

Terrific Gales Sweep Ontario While Great Lakes Are Dashed to Fury

Lakes Erie and Huron Take Toll in Shipping and Shore Lines While Land Transportation Again Suffers

ERIEAU INUNDATED

Wind, rain and resulting floods for the second time within a month left their trail of damage through Ontario Friday and Saturday.

The great lakes, in the throes of a 50-mile gale, accompanied by a blinding snow blizzard in the north and torrential rain in the south, presented a menace to shipping which kept the majority of vessels stormbound in port, while those which were forced to brave the gale were tossed about like matchwood by the heavy seas. At least one casualty in Lake Huron and a near disaster on Lake Erie was the toll of the high seas.

Seamen on the shores of Lake Huron declared that the seas during Friday had been heavier than had been seen for the past decade on the lake.

BIG LAKE LINER IN TROUBLE

Battling huge waves and a strong gale, with 135 souls aboard, the passenger steamer City of Buffalo, 18 hours overdue in Cleveland, was towed Saturday into Conneaut.

That the desperate fight of the steamer to avoid disaster on Lake Erie during the terrific storm was handicapped at one time by sailors who fought for life preservers, was the story told by William Gibney, of Buffalo, N.Y., one of the 25 passengers who landed safely.

Gibney, vice-president of the Bingham Taylor corporation, said:

"A narrow escape from death by drowning was made worse by an unruly crew. At one time three of the crew fought among themselves for possession of a life-preserver when passengers were still waiting for them."

Gibney said, however, that the officers "showed remarkable calm and forcefulness in dealing with the crowd of inexperienced youngsters who made up the crew."

PULP STEAMER LOST

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 5.—Snatched from storm-swept decks of a sinking vessel, Capt Samuel Sholdis and twelve men comprising the crew of the steamer O. E. Parks were safe ashore to-day after having battled against one of the worst gales on the great lakes in years.

The O. E. Parks went down in shallow water in Lake Huron off Thunder

Bay at 4 o'clock Friday morning. The crew was removed as the first streaks of dawn showed the craft foundering helplessly and with her cargo of lumber lost to the waves.

COURAGE FACING DANGER

Revealing a story of fine courage in the face of difficulty and danger, the rescued men attribute their safety to the life-saving crew from Thunder Bay Island.

"If it had not been for them it would have been all up with us," Harry Jacobson of Escanaba, engineer of the ill-fated ship, declared.

Jacobson said the deck of the O. E. Parks was awash with mountainous waves when the crew of the life station arrived in answer to their distress signals. He was unable to explain the cause of the foundering of the ship. The storm came up unexpectedly and before the crew could make the vessel ship-shape, it had been swamped by high waves driven by a northeasterly gale.

ERIEAU SUFFERS.

Chatham, May 5.—The village of Erieau, popular Lake Erie summer resort and port, is threatened with complete demolition tonight as the waters of the lake continue to pound out their fury on the surrounding beaches. Cut off from the rest of the main land except for the thread-like embankment of the Pere Marquette railway, the peninsula settlement is virtually marooned, while unless the winds and of the elaborate summer homes will collapse before long into a watery grave.

In the surrounding districts the waves have at last triumphed over the dykes and thousands of acres of low land are inundated tonight, rendering hundreds of families homeless and piling up a toll of damage which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In the Dover and Thibury East districts, it is estimated that 2,200 acres are inundated, while in Harwich townships, in the vicinity of Erieau, 500 acres of the Burke drainage scheme are under three feet of water, and there is imminent danger of the collapse of another dyke which will cause the flooding of approximately 1,000 acres of the upper section of the scheme.

British Speed King Speaks



SEGRAVE ON THE RADIO

Major Sir Henry O. D. Segrave and his wife broadcast the story of his speed triumph at Daytona Beach on their arrival at Southampton.

Radio Telephone on C.N.R. Train

First Phone Call from Moving Train "Put Through" Saturday on Toronto Allandale Line

Last week American newspapers featured the story of a newspaper correspondent phoning his city editor from a plane flying above the City of Boston.

