

SHINANO MARU FROM FAR EAST

Few Passengers Arrive on Nippon Yusen Kaisha Liner From Orient

HAD MANAGER ON BOARD

Says no Arrangement Has Been Made for Service to New York By Way of Suez

(From Thursday's Daily)

With 46 passengers of all classes and 2,250 tons of general cargo, the Japanese steamer Shinano Maru, Capt. Kawano, reached the outer wharf yesterday evening. The steamer had a smooth passage throughout. She left Hongkong prior to the disastrous typhoon. A. S. Mihara, general manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for Canada, United States and Mexico, was among the passengers of the steamer returning to New York which he left last March to return to Japan. Mr. Mihara said that no arrangements had been made, as reported in the Japanese press, for a service to New York from Japan by way of the Suez canal, and what action his company would take in consequence of the action of the Interstate Commerce commission had not been arranged prior to his leaving Japan. The steamer Iyo Maru which was bringing the detailed correspondence from St. Paul regarding the ruling to be enforced in December next and the action of the United States railways was expected the day following the sailing of the steamer Shinano Maru, and a meeting of the steamship lines was to be called at Yokohama to consider what proportion of the freight rates were to be asked by the steamship companies for the water haul on the through freight. If the rates were advanced on porcelain and other similar merchandise, which is unable to stand an increased freight rate, the change will have a serious effect on the business. Silk and some other merchandise will be able to stand an increase, and as far as could be learned, the rate on matting is to stand. Mr. Mihara said no changes had been made with regard to the services of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. New steamers were being built for the European line of the company, the steamer Kamo Maru being the first. She will be followed by five other steamers, all being of over 8,000 tons register.

Other passengers were R. Sturdy, a Victorian who has been touring for some time in the far east, having visited Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China. He left the steamer at this port. Another passenger who departed here was Mrs. W. Moore. Mrs. H. Bush and H. D. T. Bush came from Vladivostok, bound for Seattle and H. H. Bushman from Yokohama for Seattle. There were a number of Japanese, mostly merchants, in the first and second class. There was one Chinese passenger, a student in the second class.

The steamer passengers numbered 46 in all, including women. Eight came with their husbands, or to join them here. Y. Yoshizaki, a Yokohama stevedore, who went to Japan for his bride, and who was married in Japan under the local laws today. The bride elect was attired in a long-trimmed gown on arrival of the steamer. There were 24 Japanese, 26 Chinese, 26 Japanese and one European for San Francisco.

ANNIS INQUEST

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict Against the Hains Brothers—Defenses Will Be Plea of Insanity

New York, Aug. 19.—After being out twenty-two minutes, a coroner's jury tonight brought in a verdict that William E. Annis, who was killed last Saturday, came to his death as the result of pistol shot wounds inflicted by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., U.S.A., aided and abetted by Thornton Jenkins Hains.

There was a greater crowd than the little court room in the town hall at Flushing, L.I., could hold when the inquest began, and hundreds of men and women awaited the verdict. When the verdict was announced Coroner Ambler had to rap with his gavel, and the court officials had to caution the spectators as an attempt was made to applaud.

Major John Powell Hains was asked tonight if he thought his brother was justified in shooting Annis without giving him a chance to protect himself.

"I can best answer that question by recalling an incident that happened to me at Port Riley," he said. "I was about to put on one of my boots one morning when I found a snake in it. I quickly drew my revolver and shot the snake. It is the same with my brother. I don't believe he should have given Annis a chance."

That both Capt. Hains and his brother, Thornton Hains, were suffering from some form of emotional insanity, will probably be the defense offered in their approaching trial. It is believed that both brothers were in a state of mental disturbance when the shooting took place, said their counsel, John W. McIntyre.

LONGBOAT BEATEN

Loses Five Mile Race at Toronto—Manager Flanagan Said to Have Given Him Up

Toronto, Aug. 19.—Tom Longboat was beaten by Percy Selten, of Toronto, in a five-mile open race at the police games today. Selten finished 20 yards ahead of the Indian, winning in 26 minutes 38 seconds, fast time for a white man.

