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BIG FREIGHTERS IN COLLISION

Steamer Suveric Bound to This Port Damaged By the Numantia

OFF THE JAPANESE COAST

Weir Line Steamer Last Here in June—Chartered By Waterhouse

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Cable advices from Shimoneseki, Japan, announce that the Weir line steamship Suveric has been in collision with the Hamburg-American line steamship Numantia, in the Straits of Shimoneseki, just off the town of the same name.

Both steamships were compelled to put back to the Japanese port in a damaged condition. The Weir line steamship, which has been operated by Frank Waterhouse, in conjunction with the Boston line steamships, Tremont and Shawmut, between Manila, Victoria and Puget Sound ports, was bound to this port when the disaster occurred.

The steamship Suveric, of the Weir line, is in command of Capt. O. N. Shotton, a young man, who has already made his mark in the shipping world, having been the hero of the incident in which he worked the ship Trafalgar single-handed into an Australian port when but a youth, and with the other officers disabled by illness. The Suveric was here in June and entered the drydock June 2, leaving it June 4, and holds the record for being the largest steamer ever docked here.

Her last voyage to this port was an eventful one, for though punctuated by protracted delays, she yet made a profitable run of it all. While docked at Tacoma, on her last visit here, the Chinese crew attacked the night watchman and a serious riot followed, a number being wounded.

The Numantia is a steel screw freighter of 4,371 tons and was built by W. Grey & Co., of West Hartlepool, for the Hamburg-American line in 1901.

Both the vessels are modern freighters of the best type.

Tenders for Sea Wall.

The city is calling for tenders for the supply and placing of piles along that portion of the shore line at Ross Bay cemetery, where a retaining wall will be built to stop the steady wearing-away of the bank. Tenders must be in by 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

SUPPORT PROMISED LOCAL HORSE SHOW

Forty Entries From Seattle Secured For the Provincial Exhibition

(From Wednesday's Daily)

After visiting Seattle and other Sound cities, J. A. Smart, secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural association, returned yesterday. He was away on business in connection with the provincial exhibition which will be held in Victoria next month. The general interest in the approaching exposition apparent in all circles, Mr. Smart stated, was most gratifying.

While in Seattle the secretary visited a few of the prominent horsemen and personally explained the endeavor that is being made to make the horse show at the exhibition one of its principal features. He told them of the commodious pavilion that is being erected, of the competent English judge who has been appointed, and outlined the methods that would be pursued in order to ensure the obtaining of public support. As a result he secured the promise of no less than forty entries, which, although they have not been formally submitted, may be accepted as assured. These, with the many competitors from other outside points, Mr. Smart believes will give the local show a larger and, perhaps, a better class of pure-bred equines than were on exhibition in Vancouver on the occasion of last year's memorable display.

Mr. Smart also interviewed Herr Wagner, conductor of the famous Wagner band, and entered into a contract which provides that that aggregation shall play here on Thursday and Friday of the fair week. As he has engaged other notable bands, among which is included the local organizations, there is no question that there will be sufficient musical entertainment.

Eagles for Seattle.

About one hundred Eagles of the local Aerie will leave tomorrow morning on the Princess Victoria for Seattle to participate in the big celebration of Eagles from all over the North American continent. They will join in the monster parade to be held in the Sound City tomorrow. The local contingent will meet in the hall tonight and sharp at midnight will parade to the boat headed by the City band and the St. Andrew's society pipe band. The uniforms are now ready and can be had from the secretary, J. M. Hughes.

A glass of iced "Salada" tea will be found most refreshing this warm weather. As cooling as a summer breeze.

EARLY START ON MILL BAY ROAD

Work Will Commence Next Month—Grades Cut Down Materially

The new roadway, connecting Victoria with the Mill Bay district, will be completed early next year, providing the present plans are carried through as proposed. Yesterday the last members of the survey party which, under the supervision of Dennis Harris, have spent the most of the summer over the contemplated route, returned and the preliminary work now is complete. It is announced that active construction from Goldstream and the east coast terminus of the thoroughfare will commence about the 1st of next month. It is hoped to have at least two miles along the banks of the Saanich inlet and some six miles from Mill Bay finished before the wet weather sets in and renders the cessation of operations necessary.

