BUFFETTED ONE DAY BY TERRIFIC STORM

Chicago Maru Encounters Gale ter Leaving Yokohama—Many Orientals Land

Except for one day of rough weather experienced when three days out from Yokohama and a little fog encountered when nearing the coast of Vancouver Island, the trip of the Osaka Shosen Kaiska liner, Chicago Maru, Capt. Goto, which arrived at the outer dock Wednesday, from the Orient was marred by nothing by which the passage could be called eventful. The greater part of the voyage was accomplished in fine weather with very little wind and no sea at all.

The big steamship was battered rather badly when weathering the gale after clearing from the Japanese coast. The wind was blowing from the northwest and a heavy sea running, which pitched the vessel about considerably. She shipped a great deal of water and her speed was slightly decreased while she was forcing her way through the tremendous seas.

When two days out from Yokohama a stowaway was discovered aboard the vessel. He had secreted himself in the store room but was unable to conceal his presence there when the ship's carpenter went to secure something. He is to be deported to Japan on the liner when she sails a week from Saturday.

Many steerage passengers came across on the steamship, including 138 Chinese for this port. The only European passengers aboard were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thurston, Mrs. B. Jackson, Mrs. Mary T. Durel and Mr. Gordes, bound for Tacoma. The silk cargo brought by the Maru amounted to about $350,000.

The local cargo discharged by the steamship consisted of the following: Beans, 500 bags; rice, 1220 bags; salted vegetables, 30 cases; miso, 150 casks; preserved provisions, 100 cases; general merchandise, 52 packages. She has in all about three thousand five hundred tons of cargo.

INDEPENDENT PILOTS WIN.

Columbia River Skippers Race With Regulars For Business and Get It.

Portland, Ore., May 17.—In gasoline launches which they boarded at the Callender dock at Astoria, the regular and independent pilots made a race for the British steamship St. George, to solicit the business of piloting her up to Portland. The independents won in the contest, and one of their members, Capt. M. Moran, piloted her up the river bringing her alongside the North Bank dock. She makes a second tramp the independents have handled since they organized their association.

The regulars and independents started out to overhaul the big steamship in the bay below Astoria. The St. George was speeding along at a fairly good pace, and in their launches the pilots had some difficulty in overhauling her. But Pilots Moran and Pearson, of the independents, were the first to reach the rope ladder dangling from her side. A few moments later they were followed on deck by the regulars.

Captain Saddler, master of the St. George, said that the independents made arrangements with him while the steamer was at San Pedro to bring her up the river to Portland. He states that the regulars tried to persuade him to break his agreement with the competing association but he declined. If there had been no opposition, he gives it as his opinion that the steamer would have been forced to remain idle at Astoria for several hours waiting for a pilot. But with competition he explained that a good service is provided, and he asserts that the port benefits by it.

The St. George came from Antwerp via San Pedro and San Francisco, where she discharged the bulk of her cargo, consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. She arrived with 1000 tons for Portland delivery. From the Rose city she will go to Tacoma to load 1,500,000 feet of lumber for the United Kingdom and the Continent. She will stop at San Francisco to fill out her cargo with general freight. On the outward trip she will be under charter to Howard Houlder & Co., of London, who recently established a regular line of freighters between this Coast and Europe.

WIRELESS CASE.

New York, May 17.—Samuel S. Bogart, president of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, and one of the six officers of the concern indicted for misuse of the mails, pleaded guilty to-day. The motion for a change of plea was made by his counsel, former District Attorney Jerome, at the close of the morning session of the trial and promptly allowed. Sentence will not be imposed while the other defendants are on trial. They include Col. G. G. Wilson, vice-president of the company, charged with sending out literature reporting the corporation was making money when in reality it was losing.

INCREASING POLICE FORCE.

Twelve New Men Appointed This Afternoon, Ten Patrol and Two Mounted.

In conjunction with the other city departments in Victoria it has been found necessary to increase the personnel of the police force. At a meeting of the police commissioners this afternoon twelve new men were appointed. The positions which ten of them will be called upon to fill are those of patrolmen. The other two will be added to the mounted detachment. This will complete the additions for the present year. The men selected were taken from a large number of promising applicants.

