

TALITHYBIUS REACHES PORT

Largest Liner, Plying to Victoria, Belonging to Blue Funnel Service, Here on First Voyage

On her first voyage to Victoria the steamer Talithybius, of the Blue Funnel line—largest of the liners plying to this port—reached the outer wharf yesterday morning. The ship, which is owned by the Blue Funnel Line, Ltd., of London, is a new ship, built at the Harland and Wolff shipyard, Belfast, and is the largest of the Blue Funnel line.

The steamer made a slow passage from Yokohama, encountering strong head winds. After landing 248 Chinese head the vessel proceeded to Tacoma to unload the overland cargo, including a big shipment of raw silk for New York, and will return here early next week. The new 9000-ton steel steamer is fresh from the yards of her builders, and is in command of Capt. H. L. Allen, formerly of the steamer Ning Chow. Mr. Black, formerly of the Keemun, is chief officer and Mr. Williams, who was chief officer of the Titan, is on board the new steamer in the same capacity.

The Talithybius is the biggest of the Holt fleet. She is 535 feet in length, 20 feet longer than the company's steamer Proteus, and like that vessel, she is equipped to carry a limited number of passengers. There were five passengers in the saloon, Mr. E. G. Gittings, a wealthy Liverpool man who is making a round trip; Mr. D. M. Johnson and wife, and Messrs. A. B. Blason and W. M. McEwen, both of whom came from the steamer to take up their residence in British Columbia. Cabin accommodation for eight passengers is provided and there is accommodation for 1000 steerage passengers. It is expected that the vessel will carry a large number of pilgrims from Strait Settlement ports to Jeddah en route to Mecca on her homeward trip.

Siam's Abortive Revolt

Advices were brought by the Talithybius from ports of the Straits Settlements showing how the recent republican plot in Siam to emulate the achievements of China's mutinous troops failed. The progress of the plot was known to the authorities from the beginning, owing to reports of spies who had gained membership in the band, and the movement was allowed to develop, while those at its head were watched and arrested when preparing for the climax. It was announced that documents giving details of the plot and names of those concerned were found on some of the prisoners, and a hurried flight of many naval and military men followed the announcement. One of the prisoners, a lieutenant of cavalry, suicided after being arrested, snatching a rifle from a guard and shooting himself.

TOTAL WRECK OF MADEIRA RICKMERS

German Steamer Goes on Vries Island Close to Where the Liner Adato Was Lost

News was brought by the Talithybius of the wreck of the German steamer Madeira Rickmers, since given up as a total loss, on Vries Island, off the entrance to Tokyo Bay. A Japanese who returned from Vries Island says the steamer is lying on a rock under the cliff between Senzura and Hagino-ura, about two cho from the spot where the British steamer Adato was wrecked in November, 1908. As the vessel is only about eight yards from the land, communication between the steamer and shore is easily maintained. The steamer has a list of more than 20 degrees, the first and second holds and the engine room are flooded.

The Rickmers having run on the rock at full speed, her hull is badly damaged. There are two large holes near the bow—one in the region of the keel and the other on the port side. The stern remains intact. Bad weather was experienced on the 17th and 18th. Captain Oed remained on board until 4 p.m. on the 17th, when he proceeded to Hagino-ura, where all the members of the crew are now quartered.

Several Japanese marine engineers, including the representatives of the Uraga dockyard and of the Yamashina Marine Engineering Office, of Tokyo, have already arrived at the island, but their men have so far been unable to commence salvaging work owing to the rough weather. The vessel encountered a heavy snowstorm on the night of the accident, and apparently was carried out of her course by the strong currents. Her position is considered better than that of the Adato when she first ran ashore.

GIANT STEAMERS FOR GERMAN LINE

North German Lloyd To Build 54,000-Ton Vessels—Smaller Vessels For Pacific Line

NEW YORK, April 12.—After the Harland-American line had announced the building of a ship, the Imperator, of greater dimensions than the glaucous Olympic, of the White Star fleet, the Cunard company began planning still bigger steamers, the Aquitania, the Imperator is designed to be 900 feet long and to measure 50,000 tons gross, and the Aquitania, while no longer, will be of greater tonnage.

