

MAJOR TORNADO

Persons Killed Buildings Demolished and Okla-Twisters

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BOMBARDMENT IN THE DARDANELLES

Italian Fleet Off Entrance to Straits—Warship Reported to Have Been Sunk by the Forts

LONDON, April 18.—Cannon-firing was heard at the entrance to the Dardanelles at noon today...

It is believed the Italian fleet has begun an attack on the forts of the straits, but no details have come to hand.

The bombardment of the Dardanelles began today, according to a special dispatch received here from Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 18.—The Italian fleet is reported to have appeared at the entrance to the Dardanelles straits.

One Italian warship is said to have been sunk.

ATHENS, Greece, April 18.—Two divisions of Italian warships, each comprising a dozen ships, passed Skyro Island, in the Aegean Sea, yesterday, sailing to the north.

RAPID PROGRESS ON G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Collingwood Schrieber Completes Trip of Inspection—Most Difficult Part Finished

OTTAWA, April 18.—Collingwood Schrieber, chief consultant/engineer for the Dominion government, has just returned from a tour of inspection over most of the recently constructed portion of the G.T.P. main line in the West.

In conversation with representatives of the press, Mr. Schrieber stated that the G.T.P. is now completed, to a point 278 miles west of Edmonton or thirty miles west of Yellowhead Pass.

By the end of the present month, 35 more miles will be graded on the section this side of Tete Jaune Cache, while on the section east of Prince Rupert grading is being done to a distance of 245 miles from that city.

BERGE TAKES ROLLING STOCK TO RUPERT

Locomotive and Cars Taken on the Barge Georgian II in Tow of the Tug Escort

The big barge Georgian II is on her way to Prince Rupert in tow of the tug Escort, carrying a locomotive and tender, two box cars, one caboose and twenty flat cars.

The barge—which is very much on the lines of a scow with bulwarks—is powerfully built and equipped with a steam winlass.

The locomotive and cars are run over an apron direct from the company's rails on land to the company's barge, the flat cars are double-decked, that is, flat cars are placed upon the top of the bottom tier, and then, at tide, when the barge is sufficiently low in the water, the rest of the cars are run along the rails which have been laid upon those below.

The top cars are lashed, and all the cars have their brakes in use, and shoes gripping the wheels onto the rails.

The Georgian II is 202 feet long with a 40-foot beam and has been running up to Prince Rupert during the past two years.

The greatest care is exercised in taking consignments up north—the present consignment is worth about \$35,000—but there is always a certain amount of risk when the sea is at all rough, and it will be remembered that the Georgian II was wrecked several years ago.

The G. T. P. tug Escort, which has had her broken flange repaired on the Wallace ways, and which will tow the barge, is a particularly powerful tug. The trip there and back occupies about ten days, and then the Escort will tow the barge to Prince Rupert with a large quantity of contractor's supplies being sent there for Mr. Harris, a well known Seattle contractor.

SHIP FRIEDA REPORTS FATALITY ON BOARD

Deck Boy Fell Into Lower Hold on Voyage from Santa Rosalia and Was Killed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Capt. C. Mark of the German ship Frieda reports that on March 19, when the vessel was four days out from Santa Rosalia, Walter Lehmann, a deck boy, fell into the lower hold, and was so badly injured that he died two hours later without recovering consciousness.

The Frieda arrived here after encountering "right" and "head" winds practically all the way up the coast.

JUMPING EVENTS WILL BE FEATURE

Celebrated Irish Thoroughbreds, Recently Brought From Great Britain, Entered in Victoria's Spring Show

For the special benefit of Victorians interested in the sport arrangements have been made for a number of purely local events in connection with this city's first spring horse show, which will be held on May 2 and 3.

The management is taking this step at the earnest solicitation of a large number of inland equestrians, and there is no doubt that these competitions will attract a particularly large entry.

