

# ERIE FERRYBOAT LOST IN STORM

## Big Freighter and Crew of 32 Men Believed to Have Gone Down.

### Should Have Crossed Lake in Five Hours, but Has Not Been Heard From for Five Days—Valued at \$350,000 and Cargo of Loaded Freight Cars.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—All hope that the car ferry Marquet & Bessemer No. 2 outlived the wintry fate that has made Lake Erie a watery graveyard in the last 70 hours has been practically abandoned at the head offices of the Marquette & Bessemer Dock & Navigation company, owners of the vessel. It is believed that Captain R. R. McLeod of Conneaut, and his crew of 31 men, have gone down with the steamer. The Marquette & Bessemer No. 2 left Conneaut, Ohio, at 10:25 o'clock Tuesday morning for Port Stanley, Ont., with 30 loaded cars and, under ordinary conditions, should have reached her destination at 3 o'clock that afternoon. She has not been sighted by other boats. An empty green yawlbait and some wreckage was seen by the steamer W. B. Davick, near Long Point, Ont. Yawlbait of the No. 2 are painted green.

The Marquette & Bessemer No. 1 left Conneaut at 6 o'clock Tuesday for Port Stanley and it was 60 hours before she was heard from. She has since searched the lake toward Point Pelee, but has found nothing of her sister ship. Tugs have scoured the lake and report no trace of the No. 2.

The Marquette & Bessemer No. 2 was valued at \$350,000 and the cargo at more than \$40,000. She was built in Cleveland in 1905. The boat is operated by the Pere Marquette and the Bessemer & Lake Erie roads.

## ANDRE'S BALLOON FOUND.

### Party Met Death in Fight With Eskimo Tribes of North.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Dec. 11.—Bishop Pascal, who has charge of the diocese of Prince Albert, which embraces the sub-Arctic country to the north of that city, brings back with him a story of the finding of traces of a balloon in which S. A. Andre, Swedish explorer, attempted to drift across to the North Pole.

One of Bishop Pascal's missionaries reported to him that, while working among the Eskimos of the Arctic region, he met a tribe which had some of the plunder of the party with them. These natives had in their possession a quantity of rope of a quality which they could not get in a barter from ships which enter the Arctic Sea.

When questioned the Eskimos told that many years before they had come across two white men who came down out of the sky in a "white house." These men had afterward starved to death, and the natives had seized upon the balloon, the cordage of which they converted to their uses.

Bishop Pascal instructed the missionary to return and get further details. A Hudson's Bay factor has the same report in a somewhat different form. His story is confirmed from the London office of the company, where it was sent in official dispatches. According to the factor, an Indian arrived at his post on the Upper Churchill in 1900 from an extended trapping and trading trip along the borders of the Arctic in northern Canada.

The Indian told of having met a party of Eskimos who had been hunting on one of the islands of the Arctic ocean, and one day they beheld a peculiar apparition in the sky. When it finally landed, three men stepped out. They started to approach the natives, who were in a state of terror and made hostile demonstrations. One of the white men fired a gun and a fight followed in which the natives were victorious, killing all three of the wanderers.

## Eagle Carries Trap Far.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 11.—Last week an eagle was killed at Ellison ranch, near Edgewood, in the upper part of Siskiyou county, and on one of its feet was attached a No. 3 steel trap. It has just been learned that on November 22 an eagle got into a No. 3 steel trap belonging to N. Greenslate of Plymouth, Amador county, and carried the trap away with it. It is believed the eagle killed at Edgewood, which is just about 300 miles from Plymouth, in an air line, is the same that carried off Mr. Greenslate's trap about ten days before.

## Peary's Boat May Be Sold.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 11.—The Alaska Fishermen's Packing company received a letter today from Samuel Holmes, a broker in New York, offering to sell the company Commander Peary's Arctic steamer Roosevelt. The letter states that the steamer is especially adapted for sailing northern waters, and cost when new \$150,000, but, having accomplished her purpose, the owners have no further use for her and will dispose of the craft for \$60,000.

## Strike Closes Flour Mill.

Faribault, Minn., Dec. 11.—The Sheffield-King flour mill, employing 100 men, has been forced to close because the company cannot get wheat.