On Saturday Canadians were made to realize that we in our little way are as far or farther advanced in radio science as our neighbors or any other country. Germany has developed a system for phoning moving trains but it remained for the Canadian National Railways to put in to practical service a train to station call as clear and distinct as an ordinary land wire call.

Right outside of Toronto for the first time in history, a two-way telephone conversation was held from a railway train while it sped along past farms, meadows and hamlets.

This telephone conversation from a moving train was the realization of the dreams of both railway and telephone engineers for years.

And its first successful demonstration, occurring in the Dominion, could not fail but strike a chord of pride in the heart of any Canadian who witnessed it. It was appropriate, too, in a country where the earliest experiments of Alexander Graham Bell were held, more than half a century ago.

Epoch in Progress

But Saturday's performance, which, by the way, took place right under the

noses of a score of representatives of New York papers and the principal news service organizations of the continent, was far more than a matter for native pride. Even discounting the initial enthusiasm of one witnessing such an innovation, it can be said that this demonstration of telephoning from a moving train really marked an epoch in the old, old story of human communication—that life-line of civilization.

It was easy, from Saturday's performance, to foresee the time in the near future when a traveller speeding over distant lines will be called from his berth to the train telephone and hear a message from home about baby's first tooth.

This demonstration presages great things for the social and commercial life of the future. What messages of happiness or sadness, what conveniences for weal or woe, it will bring forth the future will show. The imagination of the present-day mind is dumfounded by the almost infinite implications of this new device in communication.

Buy Empire Goods

Hamilton Spectator (Ind. Cona.): The Motherland has done her share in recommending Dominion goods to British purchasers, and it remains for the Dominions to return the compliment in full measure. . . . It would be a splendid thing for the Empire if more of its citizens were convinced of the advantage of being "selfish and patriotic at the same time."

"Has your daughter benefited much by taking the domestic science course?" "Oh yes, indeed. It has taught her how to pick out the right things at the delicatessen store."

A Summary of Last Year's Flood



MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE BREAKS AGAIN AND FLOODS A WIDE AREA Pressure of flood waters from tributary streams caused the Mississippi River levee at Canton, Mo., to give way, marooning more than 200 homes. Photograph shows part of the inundated area around the Canton high school.

MARKETS

GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for car lots:

Man. wheat—No. 2 North, \$1.23 1/2; No. 3 North, \$1.18 1/2; No. 4 wheat, \$1.14 1/2; No. 5 wheat, \$1.05 1/2; No. 6 wheat, \$1.01; feed wheat, 89 c. (c.i.f. Goderich and Bay arts Price on track higher than above.)

Man. oats—No. 1 feed, 43 c. No. 2 feed, 46 c. (c.i.f. Goderich and Bay arts.)

Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, kiln dried, \$1.04 1/2; No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, \$1.03 1/2. (Delivered Toronto.)

Milled del. Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$28.25; shorts, per ton, \$28.25; middlings, \$35.25.

Ont. oats—Good, sound, heavy oats in car lots, 45 to 50c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights, \$1.28 to \$1.30.

Barley Maltling, 70 to 75c.

Buckwheat—85 to 87c.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.05.

Man. flour—First pats., in jute, \$7.50, Toronto; second pats., in jute, \$6.50.

Ont. flour—Track, Montreal, car lots, 90 per cent. pats., per bbl., \$5.70.

HAY AND STRAW

Wholesale hay and straw dealers are making the following quotations to farmers (delivered at Toronto):

No. 1 timothy, loose, per ton, \$19 to \$20; do, baled, nominal; No. 2 do, do, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 3 do, do, \$12 to \$14; lower grades, nominal; wheat straw, \$10.50; oat straw, \$10.

