about eight or nine people aboard.

Story of a Passenger.

The following is the story of G. Willett, one of the passengers and one of the men rescued from the raft:

"The ship struck at 12:07 on the morning of Tuesday, January 23. I was on deck at the time smoking a cigar, and was looking at my watch when the first crash came. In an instant all was excitement. There were the shrieks of the frightened men and women, the wail of little children and the hoarse orders of the officers of the ship. The vessel reeled like a drunken man, slid over the reef and struck again.

"The command to back her off was given and she went astern at full speed, but it was too late. The water was pouring in like a mill race. The wind swung the vessel's stern to the beach, with her head to the waves. This saved many lives as she was then swept back to the shore, and struck once again in such a position that she remained partially above the water and on an even keel.

"Every wave now washed clear over her and many people who hastily rushed on deck went to their deaths without time to murmur a prayer.

"The order was given to get out the boats. Two of them on the weather side were launched and were smashed like egg shells as soon as they struck the water. Then came the attempt to get out the lee boat.

"Purser O'Farrell took charge. Four women and a number of men went into the boat. I do not know how many, but she was practically full. Just as they were lowering the other, the davits broke and the stern of the boat fell to the water while the bow hung in the air. "Every one was precipitated into the sea and swept away in an instant. For a second or two I caught a glimpse of an agonized face, then another and yet another as they went by. The waves dashing over the ship swept the deck loose and every swell lifted it. We clung to the rigging and deck house. Then an attempt was made to get a line ashore. A fireman named Cigalis agreed to swim ashore. He was in the water fully half an hour but was unable to make the beach. The ship struck in a bad spot. She is directly at the foot of a precipitous bluff that comes sheer to the water's edge. One man was swept ashore and succeeded in landing on a small rock. We shot a line to him and he tried to climb the cliff but fell and was killed before our eyes."

Some Pathetic Incidents.

"One of the most pathetic incidents was that of a little boy about five years old. His father, mother and two little sisters put off in one of the boats. The boat was capsized and all were drowned. The little fellow waded around the deck, crying for his parents. The last I saw of him he was clinging to the rigging.

"A late officer of the Concord, with his two sisters, were among those in the rigging.

"By Wednesday morning the ship was rapidly going to pieces. Every swell carried away a portion of the ship, and the decks rose and fell with every breaker, and it was impossible to stay on deck without clinging to a support. The ship was sunk to about the level of the hurricane deck.

"In the morning another sad calamity occurred. About fifteen or twenty persons, among them one or two women, had taken refuge in the fore-topmast. They appeared to be in the safest place, as it was removed from the wash of the waves, although the flying spray dashed over their heads. Suddenly and without warning the mast broke, and fell with a crash, carrying its load of shrieking human freight to a terrible death."

Cursed the Queen.

"I don't think a single one was saved. Their bodies were washed from the ship and we could see them dashed against the rocks.

"To add to our misery, the last of our food was washed away, and we had no water to drink.

"Every little while someone on the rigging would lose his hold and be swept away to the sharp rocks.

"When we saw the Queen in the morning we thanked God for saving us, but when she, in company with the tug, showed off and sailed away, she was followed by nothing but curses. I suppose it was too dangerous for them to attempt to save us.

"When the Topeka finally hove in sight an effort was made to reach her in the life raft. Few men cared to make the attempt, as it appeared to be certain death to even try to cross the breakers, and the nineteen of us were willing and we started. With only a pair of oars, the struggle against the wind and sea was almost too much for us.

"Part of the time we were under water and were almost drowned. But we were impelled by desperation, and fought and fought against the elements like demons. We held one man upright in the centre of the raft, and had him wave a skirt on a pole. When we saw the steamer turn, we thought she had overlooked us, and was going away. If she had, we would have died right there.

"When we left the ship we tried to get some of the remaining women to go with us, but they refused. No help can now reach them before morning, and the ship will have then gone to pieces. She was breaking up when we left her, and could not possibly have held together more than a few hours. She lies directly in such a position that there is no hope of anyone reaching shore. If the two boats which we saw get away and put to sea are picked up, their occupants and ourselves will be the only ones saved.