## AMERICAN MEAT SHUT OUT.

### German Conservatives Strongly Oppose Tariff Concessions.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In the conservative party convention today at Berlin, Count Schwerin-Lewitz, one of the most prominent agrarian members of the reichstag, took strong ground against Germany's making concessions on American meats in order to secure better tariff rates.

"The higher duties in the new tariff," he said, "are especially unfavorable to Germany, but German agriculture is practically concerned about the question whether the German conventional tariff will be accepted again by Americans without something equivalent in the way of concessions, because of the fear in agricultural circles that the federal government might make the provisions for the American meat imports—adopted for the protection of the health of our people and today more necessary than ever—the subject of commercial treaty negotiations. This fear I regard as unfounded, in view of the certain information which has been conveyed to me.

"Such a thing I would expect even less from the present chancellor than from his predecessor. He values too highly the interests of our public health and it too just toward our German livestock growers to do such a thing. Moreover, the chancellor knows too well the sentiments of the country and the great majority of the reichstag."

## BREEDING IS ALL PROFIT.

### Paper to Be Devoted to Enrichment Through Better Stock.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, with his associates, will start a magazine devoted to the scientific breeding of plants and animals. A new department has been organized in the American Breeders' association to study the heredity in man, and David Starr Jordan will head the work and conduct this department in the magazine.

This was decided at the closing meeting of the American Breeders' association today, when 1200 new members were obtained and the organization voted to ask manufacturing, commercial and transportation interests desiring an increase in farm products to provide the association with sufficient funds to put the publication on a business basis at once.

Assistant Secretary Hays, of the Breeders' association, said: "We have at least induced the public to believe that a billion dollars can be added to our plant and animal products by scientific breeding. Another billion can be added by bringing more acres under cultivation and adding fertilizers. 'The scientific fact, however, is that the billion added by breeding will be almost all profit, while the increase from more and better farming will cost \$900,000,000."

## ST. CROIX OIL SOAKED.

### Former Engineer on Burned Craft Testifies Tanks Leaked.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—That the fuel oil tanks of the steamer St. Croix, which was destroyed by fire off the coast of southern California, leaked badly and allowed seven barrels of oil to ooze into the bilge during one trip, was the statement made today to the federal inspectors by John D. Drullard, formerly first assistant engineer of the burned craft.

Drullard was not on the St. Croix at the time of the disaster. He stated that the condition of the vessel was such that he did not care to go aboard of her, and left the employment of the company after making his fourth trip.

Drullard said he discovered the condition of the tanks and reported it to Chief Engineer Doe, who ordered that they be loaded only to the point where the leaks were located. This order was later countermanded by Captain Warner, according to the witness, and the tanks filled to the top. The witness stated that he measured the oil in the hold, and found it was several inches deep. From this he computed the total leakage at 7½ barrels. Orders were issued against open lights below decks, but Drullard said that he twice found lamps burning and threw them overboard.

Drullard believed that a lighted cigarette might have been thrown down a ventilator by a passenger and caused the fire.

The inquiry closed today.

## Arbitration Will Begin.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Negotiations between the railroads conference committee, representing the General Managers' association, and the switchmen's committee will begin in Chicago on Monday, according to an unauthorized statement issued here today by the General Managers' association. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Labor Commissioner Neill on Monday will take up also the dispute between the Illinois Central railroad and its telegraphers, who have asked for an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

## Sutton Case Is Up Again.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Sutton case is to be revived. Mrs. Rosa B. Sutton, mother of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, who died at Annapolis under peculiar circumstances, is preparing, with her attorneys, to go before the Maryland grand jury when its sessions are resumed in Baltimore next month and attempt to secure indictment of one or more of Lieutenant Sutton's fellow officers who figured in the Annapolis inquiry last summer.

## Oldest Oddfellow Dead.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 13.—Phineas Bachelder, said to have been the oldest member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in the world, died last night, aged 98 years. He had been an Oddfellow for more than half a century, and had held the office of grand patriarch.

# A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

## Friday, December 10.

Washington, Dec. 10.—As a promise of activity in the interest of legislation, senators today introduced more than 350 bills and resolutions covering a great variety of subjects. Many failed of passage in the last congress, and 90 per cent will receive scant consideration this session. Many are for pensions not granted under the general law.

Standing out as a striking proposition was a resolution by Senator Rayner today authorizing the president of the United States to cause President Zelaya to be apprehended as a common criminal, charged with the murder of two Americans engaged in revolutionary activity in Nicaragua, contrary to the code of war of all civilized nations.