While a funeral service was proceeding in Smithdown road cemetery, Liverpool, an elderly woman among the spectators suddenly fell forward. Those nearest to her attempted artificial respiration, but it was soon perceived that she was dead, and her body was removed to the mortuary.

FIND RIGHT WHALES IN LARGE NUMBERS

Most Valuable Species Swarm Waters in Vicinity of Naden Harbor

That the new whaling station recently opened at Naden Harbor will in all probability yield the largest returns during the season which has just commenced is the belief of many local shipping men. Reports received here from the North are that the species of whales known as the "right," the most valuable of the tribe, has been discovered there in large numbers, although the whalers have not harpooned many yet.

Since the station was opened at Naden Harbor the whaling steamers have sighted a great many of these mammals, but they have not been able to get within range of the big fellows. They are very wild, crafty and cunning and whenever a pilot gets his vessel close enough to one of them, so that the gunner can say it's a sure shot, he must be a skilful navigator. At present it is almost an impossibility for the whalers to bag any of them, but as the season advances it is believed that they will, like the other whales, become quieter and form a large portion of the hunters' catches.

According to information received it is thought that the breeding grounds of the right whales is in the vicinity of Naden Harbor. Very few of this species have been caught since the industry commenced. They are reckoned to be more valuable than the sperm and the amounts paid the members of the crews of the whalers for securing one of these are very large, so that if the steamers now engaged at Naden Harbor succeed in bagging many of the mammals, they will soon be able to retire from the sea.

Whaling at the other three stations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Fisheries Company is becoming brisker every day. The rough weather off the coast is now a rare thing and the little steamers are right in their glory. The catches so far have not been large but the reports as to the number taken which come from the stations are now beginning to increase each time.

The steamer Petriana brought a cargo of fertilizer and whale oil from Sechart on Tuesday morning.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of the Choral Society, held Tuesday in the committee room of the city hall, the question was brought up as to whether the society should be run as it is at present or on the subscription basis. After a good deal of discussion the latter course was decided upon, the subscriptions being fixed as follows: Three dollars for two tickets for the season and above in proportion.

There was quite a representative gathering, and the discussion was free and well sustained throughout. It was decided to issue invitations in a short time to all the musical people of the city in order to obtain subscribers for next season. J. C. M. Keth occupied the chair.

—The James Bay Epworth League held its regular monthly social on Monday last. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent.

—News has been received of the death at Mill Valley, Cal., of Mrs. Julian Harrison, eldest daughter of the late Prof. Digby Palmer and sister of Mrs. Charles Palmer of this city.

—Acting Premier Young, on behalf of the provincial government, has consented to have 10,000 copies of a souvenir programme of the coronation celebration fetes printed at the printing bureau and supplied to the committee free.

—Counterfeits of Bank of Montreal $5 bills are in circulation and are supposed to have been distributed in Eastern Canadian cities. They are of series B, No. 29707, bearing date January 2nd, 1909, and are poor imitations of the real thing. The bank is issuing warning against these forgeries.

—Members of the I. O. F. are planning an open meeting in A. O. U. W. hall on May 23 in honor of J. P. Murphy, high chief ranger of Northern California; Dr. Dunkenson, high physician of Southern California, and F. E. Hand, assistant supreme chief ranger of Los Angeles, Cal., who are on their way home from the supreme court meeting, which was held May 2 and 3, at Toronto.

—The B. Y. P. U. of Emmanuel Baptist church held their regular weekly meeting Monday evening, when the members and friends present listened to a description of California, given by Rev. Wm. Stevenson, who has just returned from a trip to that state. He made many comparisons between life in California and life in British Columbia, also comparing the beauty spots of each. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

—At last meeting of the Natural History Society subscriptions towards the proposed Captain Cook memorial of $5 from W. J. Sutton and $5 from A. W. McCurdy were received. Subscriptions may be sent to the president or secretary of the society or to H. T. Nation, mines department, Parliament buildings. Small amounts will be as welcome as large and the society hopes that the response to such a worthy object may be general.

