

AT LEAST 1,000 LOST AS BIG LINER SANK

Empress of Ireland Was Rammed By Collier In Gulf of St. Lawrence At An Early Hour This Morning And Went to the Bottom Within Ten Minutes.

BIG VESSEL WENT DOWN IN NINETEEN FATHOMS

Wireless Calls Were Soon Responded To and Two Government Steamers Went to Rescue, While Collier With Which Empress Collided Picked Up Others.

Quebec, May 29.—The Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Empress of Ireland, with more than 1,400 persons aboard was sunk in the Gulf of St. Lawrence early this morning after a collision off Father Point with the collier Storstad.

The collier did not sink and proceeded slowly home with her bow badly driven in. It is understood that she has on board a few survivors from the Empress of Ireland, which sank in nineteen fathoms of water.

The first official account of the disaster came from Captain Kendall, who sent a wireless message this morning to Captain Welsh, marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., at Montreal.

The Marconi operator at Rimouski gives the following account of the sinking of the Empress of Ireland. "The Ireland was rammed this morning at 1:45 by the Storstad 20 miles from Father Point.

Capt. Kendall Picked Up "Captain Kendall was saved, being picked up on some wreckage by No. 3 lifeboat thirty minutes after the ship foundered.

787 Passengers Aboard The Empress of Ireland sailed from Quebec at 4:20 yesterday afternoon for Liverpool. There were 77 first-class passengers, 206 second-class passengers, and 504 third-class passengers, which, with the crew, made over 1,200 souls on board.

Suffering Was Terrible Rimouski, P. Q., May 29.—The Empress of Ireland carried 1,437 souls, and probably 1,000 were lost. Early estimates of the dead varied from 678 to more than 1,100.

Most of the first-class passengers apparently perished. The majority of those saved appeared to be members of the crew and steerage passengers. Many were badly injured and 22 died after being picked up.

DEATH OF EZEKIEL DREW. Former Barre Man Died at Daughter's Home in Waitsfield.

DEATH OF MRS. ELMER GRAFTON.

Barre Woman Sustained Apopleptic Shock Yesterday.

Offer Reward for Burglar.

St. Albans, May 29.—The St. Albans Power & Manufacturing company has offered a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of the burglar who stole \$29.95 from the company's safe last Wednesday night.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW.

To-morrow being a legal holiday, The Times will not be published.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY KILLED HIMSELF

Isaac N. Chase of East Fairfield Wrote Letters to His Family Saying He Had Contemplated Act for Several Days.

East Fairfield, May 29.—Isaac N. Chase was found dead by his son, Grover, about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, having shot himself with a revolver in the left side of the head.

Mr. Chase was away at the time, being with his son, Irving, in Swanton. Mr. Chase was a native of Biston, Minn., where he was born May 2, 1861.

He was deputy collector of customs at Newport from 1889 to 1892, and was state's attorney of Franklin county from 1894 to 1896.

He was formerly prominently identified in Masonic circles, being past master of Eagle lodge, F. and A. M., of East Fairfield and a member of Champlain Chapter, No. 1, and Lafayette commandery, No. 3, of St. Albans.

He was married to Miss Inez Hill of East Fairfield, who with four sons, Irving, Chase, Swanton, Fairfield, Leo L. and Chauncey H. Chase of East Fairfield, survive him.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ARRANGED

In Barre the Observance Will Start with March to Elmwood Cemetery, Followed by Exercises in Opera House and Dinner.

Plans have been completed for the observance of Memorial day in Barre tomorrow under the auspices of R. B. Cranford post, No. 56, G. A. R., and Major L. A. Abbott camp, No. 14, Sons of Veterans.

The procession will form at Depot square under command of Captain Newell Barber as chief marshal. Several organizations, including the Citizens' band and a delegation of mounted cadets from Norwich university, are expected to participate.

The order of exercises in the opera house is as follows: Selection by the band. Reading general orders: salute to the dead, by Adjutant J. E. Harris.

Selection by the band. Tribute to the unknown dead; reading President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by Comrade A. J. Baldwin.

CHAIRMAN TO LEAVE. M. L. Aseltine Will Go From Vermont to Massachusetts.

St. Albans, May 29.—With the removal from the state next week of Merrill L. Aseltine, the Progressive state committee will lose its chairman.

CARS DERAILED AT DODGE BRIDGE

Barre Branch of Central Vermont Railroad Tied Up by Wreck, but No One Was Injured.

Four cars of special freight train No. 303 outgoing on the Barre branch of the Central Vermont railroad, were derailed near Dodge bridge this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, the branch being tied up effectively and also holding up traffic on the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company's line for a time.

TALK OF THE TOWN The New England Fruit Store invites you to its new soda fountain opening. Watch for the date.

Marriage of Barre Young People Occurred Wednesday Evening. A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Presbyterian parsonage on Wellington street Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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AWARD JEWELS TO FOUNDERS

At 30th Anniversary of Institution of Hiawatha Lodge, Odd Fellows

BIG ANNIVERSARY HELD LAST EVENING

Alfred S. Pinkerton of Worcester, Mass., the Chief Speaker

Thirty years of Odd Fellowship in Barre were celebrated last evening when 400 members of the fraternity and affiliated organizations came together to commemorate the institution of Hiawatha lodge, No. 20, in 1884.

Mr. Pinkerton was the chief speaker of the evening, his address being the "History of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 20, in 1884." The speaker traced its growth from one of the smallest lodges in the state to its present position in the front ranks of the grand lodge.