Today a cable came to Oelrichs & Co., general agents of the North German Lloyd line in this country, saying that a new colossus had been ordered from the Schichau shipbuilding company, of Danzig, and that she will be completed not later than August, 1914. Her tonnage will be about 54,000.

The new ship will cost \$10,000,000. Beasts will be substituted for berths in all rooms.

SMALLPOX VICTIM BURIED AT SEA

Chinese Passenger of Steamer Monteagle, Who Contracted Disease Died When Four Days Out from Japan

RAINBOW TO CRUISE AROUND THE ISLAND

Canadian Warship Expected To Leave Esquimalt Today—Will Make Calls At Many Points

H. M. C. S. Rainbow is expected to leave Esquimalt today on a cruise around Vancouver Island. Calls will be made first at Chemainus and then at many other places on the island will be visited. The gun layers' tests will be carried out on board the vessel during the cruise.

Arrangements are being made for H. M. S. Algernon to proceed shortly to the range at Comox for gun practice. Her sister ship, H. M. S. Shearwater, is being repaired slowly at San Francisco, and is not expected at Esquimalt until next month.

C. P. R. PRESENTS BOWLS TO WARSHIPS

Donates Silver Services To Japanese Warships Aso and Soya For Services To Empress of China

Advices were brought by the steamer Talithybius of a presentation by the C. P. R. to the Japanese training cruisers Aso and Soya at Yokohama on March 28, following the return of the two warships from a training voyage to Australia. Admiral Salto went on board the Aso, flagship of Admiral Kato, accompanied by officials of the navy department, and presented the vessels with two handsome silver bowls presented by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as a token of appreciation for services rendered by these vessels in taking off the passengers and mails from the M. S. Empress of China, of that company when she stranded off Shirahama last July.

UMATILLA'S SLOW TRIP

Pacific Coast Company's Steamer Reached Port Yesterday Many Hours Late

The steamer Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, reached the outer wharf yesterday afternoon after a slow passage from the Golden Gate. Head winds were encountered, and the vessel was about twelve hours late. The Umatilla brought a large complement of passengers, including the Victoria Baseball Club, and landed 300 tons of cargo at the outer wharf.

LUCERIC FOR ORIENT

Wet Line Passed Out Yesterday On Way To Manila and Way Ports

The steamer Luceric, of the Wet Line, passed out yesterday en route to Manila and way ports of the Far East. The Wet Line steamer took out a large cargo, including big shipments of lumber and forage consigned to Manila for the United States government. The vessel held ten saloon passengers, among them being Mrs. L. S. Rader, Paul Rader, Earl and Ruth Rader, bound from Miami, Fla., to Manila, where Mrs. Rader and her children will join her son, Lieut. Ralph E. Rader. The Luceric will touch at Yokohama, Kobe, Moll and Hongkong.

FORERUNNER OF A NEW SERVICE

Steamer Indian At Tacoma First of Vessels To Be Operated From Copenhagen

TACOMA, April 12.—As a forerunner of the permanent service to be established with the opening of the Panama canal, the Danish steamer Indian, Capt. Jensen, of the Danish East Asiatic line, arrived in port yesterday noon from San Francisco. The steamer brought general freight to San Francisco from Antwerp and other European ports, and is expected to load here for the Orient.

It was reported that the Indian was already chartered to load here for the Orient, but it seems that the negotiations have not yet been completed. The vessel is expected to receive a cable from her owners this morning closing negotiations for her next voyage. The Indian is likely, will be next to Tacoma to be fitted with four and a half motor-driven freighters to be seen on the Pacific coast will be sent out by this company. H. F. Ostrander, formerly of Jensen & Ostrander, is acting as agent on Puget Sound for the new line.