—Leave to appeal direct to the Privy Council has been granted in the compensation case of Krzuz vs. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., in which Mr. Justice Clements awarded damages to a widow living in Europe for the death of her husband. The court of appeal, consisting of Macdonald, C.J., Irving and Galliher, JJ. (Irving dissenting), allowed an appeal, holding that alien dependents were not contemplated as having any rights of action under the Workmens' Compensation Act.

GEORGE BRINGS NEWS FROM NORTHERN PORTS

G. T. P. Steamer Bringing U. C. T. Excursionists From the Sound on Friday

From Wednesday's Daily.

With a budget of news of the happenings in the northern cities of this province, the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince George, Capt. George Robertson, arrived in port this morning from Stewart and Prince Rupert. She brought south about one hundred passengers, the majority of whom embarked at the G. T. P. terminal from points up the Skeena river. The big steamer also had a good cargo of general freight for Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle.

On Saturday, the day previous to the arrival of the George in Prince Rupert on her southbound trip, three men were severely injured in a premature blast on First avenue. When the steamer left that city it was not known whether any of the men, whose bodies were badly mutilated, would succumb to their injuries or not. One of them lost his leg, another an arm, and all were seriously injured internally.

The Prince George brought to this city the body of James Matthew McDonnell, who died at Hazelton shortly after his brother, William Sidney McDonnell, whose remains arrived here on the Prince Rupert on Sunday. It appears that James, who was 19 years of age, was accidentally poisoned by taking carbolic acid in mistake for medicine.

That the river steamers operating up the Skeena are having one of the most profitable seasons they have experienced for some time is the news brought by the George. The water now is at a good stage, and each of the steamers has made a couple of trips from Essington to Hazelton. They are carrying all the freight and passengers up and down the river that they can handle, and the business is continuing as brisk as it did at the commencement of the season without any apparent breaking.

At 11 o'clock this morning the Prince George left for Seattle, and, instead of returning here to-morrow morning, will remain at the Sound metropolis until to-morrow night. She is bringing the United Commercial Travellers from the various cities on the Sound on Friday to Victoria, where they will hold a conference. It is understood that some 800 excursionists will visit this city. They will spend two days here and will return to Seattle on Sunday on the Prince Rupert.

The Prince George will leave here on Friday morning, one day behind her schedule, but Capt. Robertson states that he will return here on time next Wedensday morning, although he has to go through to Stewart this trip.

CLAIMS DAMAGES.

Mexican Government Will Be Asked to Recompense Mine Manager.

Mexico City, May 17.—Claude Stanhope, general manager of the Salinas & Mexico Mines at Salinas, state of San Luis Potosi, will present claims against the Mexican government through the British legation for personal damages and damages sustained by the company during the rebel raid of last week.

It was during the occupation of Salinas that a train carrying nine Americans was held captive for more than 48 hours.

According to John Phelan, one of the passengers, who arrived here last night, the passengers were robbed of everything of value. While one detachment of rebels was robbing the passengers, another visited the station house and took from the till 143 pesos, which was 47 pesos short of what they had been told they would find. Disappointed, they returned to the passengers and told Phelan and M. Drown, also of this city, that they would consider it a favor if they would supply the missing amount. The Americans protested. They were told to march, and accompanied by a squad of rebels, heavily armed, they were taken to a lonely spot out of sight of the others. The commander asked them if they wished to leave messages for their relatives, since they were to produce the amount of the "shortage."

Phelan admitted having $6.50, and this amount finally was agreed upon as the price of the lives of the trio.

Phelan asked the rebel leader to lend him a peso. This the rebel did—one of Phelan's own coins—and then ordered them to return to their marooned companions.

That night the nine Americans were quartered in an adobe building near the railroad. The following day, Sunday, it was discovered that "the treasurer" of the rebels had eloped with a woman of the village, taking with him all the loot. His flight precipitated a general pursuit, leaving the Americans free to escape.

MUSIC AND ATHLETICS.

Band Engagements Being Arranged for Summer Season—New Gymnasia Being Installed.

Music in the public parks of Victoria, which is always one of the most attractive features of the summer season, will shortly be the subject of a report by Alderman Humber to the city council. The city has already provided the sum of $2,200 for the purpose of requisitioning musical combinations for the city parks, and the alderman's report will consist of arranging the various applicants in their engagements for the season.