Mr. Pinkerton's talk was a long one, and he was heard to great advantage by the large audience which gathered for the occasion.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAWING EXHIBIT Shows Some Interesting Specimens of Work Done in Barre.

Students of the city schools opened their annual drawing exhibit at the Mathewson building Thursday afternoon. Pretty much all of the space in four rooms on the ground floor of the school was given over to exhibition purposes.

Perhaps the most conspicuous feature of the celebration was the presentation of veterans' jewels to seventeen of the men whose names are inscribed on the charter rolls of the lodge in Barre.

KILLED BY BLOW OF SPINDLE BELT Frederick Girard of Burlington Died at Hospital, Having Been Hurt Internally at Lumber Yards.

Burlington, May 29.—Frederick Girard, for 20 years an employe of the Robinson-Edwards Lumber company, was killed yesterday by the bursting of a belt in the mill where he was employed.

DEATH OF E. J. RANSLOW. Was One of Vermont's Best Known Congregational Clergymen.

Swanton, May 29.—News has been received of the death yesterday in Seabreeze, Fla., of the Rev. Eugene J. Ranslow, a well known Congregational minister of this state.

Mr. Ranslow has spent the past three winters in Florida.

MCGOWAN—WILKIE. Marriage of Barre Young People Occurred Wednesday Evening.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Presbyterian parsonage on Wellington street Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Sadie Wilkie of this city was united in marriage to John J. McGowan, only son of Mrs. Annie McGowan of 32 Jefferson street.

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State Auditor Told to Get New Bond

State Auditor Horace F. Graham this morning received a communication from Gov. Fletcher calling upon him to furnish a new bond for \$20,000.

Gov. Fletcher's statement this morning that the company is solvent in the opinion of its own officers and of insurance experts.

DEAVITT CALLED TO COURT

To Show Cause Why He Should Not Cancel His Present Bond for \$100,000 as State Treasurer and Furnish New Surety to the State

Gov. Fletcher Gets Writ of Mandamus

Case Will Be Argued at the October Term of Vermont Supreme Court—Fletcher Says He Was Deceived in Accepting American Fidelity Bond

As his next important move in an apparent effort to make State Treasurer Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier furnish a new \$100,000 bond, Governor Fletcher last night secured a mandamus writ from Supreme Court Justice John H. Watson compelling Treasurer Deavitt to appear in supreme court at the October, 1914, term to show cause why a new bond should not be furnished.

In his petition for the writ, Governor Fletcher alleges that Mr. Deavitt "willfully and maliciously and with intent to deceive said governor," concealed the fact that the bonding company was in bad financial condition at the time and he also alleges that Mr. Deavitt concealed the fact that three of the re-insuring companies which took a part of the risk, were not admitted to do business in Vermont and that they have no agents on whom process could be served.

Fletcher Wanted Several Sureties. After giving the details of the taking over of the original bond with the American Fidelity Co., of Montpelier, the petition goes on to say:

"The relator further avers that at the time of the tender of said bond to said governor as hereinbefore set forth said American Fidelity company was in a serious financial condition and to such an extent that there was an impairment of at least fifty-three thousand (\$53,000) dollars of the seven hundred fifty thousand (\$750,000) dollars of paid-in capital of said company; that said company was then and had been for some time past doing business at a loss; that the condition of said company prior to said tender of said bond had been such that said Deavitt as insurance commissioner as aforesaid and acting in behalf of the state of Vermont and in conjunction with the insurance commissioners of the states of Massachusetts and New York, had notified said company to refrain from declaring, and paying dividends whatever upon its capital stock without the consent of all of said insurance commissioners, to which said company agreed and assented, and that said Deavitt at the time of the tender of said bond as aforesaid well knew the facts as to the condition of said American Fidelity company as hereinbefore set forth but did not impart to said governor said facts nor did said governor then have any knowledge of the same.

"The relator further avers that said governor did not then approve said bond for the reason that he did not think it expedient or wise or advisable to the best interests of the state of Vermont to have only one surety become and be responsible for the whole penal sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars specified in said bond and that said governor then and there notified said Deavitt that he would not approve said bond unless said Deavitt procured additional sureties thereto.

"The relator further avers that said Deavitt, though repeatedly requested by said governor, neglected to furnish additional sureties to said bond until the 7th day of February, 1913, when said Deavitt re-tendered said bond with the instruments thereto attached as hereinbefore set forth to said governor for his approval.

"The relator further avers that between said 4th day of October, 1912, and said 7th day of February, 1913, said American Fidelity company declared and paid a dividend of four (4) per cent upon its capital stock without the consent of said insurance commissioners of Vermont, Massachusetts and New York, or any of them, as in direct contravention of said understanding and agreement between said company and said insurance commissioners which said dividend had not been earned by said company and all of which said Deavitt well knew on and before said 7th day of February, 1913, but which said governor did not then know."

The New Bond Presented. Next in his petition, Governor Fletcher gives the statements of the re-insuring companies secured by Treasurer Deavitt, the companies being the Southwestern Surety Insurance Co., the International Fidelity Insurance Co., the New England Casualty Co., and the Southern Surety Co., the statements being entitled "consent to substitution." And the petition goes on to say:

"The relator further avers that when said Deavitt re-tendered said bond to said governor for his approval on the 7th day of February, 1913, as hereinbefore set forth, said Southwestern Surety Insurance company, said International Fidelity Insurance company and said Southern Surety company were all foreign corporations and were not authorized

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