After a smooth trip up from San Francisco, the Indian arrived in port yesterday afternoon and dropped anchor in the stream to await loading orders. The Indian left Antwerp on March 18 and arrived at San Francisco March 22. She is a vessel of 4001 net tons, according to the registry of tonnage given her recently at San Francisco, and is owned by the "Ostasiatisk Kompagni, Aktieselskab Det." of Copenhagen, Denmark. She was originally a British vessel, being built at Belfast by Harland & Wolff, and launched in October, 1899. She is 400 feet in length, 46 feet beam and 23 feet depth.

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Ernest Thomas, a well known Ledyard lad, died last week as a result of injuries sustained in a runaway accident.

MURDERED IN BEDROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Elmer Schmidt, who says that he is a mechanic, was arrested here today on a fugitive from justice warrant from Salt Lake. He is accused of the murder of Marcella Groff in that city.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 12.—

Mrs. Marcella Groff was found dead in her bedroom on the night of January 20. She had been strangled. A few days later the police sent broadcast a description of a man known as William Schmidt, an inventor, who had been found, the police said, who had seen Schmidt with Mrs. Groff shortly before the murder and had heard him threaten to "get even" with her for a fancied wrong. Chief of Police Grant has received a description of the man arrested at San Francisco, and says it answers that of the man wanted.

American "Florence Nightingale"

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and one of the most widely known women of her day, died this morning at 9 o'clock in her home, Red Cross, in Glen Echo, Md. She was 90 years old. Miss Barton suffered an attack of pneumonia in February, 1911, had a relapse, and the case became chronic. She went last summer to her home in Oxford, Mass., and returned in a feeble health. Her heart developed, and for weeks her condition has been such as to cause grave concern. Her mind was undimmed almost to the last, and her ready wit made her sick room a place of cheer. Miss Barton will be buried where she was born, in Oxford, Mass. The funeral takes place from the Glen Echo home on Sunday.

Conservatory Mystery

NEW YORK, April 11.—The mystery surrounding the identity of the woman found in the home of Professor Louis P. Parma, musician, after his death from cerebral hemorrhage on Monday, was cleared up yesterday when friends of Bellevue hospital and identified her as Clara Connor, a native of Indiana. She is 41 years old, and it was said that for 20 years or more she has been a protégée of Professor Parma.

Woman Boot Black

LONDON, April 11.—A woman boot-black will shortly start in business at one of the street corners in the busiest parts of the West End, where she will do for women the work that the boot-black has so long done for men. In an interview this pioneer said:

"I think it is high time that women should be able to get a quick shine in the street. As things are now, unless women resort to the usual trick of cleaning the toe-caps of their shoes by friction on their stockings, they are often compelled to go about with muddy shoes. I have already bought my outfit, and shall begin work very soon. I shall wear no uniform, but a long half overall to preserve my dress, a pair of gloves and a becoming toque. Of course, I shall not accept men customers, so that those who are already in the business need not be afraid of my competition. I shall only work for women, children and boys up to the age of ten, or they are with their mother or their nurse. I will be an honest, clean and useful career, which should be generally taken up in time; in fact, I think its development will entitle me to be considered a public benefactress."

New Machines For Sewer Work

The three new air-compressor machines recently ordered by the city through Messrs. May Smith & Lowe have arrived and will receive their initial test on Monday. The machines, the newest of their kind, will greatly facilitate the excavation of rock in sewer work, each being capable of drilling and removing 300 feet of rock per day as against the thirty feet per day being taken out under the present system of hand blasting. The machines cost \$2200 each, but the saving which will be effected will, it is stated, mean a great saving in sewer construction work. The machines were manufactured by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool company and delivery was made from the east within twenty days. The first work on which they will be put will be the sewer construction in Craigdarroch subdivision.

New Building Bylaw.—The committee considering the new building bylaw has not yet completed its labors, and no indication is given as to just when this measure, which when passed will be the voluminous of any on the civic statute books, will come before the council. The comprehensiveness of the measure is such that much consideration is needed. The bylaw contains some 295 sections, covering every possible phase of building work, and incidentally repeals all existing measures relating thereto. The claim has been made by some of the aldermen that the bylaw will prove too advanced for a city of the size of Victoria, as many of the provisions have been copied from regulations in force in cities of over half a million population.