Those who have been engaged in surveying report that the project, which was considered impracticable by some, is not only possible but that it will open up a district, beautiful scenically and rich agriculturally. The grade will be cut down so as to render it easy traveling for horses or automobiles. The present road over the Sooke hills only can be traversed by either of the class of vehicles referred to with great difficulty but the new route will be comparatively level there being no more than a seven per cent. grade at any point.

It is reported that some of the property owners through whose holdings the line of survey has been drawn have signified their intention of demanding heavy recompense for the right-of-way which will be required. In view of the fact that the road will render it comparatively easy for these ranchers to reach the city, both shortening the distance and doing away with the annoying hills, it is thought that no trouble will be experienced in reaching an amicable agreement. Local automobilists express themselves as exceedingly pleased at the expeditious manner in which the undertaking is being carried through and predict that the opening up of the east coast of Vancouver island to them and fellow enthusiasts, thus placing another beautiful drive at their disposal, will make this city even more popular than it is to outside motorists.

MINISTERS GO NORTH

Hons. W. J. Bowser and Dr. Young, With A. E. McPhillips, to Make Tour

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, Dr. the Hon. E. R. Young, minister of education, and A. E. McPhillips, K.C., M.P.P. for the Islands, will sail north on Saturday evening next on a visit to the Queen Charlotte islands and at Prince Rupert. They will visit Jedway, Prince Rupert, Port Simpson and Port Essington in all probability and in several places meetings will be addressed.

Mr. Bowser expects to get a first hand acquaintance of the needs of the district from a police, and Dr. Young from an educational standpoint.

The party will be absent for about ten days.

DISTINGUISHED NAVAL OFFICER IN VICTORIA

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir James Erskine, Revisits This City

Revisiting Victoria after fifty-five years, admiral of the fleet, Sir James E. Erskine, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by Lady Erskine and Miss Erskine. They will spend a considerable time in Victoria and British Columbia, sailing from here for the Orient early the forthcoming October.

Leisurely and quietly, as befit one who, though still on the active list, has yet seen the greater part of his years of active service, Sir James, accompanied by his wife and daughter, are touring the world, "globe-trotting" as he himself expressed it. Out of somewhat beaten paths they have taken their way, for they arrived here from the south after circumnavigating the South American coast, going via the straits of Magellan, duplicating the passage of the United States Atlantic squadron as far as they have gone.

They have enjoyed their trip immensely, though Sir James has somewhat missed his English papers and has become out-of-touch with the news of the minute in the home country. He heard en route that there had been a submarine disaster in the English navy but could obtain no details of it until he reached Victoria. He was greatly relieved to find that while the consequences might have been serious, it could hardly deserve the title "disaster." But it served to emphasize one of the slight inconveniences of forsaking the beaten paths.

He was astounded at the changes which he noticed in Seattle, Puget Sound, and though the Colonist reporter encountered him just after landing from the Chippewa, he was already wondering at the changes which he could observe in Victoria in the short walk between the Chippewa landing and the Empress hotel. He was surprised and delighted.

"Why," he remarked, "when I was here last, in 1853, there were but three white residents at Esquimalt and there wasn't even a road between that station and Victoria. But I can still remember the Indian chief, King Freezy. I bought a salmon from him for a button from my middy's jumper—and a fine salmon it was."

Then the admiral became the interviewer, and refusing—as still upon the active list—to talk about the British navy, or any other navy, he showered questions with regard to the development of the island and of British Columbia generally, upon the reporter.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir James E. Erskine, K.C.B., was created admiral in 1897 and admiral of the fleet in 1902. He entered the royal navy in 1852 and visited this station on his first ship, the President, a 50-gun sailing frigate, later being transferred to the Monarch, a man-of-war. He was commodore of the Australian station and Naval A. D. C. to the Queen, 1884-86; naval lord of the admiralty, 1886; commander-in-chief of the North American and West Indian station, 1895, and principal naval A. D. C. to the King, 1901-02. His family seat is Venlaw, Peebles.