There is a jumping contest for ladies over four hurdles, performance only to count, for which a silver cup is offered the winner, a silver medal for second, and a bronze medal for third.

This will be followed by a riding competition for girls (novice), the awards for which are a cup and medals.

The boys under sixteen years have not been forgotten, a jumping event having been arranged for them. The successful ones will receive prizes to the value of \$10, \$7, and \$5.

The last will be a combination class, in which are hung up a cup and two medals.

FERRY SERVICE TO INCREASE

Three Sailings a Day Between Victoria and Vancouver and Two Between This Port and Seattle

Beginning on April 22 next the interport ferry services between Victoria and Vancouver and Victoria and Seattle will be much improved.

The addition of the steamer Iroquois, which will run through to Tacoma, will give a double sailing to and from Seattle daily.

The American vessel leaving in the morning and the Princess Charlotte will run through to Tacoma, and the improved service is expected to result in a great increase of travel.

C.P.R. TRAIN IS WRECKED

Three Men Injured When Locomotive and Coaches Leave the Rails in Whatcom County

BELLEVILLE, April 18.—The Canadian Pacific trans-continental train running over the Northern Pacific tracks from Seattle to Sumas was wrecked this afternoon a mile south of Nooksack, in Whatcom county, and engineer T. Boyars, fireman Fred Butts, brakeman George Hadley of Seattle and one passenger were injured.

The locomotive, baggage and mail car, smoker and day coaches were derailed but the dining car and pullman remained on the tracks.

The train was running at about 30 miles an hour when the rails spread. A number of passengers were slightly injured, none seriously.

OREGON PRIMARIES

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Measure returns from Portland and the state primary elections held today show Theodore Roosevelt, President Taft and Senator Charles McNamara, as the leading candidates for the Republican preference for presidential nomination.

Col. Roosevelt is the leader. The totals at midnight from the entire state give Roosevelt 1,534; Taft 1,285; La Follette 1,186.

STRIKE SITUATION NOW WELL IN HAND

Forty-four of Armed I. W. W. Agitators Arrested for Attempting to Interfere With Construction Operations

LYTTON, April 18.—Forty-four members of the I.W.W. are now in jail at Kamloops as the result of a raid made upon a steam shovel crew at Daly's camp near Lytton, B.C.

The provincial police were mobilized at the camp yesterday morning in time to prevent the mob from running the men away from the works.

While the officers and strikers were milling around the grade a donkey engine came through and struck one of the strikers, breaking his right arm and otherwise injuring him.

He was taken to the hospital in Kamloops. All of the strikers were searched and their illegal arms, consisting of knives and blitres, were thrown into the river.

There were about thirty officers connected with the affair. Those from Spuzzum and North Vancouver were late to be of any assistance.

Alex. Bothwell, night watchman at Griffin & Welch at Lytton, who last week shot a rifle in the line while preventing a raid on the company's camp and who has since been held in Kamloops under \$5,000 bail, was this morning discharged and returned to his work.

NEW COMMANDER FOR SHEARWATER

Officer Who Served for Many Years on This Station Appointed to Relieve Commander Vivian

Commander Walter, who has been appointed to relieve Commander G. W. Vivian in command of H. M. S. Shearwater, and will assume the post now held by him as commander-in-charge for station duties on the West Coast of America.

Commander Walter is now en route to this coast, and will probably join H. M. S. Shearwater at San Francisco, where the ship-of-war is undergoing repairs in consequence of the damage sustained on the coast of Mexico, from where the vessel was towed to San Francisco by her sister warship H. M. S. Albatross.

BE-KEEPERS TO SEE DEMONSTRATIONS

Inspectors of Foul Brood Are Planning Extensive Series of Meetings, to Begin at Once

Mr. L. Harris, one of the provincial four brood inspectors, has commenced investigations into the conditions prevailing in and around the local districts, and at the beginning of next month will attend at the following places to demonstrate the most approved methods of bee-keeping and the use of the most modern appliances.