The athletic as well as the musical side of public entertainment is in the able hands of the enthusiastic Alderman Humber. In the estimates for the year there is provided the sum of $1,400 for each park—North Ward and Beacon Hill. This sum is intended for the purchase of suitable gymnastic apparatus, and at the next meeting of the city council Alderman Humber will formally move a resolution instructing the purchasing agent to obtain the desired gymnasia.

SAILORS AND FIREMEN TO STRIKE ON MAY 25

Southampton, Eng., May 17.—The long threatened international strike of sailors and firemen, it was announced here to-day, has been fixed for May 25, with the object of dislocating traffic during the coronation of King George.

SHIP WITH VALUABLE CARGO LEAVES PORT

Antilochus Sails for Liverpool Laden With $2,000,000 Worth of Freight

Taking the most valuable cargo ever loaded on Puget Sound, worth $2,000,000, the Blue Funnel liner Antilochus, Capt. Stewart, left the outer dock shortly on Wednesday for Liverpool via the Orient. Her cargo capacity was all utilized, 13,500 tons of general freight being stowed beneath her hatches consigned to the different ports of call on her lengthy trip.

The richest cargoes carried across the Pacific generally come from the Orient, as the silk shipments swell the amounts to large figures. The Antilochus' cargo is, however, an exception to this rule, and it is some time since a silk-laden ship reached here from the Far East with a cargo as valuable as the Holt steamship takes westward. Her freight list, while consisting for the greater part of general merchandise, includes a consignment of 1,000 tons of copper shipped from Alaska, which is estimated to be worth over a half million dollars.

Besides the copper the Antilochus carries 2,500,000 feet of lumber loaded mostly at Port Blakeley, weighing 5,000 tons, 2,000 tons of flour, 1,000 tons of oats and 500 tons of wheat taken on at Seattle and Tacoma flour mills; 1,000 tons of knocked down boxes; 500 tons of machinery; 250 tons of scrap tin; 300 tons of whale oil, and the balance in general freight. The scrap tin is from the canneries on this coast and is consigned to a German concern which has discovered a method for preparing the tin for other uses.

The steamship Teucer, a sister ship to the Antilochus, which is now at the outer dock discharging 2,500 tons of cargo brought from England, will leave here for Vancouver to-night or to-morrow morning. She is not due to sail on her homeward trip until June 14.

KITSELAS LIBERALS HAVE ORGANIZED

Association Formed at Enthusiastic Meeting—in Favor of Reciprocity

Kitselas, May 16.—An organization to be known as the Kitselas Liberal Association was formed at a meeting of settlers and business men. There was a large attendance, and before the evening was over there were thirty-one fully paid up members enrolled. Much earnestness and enthusiasm was evinced, and the association expects to become a strong force in the district.

The following officers were elected: Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, hon. president; Hon. William Templeman, hon. vice president; J. E. McEwen, president; Mr. R. C. Macdonald, vice-president; Mr. J. D. Wells, secretary and treasurer; Mr. Frank R. Angers, William E. Cannon, L. H. Kenny, organizer executive.

Speeches were delivered by several of those present in appreciation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's work for the country, and of the benefits to be derived throughout the entire Dominion by the passage of the reciprocity bill.

DRIFTS THREE MILES DAILY.

Bottles Thrown Overboard From Schooner Picked Up At Carmanah.

Drifting five hundred and fifteen miles in one hundred and seventy days on the rough bosom of the Pacific ocean, a bottle containing a message from a ship at sea has been picked up by Mr. Daykin, keeper of the Carmanah lighthouse. He forwarded a copy of the sea letter to the Marine and Fisheries department, which read as follows: "Schooner Nonpareil, November 20, 1910. Crew 7 men. Lat. 51 north, long. 147.20 west, bar. 28.20. Wind south, blowing a hurricane and a heavy sea. K. B. Peterson, master, Alaska Cod Fish Company."

The glassware which bore the message from the ship to the lighthouse keeper was a gallon jar, securely stoppered and covered with wickerwork. The bottle must have travelled about three miles a day, which shows the strength of the tides off the coast of this Island.

QUEBEC MARRIAGE LAWS.

