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A MOVING BOG

It Covers Acres of Land in Ireland.

FACE OF THE DISTRICT

HAS BEEN CHANGED BY THE REMARKABLE EPISODE.

Many Persons Had Narrow Escapes—Fertile Land Lost Forever in a Big Bog Slide in the County of Galway, Ireland.

Dublin, Feb. 10.—More than 100 acres of fertile land have been lost forever by the bog slide at Lismore, county Galway, and further damage is threatened. The bog began to move again this week at the rate of about five miles an hour, and the farmers whose homesteads are in its path hastened to remove everything they owned to places of safety.

For hours all the roads were choked with carts piled high with furniture, and bedding, while cattle, sheep and pigs added to the confusion.

The land is now covered with twelve feet of solid bog, and will never be worth anything for agriculture again. Every possible effort is being made by the authorities to prevent further damage.

The entire face of the district has been changed. Rivers and roads have disappeared, and all the landmarks have been obliterated.

Efforts were made to recover the body of Mrs. McDermott, the old woman who was overwhelmed and drowned in her cottage. Nothing but the outer walls of the cabin remain, and yesterday morning a rail causeway of planks were laid over the quaking bog. A policeman crossed and tried to explore the house. He dived into the mass of mud and water, but was unable to find the body, and was almost drowned in the attempt.

Laurence Martin, whose house was also submerged, had a narrow escape. He was awakened by a noise, which he declared resembled thunder, and when he opened the door of his house he was almost smothered by the rush of bog and water. He rushed back to rescue his wife and his two daughters, and by the time he reached the door again the flood was up to his armpits. He managed, however, to carry his wife and children to the higher ground, but all their clothing and everything they owned in the world were lost.

AGREEMENT REACHED

And Will Do Much to Better Relations.

London, Feb. 10.—The Franco-German agreement, regarding Morocco, is most cordially welcomed here by the newspapers, as an augury, not only of general peace, but also of a possible betterment of the relations between Germany and Great Britain. It is recalled that the recent Anglo-German tension was largely owing to Germany's attitude towards France as regards Morocco, and now an accord has been reached on this subject. The hope is expressed that the greatest stumbling block in the way of Anglo-German harmony has been removed. The synchronization of King Edward's visit and the signature of the agreement is generally remarked upon and the coincidence, in some quarters, is regarded as so fortunate that it probably will not be credited.

DAILY MEMORANDA

Good Skating, Zion rink.
Queen's concert, rehearsal, to-night.
Board of Works, 4 p.m., Thursday.
"The Merry Widow," Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.
Women's Council, City Council Chamber, 3 p.m., Thursday.
Limestone Lodge, No. 91, A. O. U. W. meets Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.
Be sure to keep the evening of Feb. 15th for Lady Nairne and Bobbie Burns in St. Andrew's Church Hall.
Bijou Theatre—"The Policeman's Child," a tale of the new York and London.
"Fanny Side of an Actor's Life," Mr. Shakespeare Barnstorm's Adventure on a Country Tour.
"Happy Jack's Luncheon Party," "I Don't Like You," sung by Will West.

Feb. 10th, In Canadian History.

1763.—The treaty of Paris was signed, by which France ceded to England in full right "Canada with all its dependencies."
1841.—Union of Upper and Lower Canada.
1870.—The "Provisional Government of the Northwest Territories" formally organized with Hild as president.
1892.—Canadian delegates attended a meeting held at Washington to discuss international trade relations.
1899.—Archibald Lampman, Canadian poet, died at Ottawa.
1905.—British Columbia Legislature opened.

Pays Employees A Bonus.

Merritt, Ont., Feb. 10.—At the annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Lincoln Paper Mills, yesterday, the employees of the company were granted their usual six per cent. on their wages. This is the eighth year the company has paid this bonus to its men and it is principally due to the president, Willard D. Woodruff, that the generosity is meted out to the men. The company has a large number of employees and a large staff of men is at work on the reconstruction of another mill which will be converted into one of the best paper mills in Canada.

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BLIND FARMER ESCAPED.

Severely Scorching With Son Who Helped Him.

Wingham, Ont., Feb. 10.—The news has just reached here of the complete destruction by fire of the home of James Bullough, five miles north of here, in the township of Turberry, on the boundary between the counties of Huron and Bruce.

The father, who has been blind and almost helpless for several years, heard the cracking of the flames, and getting out, called his son, who, with difficulty dragged him out of the burning building, just as the roof fell in, and not before both of them were severely burned.

The only daughter, Miss Lottie Bullough, was away at a country dance and did not hear of the fire until next day.