Flanagan was disgusted, and the manager and his proteges are said to have parted company for good.

Japanese Spies Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—The Vladivostok newspapers report the arrest of Japanese spies at Shimonoseki, a port on the Great Bay, south of Vladivostok. The men arrested were provided with plans of the defenses of the port, military statistics and topographical instruments, which were submitted to the military court.

FERNIE REBUILDING SLOWLY BUT SURELY

Merchants Preparing to Erect More Substantial Premises

Lethbridge, Alb., Aug. 19.—W. S. Stanley, of the Fernie Ledger, is in the city today on his way to Winnipeg to purchase a plant. The Ledger Company will build a stone and cement building and install an up-to-date plant in the meantime the Herald is turning out the Ledger. Mr. Stanley said that Fernie is slowly but surely rising from its ashes. A number of business places have been opened, and many merchants are preparing to put up fire-proof buildings.

Hon. Mr. Templeman, representing the Dominion government, and Hon. R. McBride, premier of British Columbia, were in Fernie yesterday. Mr. Templeman looked the situation over carefully, and promised to give the city the assistance it requires. It was proposed that the government should loan the people money to rebuild at 3 per cent, and Mr. Templeman promised to bring the plan before the government.

INTERNATIONAL WAR FOR SINGERS BEGINS

Hammerstein Joins Fight to Break Monopoly of Italian Opera Trust

Paris, Aug. 18.—First steps in the war against the Italian opera trust have been taken in Paris, where a secret council was held to discuss appropriate measures of resistance. The council was attended by Giulio Gatti-Casazza, manager of the Metropolitan Opera, and Otto Kuhn, one of the most important directors of that institution.

The presence of either was not known in Paris. Signor Gatti-Casazza came through Milan to the hotel, where he was not registered, and Mr. Kuhn came to meet him.

The trust has taken a serious form and has selected Count San Martino as its president. The council was organized by the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera, and as the trust is organized to work against that institution the situation has become interesting, to say the least.

The trust is formed between the Italian and South American theatres to employ Italian singers throughout the year and prevent their making London or American engagements. Many big Italian capitalists are at the head of the latest move of the trust to buy the most important theatre in Rome, the Costanzi, for 2,500,000 lire.

There is a rumor in Paris that Mr. Hammerstein has joined an alliance with the few South American theatres not in the trust and also with some prominent continental theatres.

COMPARISON OF FLEETS

This Year's "Dike Return" Shows Great Britain Below the Two-Power Standard

London, Aug. 19.—The Dike Return of Fleets (Great Britain and foreign powers) showing the fleets of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, United States of America and Japan. The White Paper just issued gives comparative tables of the strength of these fleets on March 31, 1908, including ships of all classes built and building. On July 3 last when the Dike Return for 1907 was issued, it contained some highly misleading figures. An examination of the Return for the current year shows that again, in the case of British ships, no information is given as to their actual condition with regard to readiness for service.

Taking the Return as it stands, including all warships in existence, irrespective of their condition and their fighting value, we find that in battleships the British fleet is below the two-power standard. The accepted definition of that standard is that the British fleet should be equal in battleships to the fleets of any two foreign powers combined, with an addition of ten per cent.

Battleships.

Great Britain...	59	Germany...	34
United States...	35		
France...	59		
Italy...	59		
Japan...	59		
Great Britain...	59	United States...	35
France...	59		
Italy...	59		
Japan...	59		

Building.

Great Britain...	9	United States...	5
France...	9		
Italy...	9		
Japan...	9		

DISGUISED AS VINEGAR

Liquor Taken by Andrew Cummings to Prince Rupert—Gave Heavy Sentence at Hazelton

Prince Rupert, Aug. 19.—News reached here of the arrest of Andrew Cummings, at Hazelton, where he was sentenced by Stipendiary Magistrate Valleau to six months' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$50, for selling whiskey without license.

