

EXPLOSION DUE TO CURIOSITY

Man Charged With Complicity in New Westminster Bank Robbery is Plaintiff in Suit Against City

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.—John Bozyk, the laborer, now being held in the New Westminster prison for trial at the assizes in connection with the bank robbery, appeared before the court today in a suit for damages in which the city of New Westminster, the Municipal Construction company and Mr. John Auld, contractor, are joined as defendants.

The story he told the court was that on February 13, 1911, as he was on his way from a camp near Westminster Junction to the pipe line the New Westminster corporation was running from Lake Coquitlam, when he saw a tin box lying by the roadside. While unable to read English, he was able to make out the inscription "Old Chum" on the top of the box, and in order to see what was inside it, he tried to pry the lid open. It proved to be full of detonating caps which exploded, blowing off his hand and right wrist and blowing out his right eye.

The contention of the defence is that the accident was due to the carelessness of Bozyk in picking up and tampering with the box. The case was adjourned.

TEES TOOK SURVEYORS ON TO NOOKTA SOUND

C. P. R. Steamer Back From the West Coast—Leaves Tonight for Quatsino and Way Ports

WHALERS BEGIN THE SEASON WELL

Floating Whaling Station Summerized Reaches Seattle—Another Company Being Formed

The ten whaling steamers of the Canadian Northern Pacific whaling company, engaged from the two stations on Vancouver Island and two stations on the Queen Charlotte islands, have begun this season well, according to reports received at the offices of the company. The whalers off Sechart were hampered at the beginning of the season by bad weather, but at other stations many whales were brought in. The company's steamer Gray, Capt. Shadforth, arrived on Thursday from Ladysmith with a cargo of coal and left for the west coast yesterday morning.

Eighty-three days from Sandefjord, Norway, the Norwegian steamship Sommerstad, which is to serve the United States whaling company as a floating whaling station in Alaska waters, arrived at Seattle on Friday. The Sommerstad is in command of Capt. A. E. Axelsen and is equipped with the latest machinery for extracting the oil from the aquatic mammals and for converting their carcasses into fertilizer. The vessel, which sailed from Sandefjord January 13, is a steel steamer of 3,850 gross tons and was built at Newcastle, England, in 1906.

FAST SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA

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In this race Cecil Healy was second by about four yards, and H. H. Hardwick was third, about the same distance behind the second man. After the swimmers hit the water Longworth cut out a fast pace, and at twenty-five yards was clear of his opponents. When he turned for home, at the 110 yards, Healy and Hardwick were close on him, and the pace was a cracker. A little farther on Healy made a great effort, shook off Hardwick, and began to crawl up on the leader. For a few strokes he was about level with Longworth, but the pace was killing and he had to give way. Longworth never slackened, and, going ahead strongly, won in decisive style. There is only just mention of the 440 yards, which Longworth won in the great time of 5 minutes 25.5 seconds.

Alek Wickham, another Ross Bay swimmer, won the 220 yards breast stroke in 3 minutes 26.1-5 seconds. He also won the diving championship.

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PRINCESS PATRICIA AT MACHINERY DEPOT

Goer to Have Tanks for Carrying Oil Fuel Installed at Upper Harbor Yards

The steamer Princess Patricia, of the C. P. R., went to the Victoria Machinery Depot yesterday morning to have her tanks for carrying liquid fuel installed. The work is expected to occupy about ten days, and the fast turbine steamer will then return to the C. P. R. dock, where the installation of the Dahl oil-burning apparatus will be completed. It is expected that the steamer will be ready to enter service between Vancouver and Nanaimo about the beginning of May.

BODY DISCOVERED IN VICTORIA HARBOR

Boatman Discovers Remains of Quartermaster-Sergeant Wilson—How Soldier Met Death Not Yet Known

Drowned in the waters fronting Work Point barracks, the body of Quartermaster Sergeant Wilson was found yesterday at 5.45 p. m.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock the deceased, after leaving his duties, was seen to wander toward the waterfront. He had given no reason to think that he intended suicide and the members of the garrison force are assured he had no such desire.

Late in the afternoon a report was sent to the city police to the effect that Sergeant Wilson was missing. It was thought he had come into town but until a passing steamer churned up the body and it was noticed by a boatman it was not known what had become of him.

Sergeant Wilson had been a member of the Work Point since January 10 last. He is married, his family being still at Halifax, whence he, with a contingent, came to Esquimalt. He was about thirty years of age and was a general favorite with his fellow commanders. He had been long service in the Canadian militia.

An inquest will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the police station.

DAILY LINER ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Here Ballin Has Plan for Agreement Which Will Result in Adoption of Joint Sailing Programme

LONDON, April 4.—A daily service each way between New York and Europe is being discussed in shipping circles as a possible outcome of the efforts of Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American line, to establish a community of interests between the line and the White Star, Cunard, North German, Ley and French lines. Albert Ballin was recently in England and it is stated that he proposed to the British lines a scheme involving the extension of the pooling system to saloon and second class passengers, as well as the adoption of a sailing programme providing for the departure of a big modern transatlantic liner daily from both America and Europe and the withdrawal of a number of the older vessels.

The latter, it is pointed out, are able to obtain passengers only at cheap fares and consequently greatly damage the modern ships.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.—Because it operates here under the Companies act and has its agent duly appointed in Vancouver, Judge McInnes holds that the Great West Life Assurance company comes within the jurisdiction of the Vancouver county court. He is willing, however, to allow the point to be taken to the court of appeal for final settlement.