WHOLESALE SEED PRICES

(Prices per 100 lbs.) Red clover, domestic, No. 1, \$30 to \$32; do, No. 2, \$28 to \$28.50; imported, No. 1, \$25 to \$26.50; do, No. 2, \$24 to \$24.50; Alsike, No. 1, \$32 to \$34; do, No. 2, \$28 to \$28.50; Alfalfa, domestic, No. 2, \$34 to \$35; imported, No. 1, \$30.50 to \$32; Sweet clover, No. 1, \$6.50 to \$8; do, No. 2, \$5.75 to \$7; Timothy, No. 1, \$10 to \$11.25; do, No. 2, \$7.75 to \$8.50.

PRODUCE

Toronto wholesale dealers are paying the following prices:

Eggs, ungraded, cases returned—Fresh extras, 28c; fresh firsts, 26c; seconds, 22c.

Butter—Creamery, solids, pasteurized, No. 1, 38 1/2c; No. 2, 37 1/2c. Churning cream—Special, 45c; No. 1, 42c; No. 2, 39c, f.o.b. shipping point.

Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 20 to 20 1/2c.

LIVESTOCK

Heavy beef steers, \$10 to \$11.75; butcher steers, choice, \$10.75 to \$11.75; do, fair to good, \$9.50 to \$10; do, comm., \$8.75 to \$9; butcher heifers, choice, \$11 to \$11.40; do, fair to good,

Exhibition Gets Third Wrigley Swim

Toronto Chosen After Applications from Other Cities Had Been Considered—Provision Made that Water Must Not be Below 58 Degrees

For the third consecutive year Toronto is to be the scene of the annual Wrigley marathon, emblematic of the world's swimming championship. And for the third consecutive time it is to be bigger and better than ever.

The swim will be held during the two weeks of the Canadian National Exhibition. The choice of Toronto was made only after consideration of applications by other cities for the event. These included Cleveland, New Orleans, Detroit, Vancouver and Chicago.

Additional events and a stipulation that 58 degrees Fahrenheit water temperature must prevail feature the swim of 1929. As in last year's swim, the main events will be the woman's swim of ten miles and the men's event of 15 miles for which the leaders of the woman's struggle will qualify. As an extra attraction, special sprint races will be held on the closing day of the exhibition.

Fur Seals Increase, Rich Herd Sighted

30,000 Males Will Be Killed in Pribilofs in June

Vancouver—A \$1,000,000 fur seal herd swimming from tropical seas to bleak Arctic waters has just passed the coast of Vancouver Island bound for Bering Sea. The mysterious migration of fur seals will be complete early in May, when they haul out on the rocks of Pribilof Islands, the only spot where the Alaskan seal herd ever lands.

"Don't waste a tear on the 'vanishing fur seal,'" declares H. J. Christophers, superintendent of sealing in the Bureau of Fisheries on Pribilof Islands. "The fur seals, contrary to the belief generally held, are increasing at the rate of 10 per cent. a year. Last summer the official census of fur seals accounted for 810,000. Some time in June about 30,000 of the three-year-old males will be separated from the main herd, driven far inland on St. Paul Island and killed. In a few years the annual take of skins may easily reach 100,000 without harming the future of the herds."

Many Employed on Roads

The number of persons employed in road construction in Canada during 1927 reached a total of 34,230, and was higher than in any of the last eight years. In many districts this work is supplementary to the occupations ordinarily followed by the nearby residents, particularly agriculturists, during the slack periods on their farms.

After all, we common-place people enjoy the companionship of the persons who make us feel comfortable.

Freedom of the Seas

Round Table (London): It is becoming clearer every day that the whole attempt, which has hitherto been made to prevent war by defining the "aggressor" or "outlaw State," and requiring members to take sanctions against such aggressor or outlaw is on the wrong lines. The obligation which the Peace Pact or the Covenant ought to impose is that of taking economic or other sanctions impartially against all belligerents or intending belligerents.

Politics in England Taken Seriously



PROTEST CHURCHILL BUDGET

Ex-service civil servants parading Whitehall, London, protesting last budget presented by Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer.