The mother of the family met with a rather tragic end a little over a year ago, when the team of horses she and her son were driving home with were nearly struck by a C.P.R. train and ran away, throwing the poor old woman out and fatally injuring her.

JEW TO OBEY LAW.

Judge Refuses to Grant Injunction Against Police.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The first case to be argued in Erie county to test the Sunday closing law on the ground that it discriminates against orthodox Jews was heard by Justice Pound in the supreme court here. The plaintiffs were Silberger Bros., Niagara Falls, clothing. They asked that the injunction recently granted against the mayor and chief of police of Niagara Falls to prevent them from closing the Silberger store on Sunday be made permanent. In denying the motion, Justice Pound said:

"The power of the legislature to regulate the observance of Sunday as a civil and political institution is too well established to call for discussion. It has been uniformly held that our Sunday laws do not interfere with the religious liberty of any person but are restraints upon civil liberty within police power and valid under constitution."

NOT BOLD AND RESOLUTE.

Womanly Woman and Loving Mother Extolled.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 10.—Cardinal Gibbons, in a sermon, had this to say about women:

"In one of the passages of the Old Testament there is special praise for a woman. She is not mentioned in worthy commendation for her efforts to obtain social triumphs nor for her zeal in struggling for woman's rights, particularly the rights of suffrage. It is not told that she, in seeking the things, was bold and resolute and shook her fist at the prime minister. No, but we are made to understand that she was a womanly woman, a loving mother and a dutiful wife."

Taken Back To Jail.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Alexander Bennett escaped some weeks ago from the county jail at Canton, where he was serving a six months' sentence. He managed to cross over to Canada, but could not resist the temptation to come over on the ice to spend Sunday with some friends here. The police found him and this afternoon he was taken back to jail.

FIVE YEARS A FUGITIVE

DAVID JACOBS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

Came Forward to Act As Witness on Behalf of a Friend and Was Caught—Wanted in England For Robbing Earl of Chesterfield.

New York, Feb. 10.—His appearance as a witness here in the extradition case of Oscar Slater, recently ordered deported in connection with the murder of Miss Marion Gilchrist, in Glasgow, Scotland, led to the arrest of David Jacobs, a dealer in jewelry, on the charge of having in 1904 robbed the Earl of Chesterfield in London of a pearl scarfpin valued at \$3,000. Jacobs had been sought ever since by the British authorities. On Saturday last, when he appeared to sign a deposition he had made in Slater's behalf, the United States Marshal Henkle recalled that a man of that name was wanted in England. Jacobs was arrested, arraigned on the old warrant issued in 1904, and committed without bail. He said the Chesterfield matter had been settled long ago. He will be held pending confirmation of his story by cable from England.

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SEEK SAFETY

Handling the Money in Postal Service.

AN INSURANCE PLAN

IS BEING WORKED OUT TO HELP BUSINESS MEN.

The Fisheries of Canada Are the Most Extensive in the World—The Value of Fish Taken Last Year Not As Great As in Previous Year.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The postmaster-general, in piloting his bill to amend the post office act through the commonsense yesterday, explained that it would provide for payment of a maximum of \$25 for lost registered letters. If a letter is lost containing less than that sum, the full amount will be paid.

Mr. Lemieux said that the burden imposed upon the country under the bill would not be onerous. During the fiscal year, 1906-07, one hundred registered letters, containing \$381, were lost, and during the last fiscal year 208 letters, containing \$2,384, failed to reach their destination. Of this amount, \$1,621 was lost through the burning of a mail car.

Mr. Crothers, West Elgin, thought business men should be encouraged to send large amounts through the mails rather than through banks and express companies.

Mr. Lemieux explained that he had under consideration a plan of government insurance for larger amounts. His idea would be to charge more than the regular registration fee of five cents for larger sums. The minister intimated that this plan would be proposed to parliament next session.

Mr. Lemieux informed that he had proposed that no post office had been provided at the new mining district of Goswami, because the Ontario government had so far declined to sell the department a site. He invited Mr. Maclean to bring his influence to bear on the Ontario government.

The annual report on Canada's fisheries, tabled in the House of Commons, yesterday, by Hon. L. P. Brodeur, lays emphasis on the fact that "the fisheries of Canada are the most extensive in the world." Proceeding to quote figures, the report says that the whole catch of fish by Canadians, including fish products, snags, etc., during the 1907-08 season, is valued at twenty-five million and a half dollars. This is a falling off of three-quarters of a million dollars, as compared with the production for the previous fiscal year.

The decrease in British Columbia alone more than accounted for the decrease and is attributed chiefly to the shortage of the salmon run. There were handsome increases in the returns in the maritime provinces and Ontario.