Mr. Macdonald Delayed.—Mr. W. T. Macdonald, of the Pullman agricultural and experimental station of the state of Washington, who has been appointed livestock commissioner of British Columbia, is not likely to take up his new duties as soon as was expected. The intention was that Mr. Macdonald should be here by the end of the present week, but he has been written to say that the authorities of the Pullman are averse to his leaving before the end of the academic year, in May. This delay in his arrival will not be any serious detriment to his work here for the season, as the important part of his duties would not commence until June in any event. Like many of those who have earned a continental reputation of late years in agricultural work and science, Mr. Macdonald is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural college at Guelph. Since leaving that institution in 1903 he has had large experience in livestock matters, having been for some time superintendent of the college farm of the Iowa State college of Agriculture, and afterwards head of the department of animal husbandry and dairying at the state college farm of Oklahoma. Since 1908 he has been connected with the station at Pullman.

Mr. Light and Power Dept.—The motion to refer the letter of Mr. Hall to the council was seconded by Mr. D. R. Ker and carried unanimously.

Cluster Lights Each Side Harbor

Board of Trade Takes Up Actively the Scheme for Illumination of Approach to City

The project for a scheme of decorative illumination at the "gateway" to the city came before the board of trade at the quarterly meeting held yesterday afternoon, and was most enthusiastically received. It was decided to have the matter referred to the council of the board, and to commission a scheme to co-operate in the movement, which promises to result in securing a great advertisement for the beauties of the capital city at small cost.

The matter was introduced by Mr. C. H. Lugin, who presented the following explanatory letter he had received from the manager of the light and power department of the B. C. Electric Railway company:

NURSING GAME OF PROVINCE

Mongolian Pheasants Being Distributed in All Suitable Sections—Not Importing Wyoming Wapiti

If British Columbia does not become the greatest big and small game centre of the American continent within a few years it will not be because of lack of endeavor on the part of the authorities. A campaign for the replenishing of the varieties of native stock which the north Pacific country possesses, and for adding to these as the foreign game adapted to the conditions here, has been under way for several years. Aided by adequate and stringently enforced game laws, Provincial Game Warden Bryan Williams has gone about his work with all the enthusiasm of the born sportsman, and already he is beginning to see the results of his labor in the rapidly increasing herds of big game in the interior and the successful propagation of a number of varieties of imported feathered game.

Prominent among the new birds which have been introduced to British Columbia under this policy is the Hungarian partridge. It was released both on the mainland and on Vancouver Island. The way it has prospered is astonishing. Old-time hunters can scarcely believe their eyes as, in covering the fields of the districts wherever the partridges have been placed, they find a very few after covary of beautifully conditioned birds. They find it hard to credit that these newcomers not only have found the somewhat strange conditions endurable, but have become so much at home as to multiply to a surprising extent.

Improving Pheasants

Much has been done to improve the native pheasants. Experiments along much the same line as those under way in Great Britain are taking place here, and so far seem to have been very successful. The first bird introduced to this section of Canada was the ring-necked Pheasant, and it was judged that new blood was required. So the government promptly took the matter up and has been liberating the Mongolian pheasants as fast as possible until now these birds are in practically all the open districts of the province.

Mr. Bryan Williams, who was in the city yesterday, states that the good work still is in progress. The Seanchi and the Cowichan districts already have been fully cared for, some recently having been released on Salt Spring Island, and St. James Island, it is understood, is to get some as soon as convenient. There has been some difficulty to supply the demand, so insistent have been the inquiries of residents of different districts. But the Mongolians are represented practically everywhere now, and it is confidently believed that the mixing of the old and the new stock will produce a bird as fine from the sportsman's standpoint as is to be found in any country.