Cummings, who is a well known character, having worked as cook in almost every railroad construction and mining camp in British Columbia and the Western states, and achieved considerable notoriety as an alleged whiskey smuggler, came here last winter from Goldfield, Nev., and opened a hotel in Hazelton.

After disposing of the hotel and also the contents of several kegs labeled "vinegar," at a handsome profit, he went to the outskirts of the town, where he came to grief. At the trial Cummings was found guilty on three different counts, viz: Selling whiskey without a license, bringing fallen women into the country and residing at a hotel in Hazelton.

Cattle Breeder's President.

Toronto, Aug. 19.—John Gardhouse, of Highfield, was elected president of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' association.

JAPAN WANTS NITRATE

Valparaiso, Aug. 19.—Japan is negotiating with the Chilean nitrate company for a very large quantity of nitrate to be carried on her transports.

The Japanese representatives, it is understood, state that the nitrate was intended to be used in the manufacture of Chinese powder.

TORTURE CHAMBERS OF CZAR NICHOLAS

Horrors of the Dark Ages Repeated in Russian Prison, Girl Declares

London, Aug. 19.—The following amazing story of the brutalities practiced in the present year by the Czar's agents on defenseless women and children is related by Mary Verdin, a young Russian girl, who has escaped to London after being eight months in a Russian jail. Her story is published in the Daily Chronicle.

"An Estonian girl of eighteen, with whom I shared a cell, was arrested on suspicion and placed in the central Riga prison, where her brother and her father had already been undergoing days and nights of torture. In this prison there is a special room set aside for the torture and torturing prisoners. Three men, Popli, the agent provocateur; Gregus, the chief of the police de surete of Riga, and Ketekow, the head of the police station in the First Miatvin district of Riga (the latter a specialist in devising tortures), received the girl prisoner and urged her with coarse threats to give evidence against her comrades and friends. This she refused to do.

"She was then, by order of Gregus, placed on the torture bench, a wet cloth was forced into her mouth to prevent her crying out, and they then beat her with their fists on her head and back till she lost consciousness. She was then carried into a cell, but an hour later was brought back to the torture chamber, laid face downward on the bench and flogged.

Bears Torture in Silence.

"Her hair was torn out and she was beaten till she lay half dead, but not a word passed her lips. She was then taken to Gregus' private office, where she was again questioned about the doings of her companions, but she refused to speak. As the night wore on her torturers thrust her for the remainder of the night into a dark closet, and a guard was placed outside to see that no one entered. As she lay half-conscious after the horrible ordeal she had undergone, she could hear the coarse and drunken voices of the guard outside uttering threats against her, and reminding her of what she might expect next time she was taken to the torture chamber; but strict orders given by Gregus saved her from the cowardly Ketekow.

A few days before her brother had undergone unspeakable tortures in the same prison; and her father had been forced, in an adjoining room, to listen to the agonized cries of his son.

Hung Up by Her Feet.

"This poor child also told me of a woman of fifty, who when arrested was brought before a police official named Daug. She was too exhausted to give her name immediately, so the police officer started beating her with the butt-end of his revolver, till she fell down in a faint. Two buckets of water were thrown over her, and as she did not immediately revive they hung her by her feet, head downward. She was then removed to Gregus' office. There the same questioning was recommenced.

"And again through fear the unfortunate woman failed to answer promptly. Gregus then thrust her on the floor and trampled on her; after which she was laid on the bench in the torture chamber and picked with red-hot needles. Three days later she was removed to the renowned Miatvin district station, where she was kept in the first prison her body was beaten till her head and body were covered with blood. On her return to the first prison her fellow prisoners could hardly recognize her; her body was black and blue; she could neither sit nor stand, and she had the haunted look of a mad woman.

Wall Driven Into His Head.