May 6, Vernon; May 10, Armstrong; May 12, Kelowna; May 14, Westbank; May 15, Penticton; May 18, Summerland; May 20, Naramata; May 22, Penticton; May 24, Kaleden; May 27, Keremeos; May 31, Grand Forks; June 5, Enderby; June 8, Salmon Arm; June 10, Shuswap; June 12, Kamloops; June 14, Arrowcroft; June 17, Revelstoke; June 18, Bonanza; June 24, Wilmer and Windermere.

KOSMOS LINER AT THE OUTER WHARF

German Steamer Seton Arrives with a Shipment of Nitrates for Victoria Chemical Works

The steamer Seton, Capt. Vaubel, of the Kosmos line, reached the outer wharf yesterday morning to discharge a shipment of nitrate from Chilean ports. The Kosmos liner, from Hamburg via about 70 ports of call mostly on the south and central American coast, is 115 days out from the German port, from Mazatlan to San Francisco the German steamer carried a number of refugees who left Mexico owing to the troubled conditions.

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McNamara is believed to have been the organizer and leader in this notable robbery, and he is understood to have admitted "without prejudice" to the Pinkerton detectives engaged in the case that this supposition is quite correct. Dean, who was, according to police information, a subordinate figure in the case, will very probably become a witness in the case, while the matter goes to trial in the British Columbia courts.

Five were in all engaged in the robbery, but as to the whereabouts of the other three the detectives know nothing, although they claim to know the names

STEP TOWARDS BRIDGE PROJECT

Sir W. Mackenzie Secures Bute Inlet Charter and Will Commence Building Road at Early Date

TORONTO, April 19.—Sir William Mackenzie has secured the Bute Inlet charter which means that nearly every available vantage point in British Columbia has to a great extent been purchased by the Mackenzie-Mann interests.

The possibilities are that twenty miles of the Bute Inlet line will be constructed this year.

The conclusion of this road will develop the north end of Vancouver Island, its construction will bring into prominence the area undeveloped riches of the Gnomox district, which is looked upon as one of the best timber, mineral and agricultural districts in the province.

The taking over of the charter by Sir William had an important bearing upon the building of the Seymour Narrows bridge. In other words, the this end of the wedge is now in and will be driven home by two of Canada's greatest and most progressive railway builders.

It is understood that the Canadian parliament will shortly look into the cost of this great national undertaking and its importance is fully understood, no time will be lost to complete the chain of Empire from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The bridging of Seymour Narrows, will cost in the neighborhood of from sixteen to twenty millions of dollars.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS

Salvation Army Preparing to Cope with Greater Demand in the Province

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—From present indications the Salvation Army here will have to supply more domestic servants than it did last year. So far thirty-five have arrived this year from Scotland. About forty or fifty more are expected in May and a record that will be made in June. The figure for last year are not available.

The superintendent of the girls' home reports that everything is progressing satisfactorily there. The home is fulfilling its purpose admirably, and is being used extensively by those girls who are unable to find suitable employment in the city.

CHILDREN WELCOMED

Paris to Erect Houses for Workers at Low Rentals—Possession of Family No Barrier

PARIS, April 19.—A continued agitation for lower rentals for working class houses in Paris has led the municipal council to issue the draft of a bill by which it proposes that a loan shall be raised for \$40,000,000 for the purpose of supplying municipally owned dwellings at reasonable rentals.

The proposals, which are the work of three councilors, would give considerable benefit to large families. The proposed rentals are, for families with three children or fewer, four rooms, \$80 a year; three rooms, \$65; two rooms, \$45; families with three children or more, four rooms, \$80; three rooms, \$57; two rooms, \$38. These prices are calculated in such a way as to give a clear interest on the loan of from 5.7 per cent to 6 per cent.