Courts Disagree Regarding Validity of Cousins' Marriage.

Montreal, May 16.—Judgment has been given in the Court of Review maintaining the marriage as legally contracted between Napoleon Tremblay, farmer, St. Victoire, Richelieu, and Albini des Pati.

The parties were married on October 25, 1904, and five years afterwards the husband took action to have the marriage declared null and void on the ground that they were first cousins, and that the necessary dispensation had not been obtained from the church.

The Superior court of Richelieu gave judgment on October 4 last granting dissolution of the marriage, but against this the wife appealed, and the Court of Review, Judges Tait, Fortin and Mercier, have just reversed this judgment.

APPLICATION POSTPONED.

Ottawa, May 17.—The application of the Vancouver Board of Trade before the railroad board for certain information from the C. P. R. with respect to freight and passenger rates, was indefinitely posponed at yesterday's sitting of the board because no one was on hand to represent the board.

WARDS BARRED FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE

Blue and White Jerseys Cannot Play Amateur V. I. Football Next Season

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That the North Ward Football club be suspended from the Amateur Island League for a period of one year was the decision reached at the meeting of the league executive last evening. This means that the Wards will not only be suspended for the present season but will not be allowed to enter the amateur Island series next year.

Undoubtedly this is one of the stiffest sentences handed out to any athletic club in this city for some time, and seems but a fitting climax to the troubles and difficulties the league has had to deal with since it was first formed.

The chief reason for the severe punishment meted out to the Wards is that they purposely threw Saturday's game to the Wests. This was clearly proven at last night's meeting, the official referee, W. Wilson, having sent in a report describing the way the game was played, and President A. Lockley, who was present at the match, corroborated this report by word of mouth.

The president stated that after the Wards had scored a goal they neither tried to repeat the performance nor defend their own goal. They cuffed the ball with their hands, let it go through their legs and did everything but play football. Other offences were that the grounds were not marked out and that the Ward goalkeeper, A. Baines, left the field without notifying the referee. The West delegate did not deny that the Wards had allowed his team to win, but he emphatically asserted that Victoria West was in no way a party to the scheme.

The motion for suspension was then proposed by A. Selfe and seconded by A. Manson and, as these two delegates themselves constituted a quorum, it was passed.

In view of Mr. Youson's statement, which the executive, having no direct proof, was not in a position to contradict, it was not thought advisable to deal very harshly with the Wests. The secretary was instructed to notify the club that it was severely reprimanded for playing a game without protest in which the players could plainly see that their opponents were not making it a competitive match.

The points won or lost by the Wards are now annulled. The Foresters have six points to their credit, four won against the Corinthians and two against the Wests, and the latter team has four won against the Corinthians. There is only one more game to be played, that between the Foresters and the Wests, which took place two weeks ago but was ordered replayed because a professional had slipped into the West ranks. The date has been set for next Saturday and the match will be played at Beacon Hill, starting at 3 o'clock. R. Locke was appointed official referee and R. Kelsall and A. Selfe, linesmen.

If the Foresters win, the Morley cup will fall into their hands without further dispute, but if the green-and-white jerseys are victorious, another game will be necessary.

NERVOUS INDIGESTION

A Severe Case Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I suffered so much from nervous dyspepsia that I feared I would become insane," says Mrs. Alfred Austin, of Varney, Ont. "For months," says Mrs. Austin, "I was prostrated with this trouble. I got so bad I could not eat a mouthful of food without it nearly chocking me. I was affected with such terrible feelings of dizziness and nausea that I had to leave the table sometimes with just two or three mouthfuls of food for a meal. My nerves were all unstrung and I grew so weak that I could not even sweep the floor. In fact my nerves affected me to such an extent that I feared to be left alone. I could not sleep at nights, and used to lie awake until I feared by reason would leave me. I was taking medicine constantly, but it did not do me a bit of good. I had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills on a former occasion with good results, and at last I determined to try them again. I can say nothing better than that these pills have been a blessing to me, as they have made me a well woman. Every trace of the indigestion is gone, and my nerves are as streng and sound as they were in girlhood. Now I can eat anything that is on the table, and I get sound refreshing sleep at nights. All this I owe to the faithful use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which I shall never cease to praise."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills fill the veins with new, rich, red blood. That is why they strengthen the nerves, and every organ in the body. That is why they cure all troubles due to bad blood or weak shattered nerves, such as anaemia, with its grinding, wearing backaches, headaches and sideaches, rheumatism and neuralgia, heart palpitation, indigestion, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis, kidney troubles, and those special ailments that render the lives of so many women and growing girls a burden. But you must get the genuine pills with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

