

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE BY QUEEN'S SCIENCE STUDENT

F. P. Godson, A Survivor Of Empress Of Ireland Disaster, Says Exit Door Was Locked.

He Claims There Were Only Three Life Belts On The Port Side--Boats That Would Have Helped Could Not Be Released--Others Went Away From The Ship Only Half Full.

Toronto, June 1.—Charges of a most serious character were made by F. P. Godson, of Kingston, one of the survivors, who arrived in Toronto last night, when interviewed at the Queen's hotel. His charges are: That many second and third class passengers were barred from access to the deck because of the door leading to the exit being locked. Although efforts were made by the imprisoned passengers to break down the barrier they died like rats in a trap. Although he took two trips to his first cabin stateroom in search of life belts none were to be found there, and the same was probably the case in most of the other staterooms. Even though he was one of the first to arrive on the promenade deck, there were only three life preservers on the port side. These life preservers were fastened with binder twine, and that it was only with the utmost difficulty were they loosened. That the crew were the only ones who knew the location of the life belt and that they secured them for themselves.

Few Boats Launched.

That the life boats, no matter in what position they struck the water, did not sink, but owing to no facilities for cutting the ropes being handy, few were launched. Could they have been loosened they would have afforded something to which the drowning passengers could have clung.

That life boats left the wreck before taking on a capacity load, leaving scores of struggling beings behind, he himself being picked up by one three-quarters of a mile from the scene less than half filled and hurrying away to the Storstadt.

His story follows:

"About 2:05 a.m. I was awakened by the shock of the collision. Realizing that something serious had occurred I rushed out of my stateroom, No. 21, clad only in my pajamas, and hurried on to the deck and I saw plainly a boat to the stern, which afterwards proved to be the Storstadt. Although there was a slight fog I could easily discern its outline about a hundred yards away.

No Life Belts.

"The Empress started to list and I then presumed that a calamity had happened and hurried back to my stateroom and searched for a life-belt. But search as I would, there was none to be found. Making my way to the deck, again passengers were frantically looking for life preservers I happened to come across one on the port side, which I placed around a woman and started to look for more. I saw a man cutting the binder twine which fastened a life preserver but not having a knife myself found it very difficult to dislodge the second belt I secured, which I fastened around myself.

"About twenty others and myself attempted to lower two of the boats on the port side but without success. One poor chap was caught be-

DAILY MEMORANDA

Division Court, 9 a.m., Tuesday.
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Duke of Connaught arrives by G. T. R., 3 p.m., Tuesday.
Young Liberals meet, Golden Lion block rooms, 3 p.m.

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TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY SAVES MAN OF 225 POUNDS WEIGHT AT CORNWALL

Cornwall, June 1.—An act which showed great presence of mind was performed when Captain Giroux, of the tug Morgan, belonging to Mr. Cohen's fleet, was rescued from drowning by a twelve-year-old boy, a son of William Rice.

Captain Morgan was engaged in cleaning up the tug when the hose burst and he fell into the water. Earl Rice, who was standing nearby, threw the captain a rope, but it could not catch it. Then as he was going down the second time the boy found a board which he threw into the water. Morgan grabbed it and with the assistance of Rice he was brought to the shore exhausted. A particularly interesting feature in connection with the rescue is the fact that Captain Giroux weighed 225 pounds.

SCORES MADE SATURDAY

By Members of the Kingston Rifle Association.

Owing to the rifle ranges being under repair, only a few marksmen shot on Saturday. The following scores were made: J. J. Barrett, 98; J. H. Barrett, 93; F. J. Coldham, 90; W. Knight, 89; H. Milton, 89; A. Baker, 88; Rev. A. Cooke, 84; C. Cuthbertson, 83.

The association members will be on the ranges next Saturday, 6th June, to practise for the Canadian Rifle League and Dominion Salvor competition. Buses will leave the armories at 1:30 p.m. for the ranges.

IRVING IN DEATH TRUE TO HIS IDEALS

End in Tragic Harmony With Being Said Sir Herbert Tree—Touching Tribute

London, June 2.—Sir Herbert Tree paid a strikingly touching tribute to the late Laurence Irving's death at the close of Saturday night's performance at His Majesty's theatre. "We actors," he said, "were proud of Irving in life and no less proud of him in death. There was always something fateful about his personality, and one somehow feels his end is in tragic harmony with his being. Irving was an idealist, and was fearless of standing by his ideals in any company, which is saying much of any man. As an actor he had already attained to great heights, his most notable achievement being perhaps his most recent in 'Typhoon.' His work, like the man himself, was always original."