"One man had a nail driven into his head, and then he was shot another man had his spinal column broken while they were trampling on him. A man of the name of Neland was beaten about the head with nagalaks, and with an iron bar the soles of his feet were burned, and red-hot needles were thrust under his finger nails. One man was tied up by his hands and feet, and after he had been in that position for a day till his flesh began to rot and to smell, some placemen were then applied to his back, and when it was partly healed they flogged him again.

"Several have undergone similar treatment, and one man who suffered in this way was allowed no change of linen for two months. He was finally taken to a village prison, and under the pretext that he attempted to escape they mercifully shot him.

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THREE MEN KILLED IN A LONDON FIRE

Chief Clerk and Two Assistants Caught By Collapse of Floors

London, Ont., Aug. 18.—Three men perished in a fire which broke out at six o'clock this evening in a building occupied by the Western Hardware company at 121 Dundas street.

Half an hour after the fire broke out, followed by Fireman Wynne, and an R.C.R. man who was assisting in the fire, entered the first floor of the building in order to bring the hose to play on the basement, where it was thought the fire was then centered. A few seconds later a crash was heard, the second story having fallen.

The sound of this had hardly died away when a second crash was heard, this time the first floor came crashing in. The three men were working in the building and so far no trace of them has been found.

ANOTHER FORMALITY IN U. S. ELECTION

Mr. Sherman Accepts the Nomination for the Vice-Presidency

Utica, N.Y., Aug. 18.—In one of the briefest speeches ever put on record by a candidate for so high an office, James Schoolcraft Sherman, at noon today, accepted the nomination of the Republican party for the vice-presidency. He spoke from his home, and was surrounded by a number of party leaders from different sections of the country, and by an enthusiastic non-partisan crowd of friends and fellow townsmen.

The nomination was tendered by a committee at the Chicago convention, Senator Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan, being the chairman and spokesman.

There were brief addresses by Secretary of State Root, by President W. M. Stryker, of Hamilton College, from which Mr. Sherman was graduated, by Mayor Thomas Wheeler, of Utica, and by Charles B. Symonds, chairman of the local reception committee. Mr. Sherman in his speech of acceptance followed the example of Mr. Taft in pledging his allegiance to any administration with which he may have to do. He declared there was no issue as to whether or not "the people shall rule."

"Surely the people shall rule," said Mr. Sherman. "Surely the people shall rule. Surely the people shall rule."

Castings thus aside the issue raised by Mr. Bryan, the Republican vice-presidential nominee asserted that the "overshadowing issue of the campaign really is: Shall there be an administration of which President Roosevelt would be proud."

Secretary Root's address was a personal tribute to Mr. Sherman. He did not enter into a discussion of party issues in any form.

JAPAN TO INCREASE BATTLESHIP FLEET

Two More Vessels of Large Tonnage to Be Laid Down This Year

Berlin, Aug. 18.—A news bulletin of the German Naval League distributed today, makes the following statement: "It has been confirmed that Japan, in addition to the battleships already known, is to build two other vessels of this type. The keel of one will be laid in July and the other in the autumn. Both ships will be built in Japan. Their displacement is to be of 20,800 tons, speed 20 knots, and armament of 12 guns of 7.10 inches each."

Decrease in Immigration.

Washington, Aug. 19.—A decided falling off in the immigration from all countries to the United States for the month of July last is shown by figures compiled by the bureau of immigration. The total immigration for the month of July last was 75 per cent.

Struck by Train.

Stanley Junction, Ont., Aug. 19.—While driving across the track here this afternoon a rig containing three persons was struck by a Canadian Northern train. Edward McClellan, aged 10, was killed, and his grandmother, Mrs. S. A. McDowell, was seriously injured.