VICTORIA STUDENT DROWNED IN EAST

Louis Chamberlain Victim of Boating Accident on Connecticut River

While enjoying a vacation at Woodsville, New Hampshire, after having graduated with high honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, situated near Boston, Louis Chamberlain, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Chamberlain, of this city, was drowned while boating on the Connecticut river. The sad intelligence was received last evening by a brother, H. Chamberlain, an employee at Pemberton & Son's real estate agency. The parents of the deceased left some weeks ago for the purpose of joining their son and accompanying him on his return to Victoria—a fact which adds to the sadness of the unfortunate occurrence. The last information received is to the effect that the body had not been recovered.

Louis Chamberlain was 22 years of age, and although born in Oakland, Cal., he was brought up here, attending the local schools, prior to going east to take a special course in music. In his later studies he had won for himself many laurels and finally, but a few weeks ago, it was announced that he had completed his college career by graduation with honors. Immediately after he left on a short holiday intending afterwards to spend some months at home. It was, as stated, while sojourning at Woodsville that he was the victim of the accident which resulted in his death.

The Grotto saloon, of which the proprietor is Mr. Chamberlain, was closed early last evening, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased.

NO FEAR OF EPIDEMIC IN TOWN OF FERNIE

Board of Health Emphatically Contradicts Alarmist Reports Circulated

As alarmist telegrams regarding the possibility of an epidemic at Fernie continue to be sent out, chiefly from Vancouver, the provincial health authorities wish it to be distinctly understood by the public that there is nothing in the situation which affords the slightest grounds for such reports.

The board of health has two competent officials on the ground in the persons of Drs. Bonnell and Corsan. These gentlemen were, as a precautionary measure, sent the fullest instructions immediately the fact of the conflagration became known, and if any untoward developments had taken place they would have so reported to the board. Thus in the complete absence of any such reports the board feels justified in asserting that there is no cause for alarm.

The press reports of the disaster stated that there were a couple of small pox patients who had to be moved, and accordingly Dr. Fagan immediately expressed 150 vaccine points to the health officers at Fernie in case they should be wanted, though it now appears that this measure was in fact an excess of precaution as they do not appear to have been needed.

With a splendid water supply unharmed by the fire, and with the sanitary regulations which have been put in force, there does not appear to be any danger of an epidemic of any kind.

OPEN AIR FETE OF DAUGHTERS OF PITY

Arion Club's Concert and Other Features Greatly Enjoyed —Aid Maternity Ward

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The beautiful Gorge park formed a fitting setting for the open-air fete given by the Daughters of Pity yesterday afternoon and evening in aid of the fund being raised for the founding of a maternity ward at the Royal Jubilee hospital.

From 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 11.30 o'clock in the evening the park was thronged by many who thus showed their practical sympathy with a most worthy object, and the affair was a success, both financially and from the standpoint of the pleasure-seeker.

No effort had been spared to make the fete what it was intended it should be—one of the most successful of its kind ever held in this city—and the efforts toward this end of the many workers who have been preparing for the event for many days were crowned with success.

The pretty Japanese gardens which the Daughters of Pity had arranged to take over for the occasion, were thronged. Tea was served there and later in the evening high tea was also served to the many who stayed. Ample refreshments of the most tempting character were provided, and the ice cream, candies and other dainties met with a demand which spoke well not only for the appetities of the throngs, but also for the ability of the fair saleswomen who presided at the hospital booths.

The concert given by the Arion club in the evening attracted a large number and proved a veritable musical treat, and was greatly appreciated. The collection taken up will be devoted by the club as its contribution to the maternity ward fund. The illumination of the boats was undertaken by the J. B. A. A., and the water presented a scene of fairyland as the brightly decorated boats moved hither and thither across its surface. The ball game, the maze and other amusements gave the children a busy day, and the grownups also enjoyed the sports and fun.

In a word, the fete proved a most enjoyable one, and those who conceived and executed the idea have reason to feel proud of the success of their efforts in a most worthy cause.

