

MISS VICTORIA'S "BUSY DAY" FIRE ABOARD STEAMER QUEEN

PRESENT YEAR WILL BE RECORD BREAKER FORCED TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO

Enterprises Decided on Which Involve Expenditure of Millions

(From Thursday's Daily.) Evidence is multiplying that this will prove the busiest year in the history of Victoria in respect to the amount of civic work which will be prosecuted...

The building of the new High school at Fernwood will be a project of greater magnitude than most people are aware of. Preliminary to the commencement of the construction of the building proper much money will have to be spent and two or employed in the work of leveling the old paddocks property...

BIPLANE CARRIES FIVE PASSENGERS

World Record is Established by French Aviator—Travelled Thirteen Miles

(Times Leased Wire.) Paris, Jan. 26.—A world's record for passenger carrying was set here today by Aviator Sommer, when he flew with five passengers from Douzy to Boulay, a distance of 13 miles.

BIG BUILDING.

Canadian Pacific Will Spend Over Million Dollars in Toronto

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The Dominion Bank bought the James building at the southeast corner of King and Yonge streets, and will erect a large bank and building. Building operations will probably not commence for a year or more.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL.

Parliament, Ch. Jan. 26.—Without dissent the Senate today passed the Water race anti-gambling bill. The vote was 30 to 4.

FLAMES UNDER CONTROL AFTER HARD FIGHT—PASSENGERS ARE LANDED

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 26.—After a 24 hours' fight against fire in her hold, the steamer Queen, operating on the San Francisco, Victoria, Seattle run, crept back into port here today with the fire still burning and safely landed her 90 passengers.

The flames were controlled after fireboats and tugs had joined in the fight. The vessel was badly damaged and will be out of commission for several days.

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PATRONAGE AND PULL.

GUNNER ALLEN ON FEBRUARY 2

Three Judges Hold That Evidence, Outside Corrigan's Justified Conviction

(From Thursday's Daily.) Gunner Thomas Allen, convicted of the murder of Capt. Peter Ellison, at Work Point Barracks on August 1 last, must expiate his crime on Thursday next, February 2, the Appeal Court this afternoon having refused the application of C. F. Davis, Allen's counsel, for a new trial.

MINISTER WILL GIVE EVIDENCE

Hon. W. Templeman Vow- teers to Testify at the Chinese Inquiry

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Hon. Wm. Templeman who was asked to express an opinion on the evidence of Joe Martin, T. R. E. McInnes and others before the commission investigating Chinese emigration, now proceeding at Vancouver, replied that he did not think it would be proper for him to speak for publication.

OPPOSES HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

Resolution Passed at Orange County Lodge Meeting at Toronto

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 26.—A strong resolution against Home Rule for Ireland was the feature of last night's meeting of the Orange County Lodge. The resolution recited that an independent parliament for Ireland would mean the dismemberment of the empire and an injustice to Protestant Ulster.

SCHENK JURY DISAGREES.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 26.—The Schenk jury this afternoon disagreed and was discharged by the court. The juror who had listened to the evidence in the trial of Mrs. Schenk charged with having attempted to poison her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk, stood 11 to 1. It is believed that if men voted for acquittal. The jury retired last night.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—In the Ontario legislature yesterday notice was given by G. H. Ferguson, of Grenville, that he would on Friday move the following resolution: "That, in the opinion of this House, no language other than the English language should be used as a medium of instruction in the schools of this province."

NEW DIRIGIBLE BALLOON.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The Siemens-Schuckert dirigible balloon, the largest non-rigid type of airship ever constructed, made its first ascent Monday and manoeuvred successfully for thirty minutes, during which it developed a speed of more than twenty-seven miles an hour.

LORD AYLMER GOES EAST.

Nelson, Jan. 26.—Lord Aylmer left yesterday for the East, where he will endeavor to interest capital in Westland enterprises. He will spend most of his time in Ottawa.

RECIPROCITY TREATY WITH UNITED STATES

The Principal Features of the Agreement Are Free Trade in Agricultural Products and Machinery and in Lumber

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The capital is excited to-day over the announcement as to the result of the negotiations for reciprocity recently conducted at Washington by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and Hon. W. Paterson, Minister of Customs, which is to be made in the Commons this afternoon at four o'clock, although it is possible if parliament business is disposed of quickly that Mr. Fielding may commence to speak a little before that time.

The scene in the House promises to be memorable, as the attendance of members will be large and the galleries crowded with a throng anxious to hear what Hon. Mr. Fielding has to say. Many will be there as a matter of curiosity only, while others, including wealthy mine owners, who are in the city, will be eager to know how the agreement is likely to affect their business interests.

This morning Hon. Mr. Fielding, who arrived in the capital from the south last night, met his colleagues in council and imparted to them the details of the agreement, which at the time of writing are known only by the ministers and the experts who took part in the deliberations at Washington.

There is no possibility of the details leading out before the minister speaks, as Hon. Mr. Fielding and the Washington negotiators entered into a solemn pact not to reveal anything till this afternoon and there is no possibility of this arrangement being departed from.

It is stated this morning that the agreement opens a market to Canadian vegetable growers, potatoes, for example, being placed on the free list.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Canadian reciprocity treaty was announced this afternoon. The text of the treaty, together with a message from President Taft urging its adoption, was sent to the senate, and its reading began shortly after 4 o'clock.