Britain Back to Top in Sporting World

Ryder Cup Victory, Sir Henry Segrave's Achievement, Successes at Amsterdam Olympics Held to Dispel Illusion and Talk About "British Decadence"

London.—Great Britain's smashing win over the cream of America's golfers on the Moortown links Friday and Saturday in the biennial contest for the Ryder Cup, following upon certain other notable achievements in international sport, has awakened a nationwide conviction that the tide has at last turned and British pre-eminence in world competition is well on its way toward restoration. People began to raise their heads again when England's cricketers won back the "ashes" in 1926. They thought this might be indicative of a general sporting recovery and subsequent events have proved it was something of a gauge.

Britain's successes at Amsterdam in the Olympic Games in 1928 helped to dispel the illusion that the Motherland had become a "back number" in the sphere formerly dominated, and conversation began to turn upon winning of cups instead of losing them. One by one trophies have come back.

Sir Henry Segrave has captured a statuette, "Spirit of Speed," by traveling faster on land than anyone has done before; George Duncan has led his men victoriously through a battle with Americans who had come to be reckoned unassailable in the biggest class of competitive golf. It only needs the Britishers to win the open and the open amateur golf championships, and the Britishers to win a final or two in the Wimbledon lawn tennis championships for the chatter about "Britain's decadence" to receive its final quietus.

LACROSSE SEASON OVER

The lacrosse season here came to an end Saturday with a match for the Inroquois Cup, emblematic of the national interclub championship, won by Boardman, champion of the North, over Lee, champion of the South. The winner's superiority is reflected in the score of 7 goals to 2.

The curtain also dropped on Rugby football, which ended what may perhaps be called a "Harlequinade" since "qip upurqi snouy 'surba-qwq" maintained the traditions of previous years by winning the "seven-side" tournament for which a majority of the big clubs near London enter. This variant of Rugby is a vastly different thing from rugby proper. Speed is the most important factor and the fullback comes frequently into action as a scorer.

The ground was very hard Saturday and more than one player preferred to trust himself to tennis shoes rather than ordinary Rugby boots. In this age of records it is perhaps worth chronicling that Saturday for the first time in a public match a Twickenham player from the crowds which lined the seawall, is to be eliminated. The full course of the swim is to be along the inside and outside of the seawall, the swimmers at no time being more than a few yards distant from the breakwater.

CRICKETERS WARMING UP

The thud of the leather ball against the willow bat has been heard all over the country during the last week as the cricketers in clubs, big and small, limbered up for the commencement of a new season. For two reasons the campaign, opening today, will be watched with exceptional interest by the games' followers. One is the visit of the strong South African team which will oppose England's best in a series of test matches, and the other is the fact that intercounty matches will be decided under new rules, which, if they prove beneficial, will be permanently adopted.

Several recommendations calculated to produce brighter cricket—that is to say, a quicker dismissal of batsmen—came up before the Marylebone Cricket Club's advisory committee, but the only ones they approved for experiment this year were that the wickets be increased by an inch in height and width and that the batsmen may be given out "leg-before-wicket," even if the ball touches his bat or hand before he illegally obstructs its course to the stumps, and that the pitches may be rolled before play begins and between the innings for only seven minutes instead of ten, as formerly. These alterations will apply simply to intercounty matches. Test matches and club games will be played under ordinary rulings until, if the M. C. C. is satisfied that the innovations are for the good of the game, changes are definitely made in cricket's rules.—Christian Science Monitor.

Mining in Quebec

Quebec is geographically the largest province in Canada and is rapidly increasing in importance as a mineral producer. The richness and extent of its famous asbestos deposits, still the world's greatest source of supply, may be rivalled by the newly discovered wealth of the Rouyn copper-gold area.

Lobster Industry in Canada

Lobstering is a distinctive industry in 1870, there were three lobster canneries on the Atlantic coast of Canada; in 1927 the canneries numbered 438 and gave work to 6,180 people; 30,000,000 lobsters is a normal catch.

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