South Africa Veteran's Suicide.

Portland, Aug. 11.—Scott Craig, aged forty, the wearer of several British medals for South African war feats, killed himself with a revolver this morning after drinking. He was a native of North of Scotland.

CONVENTION TALKS ON WATER PROBLEMS

Protection of Forests and Regulation of Water Supply Discussed

Vernon, B.C., Aug. 11.—At the morning session of the irrigation convention, on motion of Mr. Pooley, of Kelowna, seconded by Mr. Wolfenden, of Armstrong, it was resolved:

Whereas it is of vital importance for protection from floods in spring and drought in summer that the forests on the watersheds should be carefully preserved, and whereas this matter has not received the attention that its great importance imperatively demands, the Dominion and provincial governments are urged to take immediate steps towards the protection of these forests on the watersheds of all streams now or in future likely to become available for domestic, agricultural or industrial processes, and to replant denuded areas at the heads of streams so that the source of supply of water for all such purposes may be maintained intact forever; and further, that better means be adopted for preventing forest fires.

It was suggested that the penalty in the brush fire act should be increased, and one half of such penalty should go to the informer giving evidence resulting in conviction. An increase of the fine to $500 for each offence found supporters.

At the convention this afternoon it was moved by J. S. Dennis, and seconded by Mr. Carruthers, of Kelowna:

Whereas at the first irrigation convention, held at Calgary in July, 1907, attention was directed to the urgent necessity for the enactment of necessary amendments to the existing law in British Columbia relating to the use of water for irrigation to overcome the present difficulties in extending irrigation developments; and whereas this convention notes with pleasure the statement of the chief commissioner of lands and works that the government of this province is now giving consideration to the matter of amending the existing law to remove these difficulties.

Therefore it is resolved that in the opinion of this convention the most urgent need of the province today is the enactment of a simple and comprehensive law, under which the sources of water supply for irrigation may be used to their fullest extent in extending irrigation development; and to that end the government should in proper legislation make provisions which will clear all streams of existing records that are not being used, provide for careful and systematic gauging of all sources of supply for the storage of flood water on a basis which will protect those constructing expensive works necessary to conserve this water, and provide the needed staff of competent government officials to administer the law after it is enacted.

Hon. Mr. Fulton stated that he and the government were quite prepared to consider every proposition submitted to them for improvement of the act in order to facilitate irrigation enterprises with a perfectly open and friendly mind, but he pointed out that if they took up the conservation of water for these purposes as government projects, at a low estimate four or five millions would be required.

Mr. Bennett, who returned to Calgary by the afternoon train with Mr. Dennis in his private car, spoke briefly favoring government control of rates in conformity with the legislation east of the Rocky mountains, rather than government ownership.

Price Ellison, M.P.P., spoke at length and warmly urged the government to take up these enterprises directly, as the security furnished by the land so improved was more than ample, and both residents of the locality, the province at large and the government itself through the enlargement of taxation receipts would be immensely benefited. He knew that this was the general feeling of the farmers of the Okanagan Valley, and the expenditure of even four or five millions upon undertakings so enormously beneficial would be a mere bagatelle compared with the benefits conferred. He instanced a property which as a stock range was only worth $100,000, while now being improved through irrigation it was assessed at considerably over a million. He gave great credit to the government for the work already done, approved of their caution in committing themselves without the fullest consideration to assuming these works and these obligations, and trusted that they would soon see their way clear to meet the strong desire of the people of the Okanagan valley. He spoke with great earnestness, and was loudly applauded.

Mr. Robinson, of Summerland, said that property worth $200,000 had through irrigation been advanced in value to two millions, and said his company was now considering the obtaining of money in the east to reach further sources of supply of water, which they would abandon if the government took up this business. If however, they carried the project through the people could depend on it that the company would make every cent out of their enterprise that they could possibly put in their pockets.

Charles Wilson, K.C., Vancouver, replaced Mr. Bennett as chairman.