The total value of the catch in the various provinces was:

Nova Scotia	\$7,632,320
British Columbia	6,123,923
New Brunswick	5,300,564
Quebec	2,047,309
Ontario	1,935,025
Prince Edward Island	1,492,695
Man., Sask. and Alberta	968,422

The decrease in the amount of the catch in the prairie provinces exceeded half a million dollars. In this connection it is noted that the question of facilities for reaching profitable markets for fish in the great west is a very important factor to the producers. The relative value of the principal kinds of commercial fishes is as follows:

Salmon	\$3,014,440
Shiners	2,084,122
Log	3,619,818
Herring	2,072,750
Mackerel	981,506
Halibut	841,387
Haddock	775,866
Sardines	688,456
Whitefish	688,456
TROUT	685,597
Pickering	586,489
Hake	508,993

The value of the catch of all other varieties is less than half a million dollars, and the total value of the catch, with a value of \$116,478. Apart from salmon, the principal fluctuations are an increase of over six hundred thousand dollars in the value of the lobster catch, as well as a decline in herrings of almost an million in the value of the catch of smelts is more than wiped out by the decline in the mackerel industry.

An idea of the immense wealth of the fisheries is given by the following table, showing the value of the principal sea-fishes for the years 1869 to 1907:

Cod	\$143,134,371
Salmon	101,804,665
Lobsters	87,875,695
Herring	74,398,411
Mackerel	74,398,411

During the year fish and fish products to the value of \$13,906,567 were exported to foreign countries. The deep-sea fishermen of the maritime provinces received, during the year, \$156,114 in bounties. The number of men engaged in the industry was over 71,000, including the thousands of persons employed in the lobster canning industry.

The important branch of salmon preserving in British Columbia gave employment during the year to nearly thirteen thousand persons, and produced over twenty-five million pounds of the preserved article. Only fifteen vessels were engaged in hunting for seals. They secured 5,397 skins, valued at \$107,940.

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PITCHED TO RIVER BELOW.

Three Young People Injured in Accident.

Port Elgin, N.B., Feb. 10.—Pitched fourteen feet or more from Port Elgin bridge to the river below, and pinned beneath a "pung," two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Turner were injured most dangerously, while their brother, aged seven years old, was also badly hurt.

The accident took place when the three young people were driving from home to Sunday school. As they passed over the bridge, below which were piled great rough blocks of ice, the horse took the blind staggers and became uncontrollable. In a minute from the bridge down towards the ice. Between the bridge and the bed of the ice the pung turned over and the young people were jammed between the pung and the ice. As soon as possible they were taken from the river, and Dr. M. O. Oulton summoned. He found the George was in the least serious condition. His back had been hurt, but the injury was not dangerous. The younger of the two girls, Martha, was found to have a fractured skull, in addition to minor injuries, and her condition is critical. Her sister, Lizzie, a girl of eighteen or nineteen, was also very badly hurt. She had a bone fractured, her back strained, and one arm broken, while she had also been injured internally.

R. H. HUBBS GOT IT.

He is the Town Clerk of Pictou.

Pictou, Feb. 10.—Eleven seeking what only one could get, and R. H. Hubbs, the well-known town barrister, the "lucky" one, was the situation presented at the town council in the matter of the appointment of the new town clerk in the vacancy caused by the resignation from office of R. A. Norman, M.P.P. It seems that it is against the law to tender for the position of town clerk, the clerk who has been since 1903, is out of the town. Four stated the amount for which they were willing to do the work. This constitutes a tender. Mr. Hubbs will start his duties February 16th, at \$600 a year, and as his duties have been listed to include those of the collector since 1903, is out of the town. Mr. Clapp had a "mayor office" last year, and it cost \$17 to install the electric wiring in it. This bill has come to the town fathers who refuse to pay it. Pictou has no "hook-up" and when the constable wants to incarcerate a drunk or disorderly over night, he has to make use of the night jail. This being inconvenient, the council decided to consider the building of a central "hook-up."

Two prominent citizens are hovering at death's door, and indeed so very low is their condition that no one is expected to recover. The one is S. M. Conger, for fifty-two years editor and proprietor of the Gazette. He is troubled with his heart, and has been unconscious for three days. W. R. Wright, prominently identified with the A. C. Miller canning factory, suffered a stroke on Monday afternoon last, and has been lying at his home in a semi-conscious state since. Both men are past the middle stage of life.

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Dr. Grant Madill states that no further trouble will result from the wound.

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Are On The Frontier.

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LATEST NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

A crusade against spitting has begun in New York.

Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton will make a visit to Canada in August.

Port Arthur city council has accepted a grant of \$30,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a public library.

Revolutionists at Rehat, Persia, murdered a governor of the province and a number of administrative officials.

The United Irish League convention at Dublin, voted down a resolution recommending the Irish party in the commons to adopt obstructionist tactics.

Three hundred employees of the Colonial Bleaching works, at St. Henri, have received notice of dismissal. It is said that the plant will be removed to Magog.

Governor Hughes has sent to the New York senate the name of William Horace Hotchkiss, Buffalo, to succeed Otto Kelsey as superintendent of insurance.

E. A. Lancaster, M.P., has arranged to have the debate on his resolution to abolish the senate on Monday, 22nd. He intends to force the house to a division.

Premier Scott, Saskatchewan, wants the dominion government to pay the expense of taking care of the hand of the late Doukhobors sent back to his province from Ontario.

The managers of Tom Longboat, the Indian Marathon runner, have decided to accept the offer of a \$7,500 purse for a fifteen mile race in Buffalo, on February 25th, with Alfred Shrubell.

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MARRIED AT BRANDON

And Now at Napanee on Their Honeymoon.

Napanee, Feb. 10.—Gordon E. Minchinton and bride arrived in town, last Saturday, to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Minchinton. Mr. Minchinton was married about a month ago in Brandon, Man., to Miss Margaret Murdock, of that city. Gordon's many Napanee friends wish him and his charming bride many years of wedded happiness.

The funeral of the late Joseph G. Baker, who died so suddenly in Hamilton, on Friday last, took place yesterday afternoon, from the residence of J. R. Dufoe, Bridge street. Rev. W. H. Elmsley conducted the services at the house. The remains were laid to rest in Riverside vault.

Mrs. C. E. Bartlett and little daughter, Ruth, arrived home from New York this week. Ruth has almost recovered from her recent serious accident.

Mrs. Stephen Gibson's Sunday school class, numbering about forty, met in their teacher on Monday afternoon in Trinity Sunday school rooms to say goodbye and spend a couple of hours together before Mrs. Gibson takes her departure for Belleville, where she intends to make her home in the future.

THEY COULDN'T HANG HIM.

But He Was Caught By Matrimonial Noose.

London, Feb. 10.—A strange story is recalled by the marriage of John Lee, of Babbacombe, Lee, "the man they couldn't hang," was found guilty twenty-three years ago of murdering Emma Keyes, by whom he was employed as butler at Babbacombe. He was sentenced to death and three attempts were made to hang him in Exeter jail.

Each time the mechanism of the gallows failed to act. Immediately before each attempt the machinery worked perfectly, but three times when Lee had taken his stand on the drop it refused to work. After the third attempt he was taken back to his cell. The sensation throughout the country was immense and the Babbacombe murder took its place among the famous crimes of the century. His sentence was commuted to penal servitude, and after serving twenty-two years he was released a little over a year ago.

A few days ago he married the chief nurse of the female mental wards of Newton Abbott workhouse. The wedding took place in the Congregational church, and a large crowd gathered and showered confetti upon "the man they couldn't hang."

May Work 24 Hours.

New York, Feb. 10.—A World dispatch from Panama says:

In order to carry out the idea of President-Elect Taft that the Panama canal can be finished within four years, Gen. Goethals is considering a plan to work the canal for practically 24 hours a day. This would mean that the time for completion in half.

The only obstacle to this time-saving plan is the fever mosquito, which is active at night, and the consequence is that the workmen would quit their work at night. Dr. Goethals has been asked to make a series of observations and report thereon.

MARRIED.

ARLES—EDWARD—115, Washington, on Feb. 9th, 1909, by Rev. C. A. Sykes, Miss Ethel M. Edwards, Sunbury, to Newton Ames, Westbrook.

BORN.

RIGNEY—At No. 741 King St., Kingston, on 8th Feb., 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rigney, a daughter.

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FRENCH WARSHIP IENA WILL BE FIRED ON.

An Attempt Will Be Made to Discover How Great the Loss of Life on Her Would Be—Animals to Take the Place of Men.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The French government is planning to carry on interesting experiments with the disabled battleship Iena in a few months to establish certain facts concerning the durability of modern warships under the fire of shells, and also to discover how great the loss of life would be.

It was decided some months ago that the Iena was no longer fit for service and should be destroyed, but it was also decided that her death should be glorious; that she should sink under shells aimed at her by French guns. Now it has been decided to turn this destruction to the best account.

Naturally, animals will be substituted for men on board the doomed ship. It will be necessary, of course,