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SALMON PRICE WAR BREAKS OUT ON RIVER

Chinese Canner Starts Trouble By Jumping Price to Thirty Cents

Vancouver, Aug. 19.—The financial arrangements of the salmon cannery on the Fraser river during the latter part of the season are threatened by a price war which commenced at Stevenson yesterday morning. A Chinese cannery jumped the price of pickles from 25 to 30 cents. At once hurried consultations over the telephone between the associated cannery and their managers, instructions were given by all canneries that the advance should be met. The cannery managers are very much annoyed by the break in the price agreement at this late date in the season. Only six days intervene between now and the end of the season, and as the demand for fish is becoming greater on the part of cannery men who have still cases of empty cans to fill, it is possible that further increases in price may be made.

Very small catches are reported from the different points. Imperial got 500 fish; Vancouver got 400; average, 16. St. Munro got 2,500; high box, 100; low box, 100. British-American got about 1,000 fish; average 30. Brunswick Cannery secured very few fish on Monday. Boster Cannery yesterday morning got about 200 fish.

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WITH AXE AND RIFLE

Foreigners Engage in Bloody Row at Hagerstown, Ont.—Weapon Users Arrested

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 18.—There was a wild time at Hagerstown, near here last night, when several foreigners employed in the stone quarry mixed things up with rifles and axes, as the result of alleged theft of cumber from the garden of Samado Penco by the son of a Hungarian housekeeper named Peter. Penco demanded an explanation but Peter could not understand, and Joe Coll, an interpreter, was called in. Coll's answer enraged Penco, who picked up an axe and felled Coll, who was cutting into the stone. Twenty foreigners who had been playing cards on the grass then broke a break for safety. Giuseppe Penco fired at the fleeing men, but missed them. Later the father and son were arrested, Samado for attempted murder, and Giuseppe for shooting with intent to murder.

Tour of Ontario.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Sir James Whitney will join R. L. Borden and Premiers Roblin and Hagen in a tour of Ontario next month.

Farmer and Auto.

London, Ont., Aug. 18.—A score of American automobilists encountered a farmer's pig on the road at Leamington. After they had passed the farmer was picked up unconscious, two tourists, who were arrested, are rated as millionaires.

Thaw's Bankruptcy.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 18.—Monday September 7, Labor day, has been set for the first meeting of the creditors of Harry K. Thaw in his bankruptcy proceedings. A representative of Stone & Stone, counsel for Thaw, called on his attorneys and the date was agreed upon. It is said here that Thaw will be here at that time. At this meeting a trustee is to be selected.

Drowned at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Aug. 18.—The first drowning accident of the season occurred on Sunday, when Samuel Alnase of the city lost his life while bathing. He was swimming off Newcastle island, with two companions. The trio were making toward a boat, Alnase in the centre, the others a little in advance.

Injured, and A. Leboe, of Globe, Ariz., who had his knee cap hurt. By the time the train stopped the car was rolled hard against the embankment. A spread rail was the cause of the accident.

Lord Grey's Tour.

Montreal, Aug. 19.—Lord Grey left yesterday on a trip through the canal as far as Saint Ste. Marie. He is accompanied by the deputy minister of railways and canals, Mr. Butler.

Escapes from Quarantine.

Tombstone, Ariz., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Wardwell, the quarantined leper, wife of General Wardwell, escaped from her quarters last night, and is supposed to have boarded a Southern Pacific train for California.

LOAN FOR NAVY

Daily Telegraph Says Britain Will Borrow in Order to Increase the Strength of the Fleet

London, Aug. 18.—The British government, according to the Daily Telegraph, contemplates raising a large loan in view of the growing naval competition abroad.

It is stated that financiers of the highest standing have undertaken to find \$500,000,000 on nominal terms to meet the necessities of the fleet for the next few years without disorganizing the annual budgets or casting a heavy burden upon the present generation.

If such a plan is attempted it will be because it is impossible to prevent the future requirements of the navy until a general shipbuilding programme has crystallized, and the aid of this fund would be a declaration translated into terms of cash of the country's intention to maintain the two-Power standard at all costs.