The agreement provides for mutual reductions in the tariff on many manufactured articles, such as motor vehicles, cutlery, clocks, watches, sanitary fixtures, leather goods, plate glass, brass and band instruments.

Canada reduces to America rates on agricultural implements, lowers the rate on coal to 45 cents a ton and ten cents a ton on American iron ore.

The United States lowers the rate on aluminum products and dressed lumber.

The treaty will put on the reciprocal free list wheat and other grains, dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables,

COTTAGE CITY RUNS ASHORE AT CAPE MUDGE

Wireless dispatches were relayed to the Dominion wireless station at Gonzales Hill from the steamship Cottage City, by the Cape Lazo station, at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon, stating that the vessel had gone ashore at Cape Mudge, and that she was landing her passengers there.

WANT BATTLESHIP FLEET.

California State Assembly Will Send Resolution to Congress.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 26.—Afraid of offering an affront to Japan the federal assembly committee of the state assembly struck out all reference to the Pacific fleets of other nations in a resolution calling upon congress to send a battleship fleet to this coast. In reporting the resolution to-day the committee makes only a modest request for warships, and refuses entirely to report a recommendation on the resolution asking for more stringent exclusion laws.

FIGHT WITH BANDITS.

Two Men Rob Passengers of Interurban Car at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 26.—Bloodhounds and a posse led by Sheriff Hammel today failed to find a trace of the bandit who escaped last night after assisting his alleged pal, Louis Roy, who was wounded and captured, to rob an interurban car. Two of the passengers were shot. The police are assisting the county authorities.

SEEKS REDUCTION OF LICENSES.

(Special to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., Jan. 26.—The Citizens League will ask the city council for a further reduction of total licenses next year. Two years ago the league secured a reduction of these licenses.

fat, eggs, poultry, cattle, sheep and other live animals.

By the terms of the treaty cotton seed oil is placed on the free list by Canada and lumber by the United States.

Barbed wire fencing, now free in Canada, will now be on the American free list.

Printing paper is to be made free on removal of restrictions by Canada on the exportation of pulp wood.

Raw materials, such as mica, gypsum and the like, will be free.

Mutually reduced identical rates are fixed on secondary food products, such as fresh meats, canned meats, bacon, hams, lard, canned vegetables, flour, cereals, and other partly-manufactured foodstuffs.

The total duties remitted by the United States amounts to \$4,500,000, those remitted by Canada to \$2,650,000.

The value of the articles now dutiable only, while others, including a number of manufacturers who are in the city, will be eager to know how the agreement is likely to affect their business interests.

The value of articles imported into the United States affected by the reciprocity treaty is \$47,323,000, or 14.4 per cent. The value of the articles remaining dutiable at the full rates amounts to \$4,771,000, or 8 per cent.

The value of articles now dutiable which Canada proposes to make free amounts to \$2,953,000, or 18.5 per cent.

The value of dutiable articles on which Canada reduces duties amounts to \$5,878,000, or 19.5 per cent. The value of articles imported by Canada affected by the agreement amounts to \$4,528,000, or 38 per cent of the total imports from the United States.

Some of the Reductions.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—Reports received here over private wires indicate that lumber, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes are placed on the free list by the reciprocity treaty; that coal duties are reduced from 25 to 45 per cent, and that duties on reapers, binders and mowers are reduced from 17 to 15 per cent.

Interest in Statement.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A Star special from Washington this morning reads: "On the very day of the announcement the ignorance of the document which will be made public this afternoon is as profound as ever. Certainly Mr. Knox has kept his word to Mr. Fielding as far as allowing any authoritative hints of the terms of the pact to get abroad. In this city, certainly, there are reports of a goodly number of interests who would give their ears to know what the next twenty-four hours will bring forth. By to-night they will be howling blue ruin or listening to somebody else doing it, for there is no doubt but that somebody is going to get pinched. The reciprocity agreement as finally reached is going to mean something and you cannot do much in the way of offering a tariff without treading on somebody's toes."

TRADE BETWEEN MEXICO AND CANADA

Increase Follows Establishment of Direct Steamship Service

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, Jan. 26.—The establishment of a direct steamship service between Canada and Mexico has resulted in a big increase in trade between the two countries.

D. A. Ansell, Mexican consul general, has just completed a statement of imports and exports for 1910. According to this, exports from Canada totalled \$1,027,400, and the imports \$710,500.

JAPANESE IN OREGON.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 26.—A resume of the census of Oregon, just announced by the census bureau, to-day shows that there has been a heavy decrease in the number of Chinese within the state and an increase of Japanese.

According to the figures of 1910 there were 7,317 Chinese in Oregon, while in 1900 there were 10,379. On the other hand the Japanese population has increased by 785. In 1910 the census showed that 2,500 Japanese resided in the state, while in 1910 it showed 3,285 to be enumerated.

TWO HORSE THIEVES KILLED.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 26.—Two horse thieves are dead and two others are badly wounded as the result of a battle with a sheriff's posse near Lordsburg, N. M., according to news reaching here to-day. The dead and wounded are believed to have been sympathizers of the Mexican revolutionists and were supposed to have been stealing horses for them.