DIAZ OFFERS TO RESIGN THIS MONTH

Mexico City, May 17.—Portirio Diaz, at a meeting to-day of his cabinet, definitely offered to resign the presidency of Mexico before the end of the month.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

UNIONISTS OBJECT TO PAYMENT OF MEMBERS

Austen Chamberlain Says It Will Flood House With Money Grabbing Politicians

London, May 17.—Chancellor Lloyd George, who presented the budget in the Commons yesterday, estimated expenditure for the current year at $906,170,000, which is $38,750,000 more than last year. The chancellor estimated the revenue for the current year as $908,580,000.

Of the increased expenditure of $38,750,000 over that of last year, the navy, civil list and old age pensions account form the greater part. Pay for members of the House of Commons will absorb $1,250,000 more, while the coronation will cost another $1,500,000.

Mr. Lloyd George said the British fiscal system had passed through an exceptional strain with added lustre. In his three years' tenure of office, the chancellor declared, he had paid off $120,000,000 of the national debt, while it had been reduced $350,000,000 since the Liberals had assumed power. Prospects of a continuance of good trade were excellent. Of the estimated revenue of $908,580,000, the big items are customs and excise duties, $348,000,000; death duties, $125,750,000; income tax and super-tax, $221,500,000, and post office revenue, $128,700,000.

The opposition criticism on the budget centred in the provision for the payment of members of the House of Commons, to which Austen Chamberlain said he was unalterably opposed, as it would deprive the members of the British House of the unique distinction of serving without pay. He predicted that it would flood the House with money-grabbing politicians seeking an easy livelihood.

INCREASING USEFULNESS.

Leading Financial Firm Adds to Facilities For Clients.

British Columbia has a strongly established and very enterprising financial and investment house in Dow, Fraser & Co., Ltd., of Cambie street, Vancouver. Its business has been growing steadily since it was founded in 1900, and its activities are now as varied as they are flourishing.

In addition to real estate, one department after another has been added until to-day Dow, Fraser & Co. operate a banking department in which money is accepted on deposit, subject to cheque, safety deposit vaults, a department for the purchase and sale of municipal debentures and industrial stocks, as well as discharging the fiduciary duties generally undertaken by a trust company. The latest departure of the firm is the acquisition of the premises adjacent to its office on Cambie street. In these a legal department has been established with a properly qualified solicitor in charge, whose services, the firm announces, are at the disposal of its customers either in the drawing up of contracts or agreements, in throwing light on knotty points of law, or in any other of the numerous ways that it is possible for a legal adviser to assist the public.

Another office has been set apart and furnished by the firm to be employed as a directors' board room, or a business conference room, which the public are invited freely to make use of without charge, the only stipulation being that notice of a day or two be given the firm of a desire to make use of the room for the purpose of a meeting. Finally, it should be added, a stenographer has been placed in an adjoining room, whose services may be requisitioned at any time in the conference room—a valuable aid that all business men will appreciate. These additional offices are already furnished, and may be used at any time.

STEEL TRUST INQUIRY.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—An investigation of the United States Steel Corporation was ordered by the house to-day when it passed the resolution providing for such an inquiry. The resolution was adopted without opposition following a short debate. A committee of nine members, to be elected by the house, will be authorized to conduct the investigation.

NEW CHURCH.

New Westminster, May 16.—A building permit has been issued for $10,000 for the new Sixth Avenue Methodist church, to be erected near the corner of Twelfth street, adjoining the old site.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD.

Buoy De Part of Marne, France, May 17.—A new record for rapidity of ascension was made yesterday by Lieut. Menard in his new army aeroplane Tour d'France, which he was trying out before the aviation corps. Menard attained a height of 1,000 feet in four minutes and 45 seconds.