Irving's Body Found

Quebec City, June 1.—It is confirmed this afternoon that the body of Laurence Irving, the distinguished actor, had been found on the shore near Rimouski. In his hand clutched part of a woman's night dress, indicating that he died in an ineffectual attempt to save his wife.

Courses of Motor Boat Races.

The course for the "open" motor boat race on Wednesday will be as follows: Start from the Yacht Club around the gas buoy at penitentiary, around the Miles shoal buoy, around the outer water works buoy, around the inner water works buoy, to the yacht club house buoy; three times around all buoys to port.

The course for the other races will be: Starting from the yacht club buoy, around the inner water works buoy, around the outer water works buoy, to the yacht club buoy. Handicap race twice, and the other two races once around. All buoys to starboard.

Motor Boat Prize

The prizes for the third of June motor boat races are on view in Jenkins' window. There are in all seven cups and a beautiful golf bag. The bag is the second prize for the semi-mile open race. The different races will be: Two-mile race for all boats powered with single cylinder engines (for local boats only); two mile race for all boats powered with two-cylinder engines (for local boats only); four mile race, handicap, for any boat that runs better than fifteen miles (for local boats only); ten mile race, open to all.

Received Bad Shaking Up.

Bert Shane, groom of Lieut. A. Stourd, received a bad shaking up while on the trip to Petawawa camp on Friday. By some means the car in which Shane and the horse were riding, shifted, in so doing throwing the baggage which was stored in one end of the car, on top of Shane and the animal.

The School Cadets.

The members of the cadet corps of the Kingston Collegiate Institute will hold a dress parade at the school this afternoon at four o'clock.

Commander Tweedie Of H. M. S. Essex Thinks Dynamite Will Have To Be Used

Quebec, June 1.—Commander Tweedie, of H.M.S. Essex, is of the opinion that the Empress of Ireland is beyond all hope of salvage. This opinion is, of course, based on conjecture from a description of the damage done to the liner by the collier. He thinks that the hull will have to be blown up by dynamite so that it may not become a danger to navigation. The divers of Essex have been offered to the Canadian Pacific officials if their services are required.

To Try to Raise Her.

Quebec, June 1.—It is probable that the Empress of Ireland will be raised that the bodies now held in air cabins may be given decent burial, and two million dollars worth of Cobalt silver such as is held in her strong room, recovered along with other things in the cargo which may not have been injured by water. It is understood that New York experts have already been despatched to Rimouski to take soundings and secure data on which the base tenders for work.

PITH OF THE NEWS

Tidings Told in Terse Measure For Busy Readers.

Cheese sales: Belleville, 12½¢; Cornwall, 12 3/16¢; to 12½¢; London, 11½¢ to 12¢.

On Monday, June 9th, the conservative convention for East Hastings will be held at Roslin.

Hon. J. S. Hendrie and Allan Studholme are likely to be unopposed for the Hamilton seats.

The Toronto council will vote a money grant for the assistance of all Toronto people widowed or orphaned by the Empress disaster.

Commissioner McKie of the Salvation Army, who left on the Aquitania on Saturday, will undertake the permanent command in Canada.

Eleven coal miners were killed and a number of others injured yesterday by an explosion of gas in the Silkstone colliery at Wharfedale.

Morley Donaldson, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, has returned from a trip over the line as far as Prince George. He expresses great satisfaction with the general conditions throughout the country.

THE STORSTADT HAS BEEN SEIZED FOR DAMAGES

The latest official report of the Empress of Ireland wreck is 403 saved and 937 lost.

The collier Storstadt was seized by the authorities of Montreal on claim for damages, by the C.P.R.

The cruiser Essex escorts the funeral ship to Quebec at the personal request of King George.

Heartbreaking scenes attend the identification of the dead at Quebec city.

Capt. Kendall, at the inquest at Rimouski, blamed the Storstadt for causing the collision.

A sister ship of the Storstadt went aground near Father Point.

The Norwegian authorities have requested that no blame be placed till an impartial tribunal has heard all the evidence.

Stories of survivors at Toronto indicate that no man disgraced himself when the Empress sank. Many gave their lives to save women might live.

The official enquiry by the government will start this afternoon at Montreal.