The house was in session an hour and a half and a large number of measures were introduced. The most striking feature of the proceedings was a speech by Representative Kuesterman, of Wisconsin, denying that his interest in German shipping was so great as to cause him to antagonize a bill for the relief of the American merchant marine.

As no reports have been made by committees, both houses are without subjects upon which to legislate. The senate, therefore, adjourned until Monday and the house until Tuesday.

## Thursday, December 9.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon, the most powerful men in congress, are opposed to any and all legislation looking to the lending of financial aid to complete government irrigation projects now in course of construction. They are opposed to a bond issue; they are opposed to a direct appropriation, and are opposed to all other plans thus far suggested.

Western senators and representatives most directly interested in this legislation are sadly divided among themselves as to how money should be raised for this purpose. Some support the bond issue; others favor a direct appropriation; some want the government to issue interest-bearing warrants or certificates. There is woeful lack of unanimity.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Assurance that steps of an important character toward the development of a system of waterways improvement in the heart of the country would be taken by the present congress were given by President Taft to delegations which he received in the east room of the White House today.

To 300 committeemen, representing the Ohio Valley Improvement association, the president promised to bring what influence he could in favor of the improvement of the Ohio; and later to the committee of 500 from the New Orleans "Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways" convention, he said that the interest of those in congress who heretofore have turned a cold shoulder to the entire subject of waterway improvement had been aroused.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A \$1,000,000 cut in the appropriations for the coal supply for the navy was recommended today to the house naval affairs committee by Rear-Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy.

This means a corresponding curtailment of the activities of the vessels in pursuance of the general policy of reducing all government expenditures.

## Wednesday, December 8.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate committee on public expenditures, created less than a year ago, held its first formal meeting today, and evolved a plan for the co-operation of congress and the executive departments in an effort to hold in check a tendency toward large appropriations by every congress. A joint congressional commission, on which the executive branch of the government was to be represented, was suggested. It is planned that such a commission have the power to investigate all matters calling for appropriations and all projects that might in the future involve a large expenditure. Several subcommittees were appointed to deal with the standing committees of the senate that handle the great supply bills.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courts, clerks respectively of the senate and house committees on appropriations, have issued their annual comparison of estimates of appropriations.

The figures show a total estimate for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, of \$978,125,709, as compared with a total appropriation in the last session of \$1,022,832,001, and total estimates of that session for \$1,058,387,508. The estimate is more than \$80,000,000 less than that of the previous session, and almost \$45,000,000 less than the actual appropriations of that session.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house committee on agriculture today decided to take up the agricultural appropriation bill next Monday. The estimates upon which hearings will be given approximate \$12,000,000. The Scott bill to prohibit dealing in futures in cotton, grain and other farm products will be pressed later.

## Tuesday, December 7.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent to the senate a list of about 1,200 nominations to federal offices.

## Will Fight Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, Dec. 9.—When congress considers the Sherman proposal for amending the Wickham anti-trust law this winter, another insistent demand will be made by the American Federation of Labor to incorporate a clause clearly exempting labor and trade unions from its operations. This measure, together with the anti-injunction law, are the two things that organized labor will fight hardest for this winter, according to Sampel Gompers.

## MOVING PICTURE OF MURDER

### Film 500 Feet Long Depicts Tragedy of Ito at Harbin.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10.—A moving picture of the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin is to be used in the trial of the Korean assassin, according to advices brought by the steamer Kaga Maru today.

When Prince Ito was meeting M. Kokovostoff, the Russian minister of finance, a Russian cinematograph photographer had prepared to make moving pictures of the meeting and took the scenes attendant upon the assassination of Prince Ito. When the Japanese officials learned that the pictures of the tragedy were successful, they obtained a film 500 feet long, and this will be shown in court at the trial of the assassin. Another set of the film will be exhibited in Japan.

Chinese newspapers fear that the death of Prince Ito will result in a changed policy of Japan toward China, owing to the military party being brought to power with the passing of Ito as head of the civil party. The Pekin Times says that, while Ito refrained from making coups to boost his personal ambitions, his successors are likely to be aggressive, and China may suffer the consequence.