"Captain Johnson lost his bearings and ran the ship ashore. It was a dark and stormy night, and nothing could be seen. The ship struck while running full speed. We all thought we were to the southward of Flattery.

"There were many deeds of heroism and many acts of cowardice, but on the whole the people behaved well, and met their fate like men."

Second Mate Peterson, who was in charge of the raft, sustained severe injuries. He substantiated the story, as did also every one of the men rescued.

BRITAIN'S WAR GAME.

Will Send 10,000 Men From Home and Across Canada to the Pacific.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—The Canadian Pacific short line is to be subjected to a big transportation test by the Government. In consequence of the new alliance with Japan, in which both nations pledge themselves to support each other in case of an attack, even though it be single handed, the British Government has decided to discover in just how little time it could send a considerable body of men from the shores of Great Britain to Queen Charlotte Island, which lies to the north of Vancouver.

NO LIQUOR IN ARIZONA.

The Sale of It Prohibited to Indians Forever.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The House passed the Statehood bill to-day by a vote of 194 to 150. The bill, as proposed, provides that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory shall constitute one State under the name Oklahoma, and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute one State under the name Arizona.

Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of these territories, their respective State constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and plural marriages.

The constitution of Arizona must prohibit the sale of liquor to Indians forever, and that of Oklahoma for twenty-one years.

A HOMICIDAL MANIAC.

Blenheim Woman Who Murdered Her Daughter Will Not Be Tried.

Chatham, Ont., despatch: Mrs. Louise Broadbent, the unfortunate Blenheim woman who has been confined in the county jail for some time on the charge of murdering her eight-year-old daughter and attempting to poison her husband, was removed to the London Asylum under orders from the Attorney-General's department to-day.

After a full investigation of the case by Provincial Inspector Murray, and the examination of the woman by a specially appointed committee of physicians, the Crown has decided that she is mentally deranged and afflicted with a mania for homicide. It was consequently decided not to proceed with the murder trial.

KING PETER A PRISONER.

At Mercy of Assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Vienna, Jan. 29.—A despatch from Belgrade, Servia, represents King Peter as being practically the prisoner of those who are responsible for the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga. It quotes a statement of the King as saying that the officers who participated in the events of June 11th, 1903, are beasts. If one of them desires advancement, a place at court, or any other position, his demand cannot be refused.

He added: "If I ventured to release the fate of the Obrenovitchs would be ours. Beside this, the financial situation is miserable. Matters cannot possibly go on in this way. I fear all our grandeur will soon be over. It is impossible to hold out much longer."

WILL NOT SERVE SENTENCE.

Paris Private Banker Given Benefit of the Berenger Law.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Jules Jazout, the proprietor of the Printemps department store and of the Patrie, who failed last August for \$3,000,000 in consequence of disastrous speculation in sugar, and was prosecuted for illegal banking methods in connection with a bank which he conducted with his store, was sentenced to-day to one year's imprisonment, with benefit of the Berenger law, and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs.

Under the Berenger law sentence is suspended in the case of first offenders, a second conviction entailing service of both the first and second sentence imposed.

INVITE EARL GREY.

PILGRIMS ASK HIM TO DINNER—ROBERTS MAY ALSO BE THERE.

New York, Jan. 29.—At a meeting of the Pilgrims held yesterday resolutions of sympathy for General Joseph Wheeler, who is a member, were adopted and forwarded to his sick bed.

An invitation was sent to Earl Grey, the Governor-General of Canada, for a dinner in his honor, the date of which he is asked to fix. It is believed that Field Marshal Earl Roberts, president of the Pilgrims in London, will visit America some time this year, when he will be entertained by the local society.

Bishop Potter, when he returns to London on his way home, will be a guest at dinner of the London Pilgrims.

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Up to the present the plan has been closely guarded in the Admiralty. The scheme is to call upon the Canadian Pacific Railway to transport 10,000 men and sailors with boats and all equipment from England to Vancouver and then by coasting vessels to Queen Charlotte Island. This will involve the chartering of extra vessels and running twenty trains, each loaded with 500 men and camp equipment across the continent. The experiment will take place in about two months.