The convention begins excursioning on Thursday. The delegates will take a drive tomorrow over the Grey canal irrigation system, named after Lord Grey, in White Valley. There will be a banquet in the evening, a steamer trip down the Okanagan lake on Thursday and will possibly hold a meeting on board. The delegates return to their homes on Saturday.

At the evening session the convention recommended that the provincial government create water municipalities. The Dominion and provincial governments were again urged to make topographical and hydrographical surveys, as had been done on the prairies, in order to ascertain the extent of watersheds, amount of water available and quantity of irrigable lands.

The provincial government was further recommended to provide in its proposed legislation at next session adequate protection for owners of stored water in conveying the same to lands.

A motion in favor of the government ownership of irrigation works was lost by a vote of 20 to 26.

The Okanagan Lake excursion lasts until Saturday.

Lethbridge, Alta., was chosen as the next place of meeting. Governor Bulyea, of Alberta, was chosen honorary president; J. S. Dennis, Calgary, president; Hon. F. J. Fulton, first vice-president; D. L. Naismith, Calgary, second vice-president.

Richmond Hill, Ont., Aug. 11.—Cecil Herron, 14 years of age, residing at 287 Farley avenue, Toronto, was drowned while bathing in Baylis' pond this afternoon.

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W. W. B. McINNES MAY BE LIBERAL CHOICE

Wagers Are Made on His Chance for Nomination in Vancouver

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—Wagers are being made today that W. W. B. McInnes will be the Liberal candidate in Vancouver city at the next federal election.

Just what basis there is for this belief among the betting men is difficult to ascertain, as according to some Liberals it is almost certain that the name of J. H. Senkler will be submitted to the nominating convention to be held at an early date. Around town the consensus of opinion is that the fight for the Liberal nomination now lies entirely between Messrs. McInnes and Senkler. It was rumored today that Mr. Senkler might retire, or rather, as he has never sought the nomination, that his friends might not press his claims. In that event the nomination of Mr. McInnes would be a certainty, as it is conceded that other possible competitors for the Liberal honors have really no chance of success worthy of consideration.

On Thursday night the executive of the two Liberal clubs will confer and fix an early date for the nomination meeting.

FIRES ARE DAMPED

Heavy Rain Comes to Relief of Crow's Nest Pass District—No More Danger to Michel

Michel, Aug. 11.—Heavy rain began to fall early this afternoon, effectually putting out the fires that were still burning in the mountains of this district. There is absolutely no more danger of Michel being set afire by forest fires, since all the mountain sides have been cleared of timber by the recent fires.

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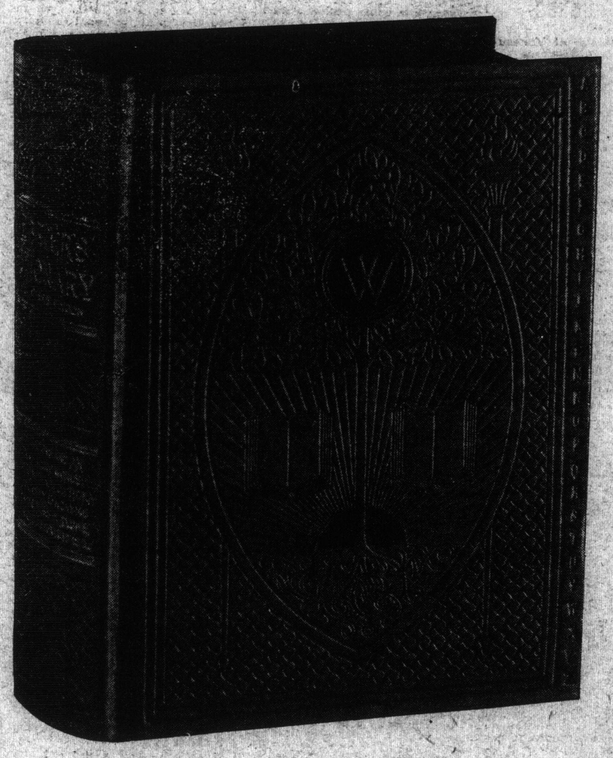

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