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Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Cook, who brought the explorer's records to Copenhagen, also declared that accusations published in New York and London against Dr. Cook were totally unfounded. He said that the papers delivered to the University of Copenhagen contained the original observations made by Dr. Cook on the trip, without alteration.

Mr. Lonsdale said the explorer's report was founded on these and dictated by Dr. Cook to him, no other person having anything to do with it. Loose and Dunkle, Mr. Lonsdale added, were guests at the Waldorf-Astoria when Dr. Cook was there, but the explorer's acquaintance with them was slight.

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John Hand, a miner, who was among the first to enter the mine the day following the disaster, testified that he heard signals from entombed miners, but that he could get no help from officials or experts to whom he told his story.

The miner said he was standing at the top of the shaft when he heard repeated tappings that could have been caused by nothing but the picks of the entombed men.

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# SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS OPENED

## First Day's Sessions Are Confined to Only Routine Matters.

### Pays Respect to Dead and Then Adjourn—Many Contests Are Looked for—Early Investigation of Nicaragua Likely—May Be Known as Law Session.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The keynote of the Taft administration will be sounded at the first regular session of the sixty-first congress, which opened today with the usual ceremonies and benedictions by the chaplains of the two houses.

That important action and quick action will be taken on the Nicaraguan dispute over the execution of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon, is a foregone conclusion, as the president and Secretary Knox are much wrought up over the move of President Zelaya of the Central American republic. It is probable that action on this dispute will develop into a controversy between the supporters of the administration and the advocates of peace in the two houses.

The president's message of 16,000 words will be read tomorrow asking for radical action in the alteration of the laws regarding interstate commerce and the big corporations of the country, public lands and the conservation of natural resources.

On all these subjects a struggle is apt to develop between the president and the conservative element in his own party, headed by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich in the senate, and Speaker Joseph Cannon in the house on the one hand, and the president and the insurgents of both houses, who seek more radical action than the president, on the other hand.

The insurgents will make themselves heard in an effort to amend the present house rules to limit the power of the speaker, and in the senate they will endeavor to force some action on a tariff commission. Representative Fowler will lead in the house in an effort to force a monetary reform along the lines of asset currency.

President Taft's belief in the issuance of bonds for the completion of irrigation projects now under way as well as the development of navigable rivers and harbors will meet with some opposition among the eastern states, but the west to a man will undoubtedly be with him on the irrigation proposition.

An effort to have congress make a rigid investigation of the sugar-weighting frauds, opposed by the attorney-general as hampering the prosecution, and also of the controversy between Secretary Richard A. Ballinger, of the interior department, and Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, will undoubtedly come up at this session.

## LOCKS SELF IN FIERY FURNACE

### Moving-Picture Operator Takes Desperate Chance to Avoid Panic.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—Joseph Pierce, the machine operator at the Hermann moving-picture show, 460 South Spring street, made himself a hero last night, when he closed the steel and asbestos door of his den upon himself and remained in a furnace of exploding and burning films, while the manager, E. L. Kennedy, calmed and sent away the audience without panic.

Pierce, when he emerged from his fiery ordeal, his hair and clothing scorched and painful burns upon his hands, said he was at work when something went wrong with the wires. In an instant the fire had communicated from the crossed wires to the highly inflammable films and the entire room was a mass of flames. The rooms in which the moving pictures are operated are surrounded with walls, floors and ceiling of steel and fixed with handy devices for closing all openings. When the trouble with the wires started, the fire extinguished all the lights in the theater and the red lights over the several exits were turned on.

## Prince Miguel Is Sued.

Buda Pest, Dec. 7.—According to the newspapers, a syndicate of creditors has sued Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart of New York last September, for \$1,000,000. Some years ago, a paper says, Prince Miguel was in financial straits and the syndicate advanced him a large sum, payable when he should make a rich marriage. The claim is so great that following negotiations that resulted in his marriage to Miss Anita Stewart, the prince promised to recoup the syndicate with one-fifth of the dowry.

## Special Message Talked.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft had an extended conference this afternoon with Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, regarding the special message he is preparing on the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law. This message will be sent to congress within ten days and will go into the details of changes which the president believes are needed to make the interstate act more effective.

## Pilot Takes All Blame.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—F. M. Luker, pilot in charge of the United States transport Prairie, which grounded Thursday near Delaware City, said today that he alone was responsible for the accident and that Captain Kellogg, commander of the Prairie, is in no way to be blamed.

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