As the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be on the coast somewhere inside the Charlotte group of islands the assumed strategic value is of great importance to Great Britain.

WHO WAS SHE?

Woman Found Dead Near Wellandport Was Destitute.

Welland, Ont., despatch: The identity of the woman found dead by the roadside near the village of Wellandport still remains a mystery. The body was buried by the township this morning.

It has now been learned that the woman, whoever she may be, stayed on Sunday night, Jan. 14, at the home of Samuel Ostroser, a farmer living about a mile west of Fenwick, on the T. H. & B., and some six miles from the spot where the body was found. She came to the Ostrosers' place early in the evening in a very desolate condition. One foot was completely bare, protruding through a soiled stocking. On the other foot was worn a light summer slipper. When at Ostroser's home the wanderer refused to tell her name. She stated, however, that she was from Niagara Falls, and that she was married, but her husband had left her.

The woman was sheltered for the night and given a pair of shoes. After eating her breakfast, she disappeared as mysteriously as she came.

PROVINCIAL Y. M. C. A.

COMMITTEE FOR ONTARIO AND QUEBEC MET IN TORONTO.

Five Buildings Opened During the Year—New Associations to be Organized—Help From the Grand Trunk—16,000 Members.

Toronto report: A largely attended meeting of the Provincial Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of Ontario and Quebec was held in the city yesterday, followed by a conference of association directors and secretaries from different parts of Canada and two international secretaries from New York.

Among those present were: John Penman, Paris; W. J. Waugh and Geo. Rutherford, Hamilton.

Substantial signs of progress were noted during 1905. Five buildings were opened in Dundas, Bridgeburg, Paris, St. Catharines, and McGill College, Montreal, at a cost of \$100,000, and \$42,000 was also secured for five additional buildings at Orillia, Alton, Mimico, Woodstock and Collingwood.

The sum of \$8,000 was spent by the committee during the year, and a budget for 1906 of \$8,500 was passed.

The advanced programme for 1906 as decided upon includes the possible starting or reorganizing of associations at Sault Ste. Marie, Kenora, Fort William, Port Arthur, Brockville, London East, Chatham, Guelph and other points in the province. The Grand Trunk system now helps in the support of eight railway associations in Canada, Mimico and Alton being new points thus being covered. Several other centres of population are agitating for the establishment of association branches.

Woodstock has a pledge of \$5,000 on condition that \$20,000 more be raised. Sherbrooke is discussing a new building; Owen Sound is completing a building canvass, and Belleville is also considering the question of a building.

There are now 36 associations in Ontario and Quebec, with a membership of 16,000.

FREE SHOP FIGHT.

EMPLOYERS SAY THEY CAN WIN IT WITHOUT A STRIKE.

New York, Jan. 29.—Employers in the iron business here and in other cities yesterday expressed the opinion that they would win their fight for the "free shop" without the interruption of a general strike. Following the action of the National Association of Erectors of Structural Steel Ironwork here in declaring their independence of unions many telegrams were received by members of the Allied Iron Trades yesterday from large concerns in other cities. Without exception the stand taken was approved and many of the big iron men stated that their union employees would refuse to obey a strike order if issued.

Reports from Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and other cities within the last week have shown that where the ironworkers have been commanded by walking delegates to quit work they had refused to do so, and, in some instances, where they were practically forced out, they had come to New York to go to work under the "free shop" arrangement.

Notwithstanding the general feeling among employers that the union was a thing of the past in the structural iron business, officers of the New York local talked cheerfully about a great national strike, and reported that Frank M. Ryan, of the international ironworkers, was on his way to New York to take charge of their fight.

Many members of the House-Smiths' Union in New York have deserted the organization altogether, and have asked to be put back to work as individuals. Many of them have told their employers that the union lacks the leadership of a man like Sam Parks, and that they are weary of being kept in idleness through the bad management of incompetent leaders.