A list of vacant land suitable for construction of these buildings has already been made, and it is proposed to ask for tenders for the construction of two complete blocks in the Avenue Emile Zola and the Rue de Javel immediately. It is proposed that the houses shall be available only for French families with children, and at first only for families that have lived in Paris at least five years previously.

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WILL START IN FEBRUARY

Empress of Asia, New C. P. R. Transpacific Liner, to Make Maiden Trip Early Next Year

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Asia, 14,500 tons register, which is to replace the lost Empress of China in the transpacific trade from this port to the Orient, is to make her first voyage in February next, according to advice just received by C.P.R. officials. The Empress of Russia, her sister ship, is to start service a month later.

These two big steamers, which have been built for speed and comfort, are 550 feet in length and have a beam of 88 feet. It is expected they will reduce the time from Yokohama to Victoria by two days.

The fastest time up to the present is that of the Empress of Japan which made the voyage about twelve years ago in 10 days 10 hours.

The Empress of China has been abandoned to the underwriters, who will sell the steamer as she lies damaged at Uraga, Japan, by auction. It is expected that the claims under policies held on the Empress of China will be settled on a basis which will work out at 75 per cent on the hull policies. The steamer was stranded at Shimonoseki on July 28 last and after protracted salvage operations, which cost \$180,000, the vessel was floated. The hull was insured on a valuation of about \$750,000, and a further amount of \$250,000 was placed on disbursements. It is expected that the disbursements underwriters will contribute 25 per cent toward the settlement, and this amount is included in making up the 75 per cent settlement.

The new steamers are the Yokohama Maru, building at Nagasaki, and the Shidzuka Maru, under construction at Kobe. The Yokohama Maru will replace the Tamba Maru sailing from Japan about June 1. The Shidzuka Maru will replace the Inaba Maru later in the summer. It is understood that the Tamba Maru and the Inaba Maru will be employed on one of the Indian routes. The new vessels have a gross tonnage of 6,200, a length of 400 feet, breadth molded of 50 feet, and depth molded of 30 feet. They have been constructed to carry 28 saloon passengers, and 350 in the steerage. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of triple expansion engines, supplied by steam from double-ended spartha boilers, and their contract speed is to be a mean 15 knots.

It is also announced that the company has ordered from the Mitsui Bishi shipbuilding yard a steamer of 15,000 tons to be placed on the European run, which vessel is expected to be completed in August, 1913, and one of 6,500 tons, to be allotted to the American line and to be completed in June of next year. From the same shipbuilding yard has been ordered a steamer of 15,000 tons for the European line to be completed in October, 1913, one of 6,500 tons for the American line to be completed in November, 1913, and one of 3,500 tons for the Shanghai line to be completed in the same month. The company has also ordered from a British shipbuilding yard a 3,500-ton steamer for the Shanghai run, to be completed May, 1912.

SHAM BATTLE WILL MARK VICTORIA DAY

Fifth Regiment Planning a Spectacular Attack on Marine Hospital Point After Nightfall

The Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., under Lieut. Col. A. W. Currie, officer commanding, responding to the request of the committee for the Victoria Day celebration, is planning a spectacular sham battle which will add much to the holiday programme.

It is proposed, if the privileges of ferried two years ago, when the plan was proposed and was not carried out owing to the death of His Majesty King Edward, can be secured, to make an attack from the city side of the harbor on Hospital point on the Indian reserve. There a "fort" will be held by a force of the local artillery, and this will be bombarded with a battery of field guns.

It is proposed to place two guns on the C.P.R. wharf, if Capt. Troup permits, and two guns on the old Customs or G.T.P. wharf, and these guns will carry out the bombardment of the Hospital point defenses. Under cover of this fire the remainder of the artillerymen who are not serving the field guns will be taken in boats to make a landing to carry the Hospital point fort, where a stock of fireworks will be placed to add to the spectacle.

The attack on Hospital point, which promises to be one of the chief features of the Victoria Day celebration, will be held soon after nightfall.

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