Wyoming Wapiti

A report has been circulated that the provincial warden was taking steps having in view the importation of Wapiti from Wyoming to British Columbia. Mr. Williams says that he has done nothing in that direction. Hearing of the pitiful fashion in which these animals have been dying off for want of food across the border, he expressed the opinion that it would be a splendid thing if some could be brought into this province. He did not doubt whether such a scheme would be practicable. Not only is there great, almost insuperable, difficulty involved in transportation—a task which, if possible, would be very expensive—but there is the problem of obtaining the consent of the United States authorities. Mr. Williams is doubtful if that could be secured. In fact, he does not think that the suggestion could be carried out, and certainly nothing definite has been done towards that end.

AN OLD B. C. FIRM IS RE-ORGANIZED

Pither & Lelzer Becomes Limited Liability Company, British Capital Introduced—Outline of Changes

With a capitalization of \$2,000,000, the firm of Pither & Lelzer, one of the commercial landmarks of British Columbia, established 20 years ago, has been reorganized. It has been formed into a limited liability company, and will continue under the old name, with the requisite addition, namely, Pither & Lelzer Co., Ltd.

The first board of directors was elected last week, the details connected with the transfer, which have occupied some months, having been completed. Mr. Luke Pither and Mr. Max Lelzer are the largest holders of stock, and will continue to take an active interest in the business. With them are Mr. W. D. Gough, of Dunsmuir, Mr. A. E. Goodbody and Mr. Jas. Hunter.

The latter, who has been appointed managing director and general manager, and who also holds stock in the new concern, is well-known to old-time Victorians. He left here seven years ago, and since has been with the Vancouver branch of Pither & Lelzer. Mr. Gough, one of the representatives of the newly introduced old country capital, was at one time head brewer for the Guinness firm, one of the wealthiest corporations of its kind of Great Britain.

Both in Victoria and Vancouver the personnel of the staffs will remain the same, that in this city being under the management of Mr. George A. Gardner, while that in the Terminal City will be in the charge of Mr. George N. Joy. While no definite plans have been arranged, it is the intention of Pither & Lelzer Co., Ltd., to extend its busi-

ness, keeping pace with the development of the province as it has done in the past. It now boasts of being one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Dominion. There will be no change in the conduct of its affairs, the infusing of British capital in no sense necessitating any alteration in the methods which have marked its managements since its inception. The head offices will continue, as before, in Victoria and Vancouver.

Flood in Missouri

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 11.—The levee at Asland, Miss., broke today. Thirty-six hundred acres in Jefferson county will be flooded.

C.N.R. Shops At Port Mann

TORONTO, April 11.—Officials of the Canadian National Railway Co. stated today that survey work having practically been completed, the building of two C.N.R. shops at Port Mann will be undertaken this spring.

Millionaire for Penitentiary

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The U. S. Circuit court of appeals made an order here today, committing Clarence D. Hillman, multi-millionaire promoter to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in Seattle, who is to take him to the penitentiary.

Prisoner Attempts Suicide

NELSON, B. C., April 11.—Jack McConnell, an old-time settler, under arrest at Wilmer, charged with a serious crime, and who was to have been tried this morning before Judge Thompson, of Cranbrook, made a desperate attempt at suicide today. After eating breakfast, McConnell plunged a table knife deep into his throat, penetrating the jugular vein. He was taken to the hospital and may recover.

"Insane" Demagogues

NEW YORK, April 11.—President Taft charged tonight that many of those persons who advocate the recall of judges or the recall of judicial decisions are insincere demagogues, "acting without sufficient knowledge of need for the preservation of the constitution or its guarantees."

Great Northern Rumor

ST. PAUL, April 12.—A report that the Great Northern, through J. J. Hill, had purchased two miles of lake front near Port William, Ont., as a transfer, steel works, and eastern terminus for a new line of railroad through Western Canada, was current here today but could not be confirmed.

Turo-Italian War

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the powers have agreed to review the attempt to ascertain the terms on which Turkey would be willing to make peace with Italy.

Architects' Convention

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—The second annual convention of the architectural league of the Pacific Coast closed here today with the election of officers and the selection of Portland as the meeting place for 1913. The time will be announced later.