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Fernie, B. C., Jan. 29.—A snowslide occurred at Coal Creek colliery a little after 2 o'clock this morning, burying four houses occupied by A. Berridge, J. Hunt, D. Martin and J. Sneddon. No one was hurt, but several narrow escapes are reported. Snow forced the wash houses up against the main buildings, and in Hunt's house snow forced an entrance. A boy sleeping on a cot in Martin's house had the cot knocked from under him.

The weather has been particularly soft, a great amount of rain falling during the last twenty-four hours, which rendered deep snow on the mountain sides heavy and susceptible to sliding. The mountain sides are quite precipitous at Coal Creek, the valley being narrow. Rain is falling and more slides are not improbable.

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Charged With Obtaining Money From Emigrants in Canada.

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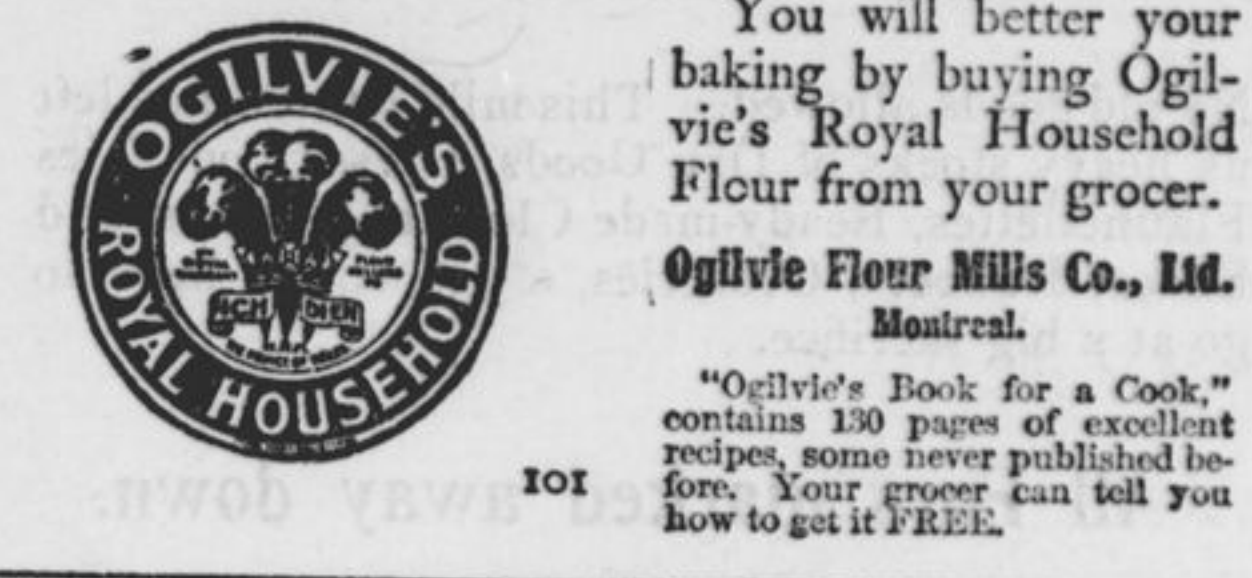
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GRAEME HUNTER ON TRIAL.

Charged With Obtaining Money From Emigrants in Canada.

London, Jan. 29.—In the High Court of Justice at Edinburgh judgment was given in the case against Graeme Hunter, charged with obtaining money from emigrants in Canada. The question was thought of such importance that the whole seven judges sat on the bench. A question was raised as to the relevancy of the complaint made by the procurator fiscal of Glasgow against Hunter. Objection was taken to its relevancy to the lower court, on the ground that it was not stated that the money received was paid by any parties referred to in the complaint. The sheriff sustained the objection, but the High Court reversed the decision, and the trial will now be proceeded with.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Man Shoots Wife and Sister-in-law for Petty Cause.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 29.—The bodies of Charles Winn, a freight handler, his wife, and Mrs. Charles E. Riggs, of Portland, Maine, sister of Mrs. Winn, discovered to-day in the Winn apartments, revealed what the police believe to be a double murder and suicide.

Winn apparently shot the two women with a revolver and then killed himself. It is alleged that Winn quarreled with the two women because they went out together during the evening.

The Winnes were each about 35 years old. Mrs. Riggs was 32.