Pencils to the number of 350,000,000 are annually made in Bavaria.

LAND ACT.
VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.

DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE III.

Take notice that W. H. Gibson, of Bella Coola, missionary, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 120 chains east of the north-west corner of the Bella Coola Indian Reserve, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains more or less to Nechelconey river, thence southwesterly along river 40 chains more or less to point of commencement, and containing 40 acres more or less.

WM. H. GIBSON.

April 6th, 1911.

LAND ACT.

GOLDSTREAM LAND DISTRICT.
DISTRICT OF GOLDSTREAM.

Take notice that Bedlington Harold John, of Victoria, B. C., broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the western shore line of Finlayson Arm, at the intersection of the northern boundary of Section (6) six, Golds'ream District, thence east (20) twenty chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains more or less to the western shore of Finlayson Arm, thence south along the shore line to the place of commencement.

BEDLINGTON HAROLD JOHN.

March 14th, 1911.

FOR SALE—On E. & N. Railway, between Westholme and Chemainus, 203 acres, mostly bottom land, 50 acres cleared, 50 slashed, 2 dwelling houses, barns, etc., river frontage; will sell 50 acres or more. Apply A. Dell, Chemainus.

'FRISCO MARINE NEWS.

Schooner F. Redfield to Be Whaler and Sent North to Arctic.

San Francisco, Cal., May 17.—The schooner F. Redfield will be converted into a whaler and sent to the Arctic by Capt. James McKenna, who also owns the schooner Confianza. Captain McKenna completed negotiations yesterday for the purchase of the Redfield from George E. Billings. She is a vessel of 371 tons net register and was built at Port Blakeley in 1887. She is now being overhauled by the United Engineering Works.

The little schooner Admiral, en route to Guaymas, has been chartered to load lumber on her return at Gray's Harbor, for the west coast of South America for W. R. Grace & Co., her rate being 12 shillings 9 pence.

The steam schooner Jim Butler has been chartered for lumber from Grays Harbor for San Pedro at the usual rate of $4 50.

Owing to the scarcity of deep water tonnage at the various coast ports brokers report the offshore lumber freight market extremely dull. They say, however, that grain freights bid fair to reach a high figure during the coming season.

The steamer Spokane, G. A. Harris, master, and the steamer Coaster, J. F. Higgins, master, have been enrolled for the coasting trade.

NEW HOTEL AT BALFOUR.

Nelson, May 16.—"The constactor informs me that the new hotel at Balfour will be open to the public on June 15," said William Whyte, vice-president of the C. P. R., who returned to the city after making an inspection of the building, in company with F. F. Busteed of Vancouver, general superintendent of the western lines; J. G. Sullivan of Winnipeg assistant chief engineer; R. Rindel of Vancouver, divisional engineer; W. O. Miller, superintendent of the local division, and Capt. J. C. Gore, superintendent of the British Columbia inland land and river service of the company. Chief Justice Mathers of Manitoba also visited the hotel.

"I am very pleased with the appearance of the hotel," said Mr. Whyte. "The exterior of the structure is most symetrical and attractive, and the interior, though not yet quite completed, will certainly be as artistic and comfortable as could be desired. The company has already carried out some advertising for the new hotel and later on it will be advertised on the same comprehensive scale as the other hotels of the company."

LUMBER BURNED.

Chehalis, Wash., May 17.—The sawmill and lumber yards of the O'Connell Lumber Company at Winlock were destroyed by fire last night. The mill had a capacity of 100,000 feet daily and was built several years ago and was formerly owned by J. A. Vaness. The company employed 100 men. The loss is estimated at $50,000, the greater part of which is covered by insurance.

GOLF COMPETITIONS.

The competition for the Bostock cup and men's championship of British Columbia will be played on the Oak Bay golf links on May 24 and the following day. Entries must be sent in to the secretary, Harvey Combe, or listed in the club house not later than 5 p. m., Monday, May 22.

The Flumerfelt cup and ladies' championships will be played off on Tuesday, May 23. Entries, which can be made with Miss Drake, honorary secretary, or listed in the club house, close on Monday, May 22, at 5 p. m.

The above competitions are open to members or honorary members of the B. C. Golf Club.