SEVEN MILES DISTANT

Father Point, June 1.—It was demonstrated by actual measurement this morning that the wreck was just seven miles from this point and three and a half miles from shore. The Empress now lies on her side in twenty fathoms of water with ten fathoms on top of her.

Both she and the Storstadt were in the usual course when the collision occurred.

Tendered a Luncheon.

The senior fourth class of Louise school served a luncheon at noon on Monday to the members of the teaching staff, in the domestic science rooms. The pupils had menu cards prepared and the teachers in attendance were greatly pleased with the able manner in which the pupils conducted the affair.

Acted as Chaplain.

Rev. A. E. Smart acted as chaplain on the steamer Empress of Ireland when he was returning from visiting his home in the old land three years ago.

OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE GREAT TRAGEDY

Quebec, June 1.—From the stories of the survivors of the sunken Empress of Ireland brought here, it is now possible to get a fairly accurate idea of the great marine horror. The outstanding points to be noted were summarized as the collision between the Empress and collier Storstadt took place in a fog.

The oncoming Storstadt was seen by Captain Kendall, of the Empress, who had pulled up his vessel.

A signal from the Empress was answered.

The Storstadt slackened speed, but too late to avoid the liner, just beginning to go astern.

Owing to the heavy list the liner took immediately after the accident, and the rapidity with which she sank, only two lifeboats could be launched.

Most of the first and second cabin passengers were caught in their cabins by the rush of water.

A boiler explosion occurred which wounded many of the sailors and passengers.

The Storstadt did not seem to realize that she had fatally wounded the

ROWELL NOMINATED.

For North Oxford by Liberals, at Woodstock.

Woodstock, June 1.—Newton W. Rowell, N.C., leader of the opposition in the provincial house, received the nomination for the riding of North Oxford, here, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Rowell's name was the only one placed in nomination, and a convention attended by 277 liberal delegates gave him an enthusiastic reception. E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., was nominated for the dominion house.

In East Middlesex.

London, Ont., June 1.—East Middlesex conservatives, Saturday afternoon, renominated the present member, John MacFarlane, for the legislature, while the liberals once more put up John Laidlaw, who was MacFarlane's opponent at the bye-election. Both nominations were made unanimous.

To Come to River.

Clayton, N.Y., June 1.—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Vandergrift of Pittsburgh will spend the summer at their summer home on Long Rock Island. The boats are being fitted out, the electric lighting system is being overhauled, and the cottage made ready.

The Barker House, corner of John and Burgin streets, has been rented to Mrs. Blake, of New York. She will come to Clayton early in June, with her two sons and her servants. Mrs. Blake was a yearly visitor at the Fronenac, and a great admirer of the Thousand Islands. She has also rented Capt. Gordon Wilson's launch, Spray, for the summer.

Funeral on Saturday.

The funeral of the late Frederick Thompson, aged seventeen, son of Robert Thompson, 262 Earl street, took place from his father's residence on Saturday afternoon to St. George's cathedral. Deceased had been a member of the choir for eleven years, and his sweet singing will be greatly missed by many. The beautiful floral tribute, shown of esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

DECLARES THE EMPRESS KEPT RUNNING AWAY

The Strange Story Told By The Wife Of The Storstadt Captain

Montreal, June 1.—There are two sides of every story. Most of the Empress survivors condemn the collier Storstadt for causing the disaster but there is the other side. Mrs. Anderson, wife of the Captain of the Storstadt, was aboard with her husband who was on the bridge when the collision came, and she was in their cabin. She says:

"I saw the Empress lying across our bows. I thought we were going to collide. I said to my husband, 'I suppose we are going down.' He said 'It might be.' He told me to just take things easy and not to cry. I said to my husband: 'My place is here on the bridge; let us go down with the ship together.' We tried to keep Storstadt beside the other liner. We thought she was not badly hurt, and that she could save us. We thought if we could stay side by side it would be better but the other liner kept running away. You wouldn't believe how fast we went. Then it was all dark and quiet."

Picton Market and Cheese Board.

Picton, June 1.—Very small supplies of meats were offered at the market Saturday morning. Beef sold at 16c to 16½¢; veal, 14c to 15c; pork, 16c to 16½¢; chickens, 60c to 85c each. Butter and eggs were in fairly plentiful supplies. Butter sold at 25c a pound; eggs, 20c to 22c a dozen; rhubarb, onions, radishes and lettuce, three bunches for 10c; whitefish, 12c; young pigs, 85¢ a pair.