To Stimulate Sheep Raising.—A series of five meetings have been arranged by the department of agriculture with a view to encouraging the breeding of sheep in this province. They will be held at Metcalfe, April 18; Union Bay, April 16, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Duncan, April 17, and at Ladner and Chilliwack on dates which are yet to be fixed. These meetings will be addressed by Dr. W. T. Rich, sheep commissioner of the Dominion department of agriculture, and by Mr. G. McCrea, of the Dominion live stock branch, both of whom have been lecturing on this subject in the prairie provinces.

Park for the Delta.—Mr. F. J. Mackenzie, member-elect for Delta, during his recent trip to the capital, arranged for the establishment of a provincial park for the Delta district on the old Yale-Cariboo road, about three and a half miles from New Westminster. The tract which Mr. Mackenzie has in his mind's eye is a mile square and is heavily timbered. It is held under timber lease, and the land is the property of the Dominion government, but Mr. Mackenzie is convinced that these difficulties will not prove formidable if the matter is seriously taken in hand by the provincial authorities. He received considerable encouragement in his idea both from the premier and the minister of lands. It is possible and probable that Col. Thomson, of Seattle, who has been employed by the province to lay out a scheme for the opening of Strathcona Park, will also be asked to give his opinion as to how this land in the Delta would shape up for park purposes.

Protect Wild Flowers

Natural History Society Makes a Timely Appeal To the Flower-Loving Public

Last year an appeal was made to the public by the wild flower committee of the Natural History society to preserve the wild flowers to be found in the vicinity of Victoria, but which were rapidly becoming scarce. There was but too much reason to fear their total disappearance. With the return of the flowering season it may be well to recall what was then said. It was pointed out that wild flowers grow spontaneously, and that they are not sown or planted, and that they are not to be taken, but that they are to be preserved. The committee also pointed out that the wild flowers are not to be taken, but that they are to be preserved. The committee also pointed out that the wild flowers are not to be taken, but that they are to be preserved.

Carlisle in Riot

BILBOA, Spain, April 11.—Violent rioting occurred here during an attempt by Carlisle to break up a Radical demonstration. Civil guards charged both parties, one man was killed and a dozen injured.

Killed by Police Chief

BLACKFOOT, Ida., April 11.—An unidentified Mexican was shot and killed yesterday by Chief of Police Smith in a field near here. The men exchanged shots at some distance. The shooting was begun after Chief Smith had chased the Mexican for some distance in an attempt to arrest him for breaking up the chief's bicycle with an axe in revenge for the arrest of a partner for drunkenness.

Seattle's Telephone Rates

SEATTLE, Wash., April 11.—Suit to prevent the increase in rates and subscribers of the old independent telephone system which was recently taken over by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, was begun by the city yesterday when it obtained a superior court order requiring the Pacific company to show cause on Friday, why a temporary injunction should not be issued.

Mail was recently landed in Hazelton in 24 hours from Prince Rupert. Presbyterians of Prince Rupert recently endorsed church union by a vote of 75 to 15.

INQUIRY INTO COST OF LIVING

Dominion Government May Take Part in World Wide Investigation in Co-Operation With United States

OTTAWA, April 11.—The department of labor is in communication with the United States government with a view to co-operation in the general study of conditions underlying the increased cost of living. The United States idea appears to be for a world-wide inquiry.

Richard Grigg, the new commissioner of commerce, is preparing a report for the minister of trade and commerce on the condition and usefulness of Canadian agencies in the United Kingdom and the countries of Europe. It is probable that the investigation, which has already included these agencies, will be extended to cover those in the Orient. Upon Mr. Grigg's report will depend the future status of Canadian trade agents. Pending a decision in this respect, several important posts remain to be filled, including those at Amsterdam, Glasgow, Berlin, Havana and Shanghai.

REPRIEVE OF MURDERER

Death Sentence On Giovanni, Furlito Is Commuted To Life Imprisonment

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.—The cabinet today decided to commute to life imprisonment the sentence of Giovanni Furlito, who was to have been executed at Calgary on the 17th for the murder of a fellow countryman. It was shown that he acted in self-defense. Furlito