At the Picton cheese board, on Friday, 1,415—colored cheese were boarded and all sold at 12c. The buyers were Messrs. Publow, Cook, Sprague and Sexsmith.

Continue Search for Bodies.

Rimouski, Que., June 1.—The boats of the cruiser Essex this morning continued the search for bodies from the wrecked Empress. Thirteen were picked up yesterday. Bodies continue to come up from the position where the vessel went down. It is a beautiful day at the spot where there is so much tragedy.

The Kaiser's Sorrow.

Ottawa, June 1.—Sympathy from Emperor William of Germany was conveyed this morning to his royal highness the governor-general on behalf of the Canadian people. The Kaiser called: "I was deeply shocked at the fearful accident which befell the Empress of Ireland. I hasten to express to you my deepest sympathy with the bereaved families." Signed, "William R.I."

Royalty Contributes.

London, Eng., June 1.—The King and Queen and Prince of Wales have contributed four thousand dollars to the fund opened by the lord mayor of London for the widows and orphans made by the Empress disaster.

Harrison Looks for Victory.

When T. F. Harrison was leaving W. D. Black, M.P.P., Parkman, after a few minutes' conversation on the street Saturday, Mr. Harrison passed the remark: "I will not say good-bye, as I will see you in Toronto."

On Friday Stearns R. Ransom died at Brookville, aged sixty-nine years. He was born at Delhi, living there until 1912. A widow and one daughter survive.

PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY INTO LOSS OF EMPRESS

Opened By Commissioner Lind? say in Montreal

STORSTADT'S CAPTAIN HAS ALL HIS CREW TO BACK HIM UP.

While Capt. Kendall, Who Blames Capt. Anderson Has No Support, As His Navigation Officers Went Down With The Ship.

Montreal, June 1.—Wreck commissioner Lindsay to-day opened the preliminary enquiry into the sinking of the SS. Empress of Ireland. Later it will be taken up by the Judges of the Admiralty court to the minister of justice and the department of marine have ordered that no effort is to be spared to make enquiry and trial most complete in order to definitely fix the responsibility for Canada's greatest marine disaster.

This morning, officers of the collier Storstadt gave interviews in which they support strongly their captain's claim that he did his utmost to avoid the accident, and when the accident came risked everything to save the Empress passengers.

Experienced marine men here believe that the question of responsibility will revolve around the misinterpretation of signals. In this connection, it is pointed out that Captain Kendall had practically only his recollection to bear out his contentions. All his navigation officers and wheelmen, the ships records and many seamen of the watch went down with the ship. On the other hand Capt. Anderson of the Storstadt has his entire crew with his ship's records to back him up.

Quebec, June 1.—Now that the first shock of the terrible calamity is over, the bitterness of public feeling grows with every turn. There is a growing demand for the punishment of someone. Rage smoulders in the eyes of those who leave the charnel house door after seeing innocents there in part revealed.

Rumor here says that the body of Lawrence Irving has been found in the vicinity of Rimouski, but it cannot be confirmed here.

Pathetic Scenes at Toronto.

Toronto, June 1.—Touches of pathos were added to the Empress tragedy to-day when, in dozens of bereaved homes in Toronto and other parts of Ontario, arrived letters and pictures postcards from loved ones who have now gone to the bottom of the sea. This mail was taken off at Rimouski just a few minutes before the crash came. One treasured memento here is a postcard from "Teddy" Grey, the artist, whose sketches have been published in many Ontario papers. It is a unique postcard with the signature of Commissioner Ross, Col. Reid, and all prominent Salvationists on the ship, the last signatures they penned.

Public Funeral Of Unidentified Will Be Deferred As Long As Possible

Quebec, June 1.—This morning's train brought sorrowing relatives and friends to aid in the identification of bodies here. Quite a number of children remain unidentified as the public funeral of the unidentified remains will, of course, be deferred as long as possible. It will have to be held without much greater delay, however. The work of identification is proceeding steadily, but slowly. It appears to be exceedingly difficult for survivors to recognize even those nearest to them.

H. W. Willis-O'Connor and party, who have been visiting C. Birmingham, Barrie street, for the last two weeks, returned to Ottawa in their auto.

The tourist traffic is beginning to increase with the better conditions of the roads.

White Rose flour places the most fastidious.

BORN.

MCCONNELL—In Kingston, Ont., May 21st, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McConnell, 406 Barrie St., a son.

DIED.

SIMMONS—In Verona, on May 31st, 1914, Georgia Simmons, wife of Myers Simmons. Burial on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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