The question of the jurisdiction of the court over extra provincial companies was raised in an action brought by Mr. Pearlman to recover certain commissions which he alleged to be owing him by the Great West Life Assurance company. Mr. C. M. Woodworth immediately objected that the county court rules give jurisdiction only over business carried on within the county, and that the only place a company can be said to carry on business is at its head office and the head office of the Great West company is situated at Winnipeg.

Mr. Clarke, of Messrs. Lennie and Clarke, who appeared for the plaintiff, contended that the company had been licensed to do business in this province as an extra-provincial company and as such they came under the Companies Act, of which section 153 specifically declares that before an outside company can do business here it must become subject to provincial legislation and appoint an attorney who can sue or be sued in its name. The company had its attorney in Vancouver in the person of Mr. George H. Halse.

Judge McInnes held that this contention was valid and the company was liable to be sued. Mr. Woodworth said the matter was of such far reaching importance that he would like a decision on it from the court of appeal. Judge McInnes gave leave to appeal on the point in his question. Later it was taken before the court of appeal now sitting here and they decided that they would hear argument as soon as the case was ready.

VIVID STORY OF PEKING RIOTS

Mexico Maru Brought Particulars of Happenings During Two Nights of Terror at China's Capital

A vivid account of the plundering, rioting and fires at Peking at the beginning of last month, when the residents of China's capital lived through two nights of terror, was brought by the steamer Mexico Maru. The outbreak burst forth suddenly with a roar that swept over the entire city. For weeks Peking has been literally packed with soldiers, laden down with great quantities of ammunition. The soldiers who began the riot left their barracks and marched westward, toward the rich Hatamen street, determined to loot and burn. They emptied their rifles up and down the streets. It was a signal and almost at once there was a tremendous volume of rifle fire from all sides. It swept from one side of the city to the other and back again. It sounded like a fulfilled battle.

The city was stunned. And then it went into a panic. The shutters of the shops—ineffectual bits of wood—went hurriedly into place and the quaking shopkeepers hid behind doors, waited for the inevitable Chinese thing—looting. In the vicinity of Yuan Shih-kai's residential quarters there was a tremendous amount of firing. The prevailing sound around him a large number of troops, quartered within the wall which surrounds his residence. These men, joined in the firing, and later in the looting. The soldiers seemed to be firing mostly in the air, for there were few men injured during the night. They doubtless intended to terrify the city by sheer volume of noise and show of strength. They succeeded admirably, and went on their joyous, looting way.

Not only were the shopkeepers terror-stricken. Helpless civilians were not the only ones to take to cover, for the authorities themselves disappeared and throughout that long night the shivering soldiery went on with the work absolutely unimpeded. The soldiers of the army who have been bravely parading the streets all these days preserving order, to the intense admiration of Yuan Shih-Kai's followers who seemed proud to call these troops Yuan Shih-Kai's own army—the real fighters of the empire, the men who could always be relied upon—heard the firing coming their way. They emptied their weapons into the air, and then, joined the mutinous comrades in the looting. Not a hand was lifted to put a stop to the affair. The municipal police, who later gained control of the situation, were utterly helpless and some of them joined the soldiers. The following day the number of municipal police had dwindled from a total of seven thousand to a little more than four thousand.

for that. In the early stage of the game a three-inch shell went shrieking across the city and landed in the American legation guard compound. It passed through a tent and brought up against a wall without exploding. A number of spent bullets fell within the legation quarter, but none did any damage.

The two great business streets of the eastern city run north and south, parallel with one another, about a quarter of a mile apart. They are Hatamen, on the east and Ting Tzu-chieh to the west. It was here that the first looting took place. The rifle shots in the distance set the soldiers on these streets going. It needed no messenger to spread the report or to pass the word that the fun had commenced. The soldiers everywhere opened up with the firing and then set about looting. Fire soon began to appear, first in the north-westerly portion of this eastern city. The great Tanghuamen, which stands at the entrance of the Imperial city, was one of the structures to go. It is about a quarter of a mile from the spot where the attempt to assassinate Yuan Shih-kai was made in January. The street approaching the gate is rich with shops. All were looted and most of them were burned. Some miraculously escaped the flames. Down Ting Tzu-chieh the looters came working both sides of the street and setting fire to shops when they had yielded their rich booty to the looters. In this region, where they were thoroughly sacked, scores were burned.

A Terrible Spectacle

At 10 o'clock it was a tremendous and terrifying sight. The soldiers from legation quarter was an awful spectacle. On both sides of the street up to the northward were great fires. The brilliant, sharp glow of the flames nearly stood out against a duller, distant glow that indicated fires in immense proportions, while the smoke swirled down into the street in great clouds, making it seem that never would the sun be seen again until the whole town had gone up. But finally the fire burned out of their own accord, for no effort was made to stop the flames, and the damage was not so great as was indicated by the extent of the blaze during the night.

The looting was carried on with the utmost wantonness. The soldiers traveling about in groups, all fully armed and smashed their way into the shops. Sometimes a couple of men were left outside to guard their comrades at work within. The soldiers demanded that the doors of shops be opened. If the order was not complied with immediately by the terrified shopkeeper within, if he happened to remain instead of running off down the street, as did many, the doors were at once smashed down. The pawnshops and the cashshops attracted the greatest crowds of looters.

Money was the first thing these men were looking for. As a secondary consideration they stole anything they could lay their hands on. One saw a soldier with a great pack of goods over his back, presumably silks and furs. Others carried vases and the like, which were doubtless thrown away when something better was encountered. The curio shops, of which there are several rich ones in this section, were thoroughly looted. The fine things which were not taken away were smashed. The rabble of the looters in the fray, following the soldiers about and taking what they left, for the soldiers religiously exercised their martial power and got what they could before letting anyone else in on the fun.

ROSSLAND BACKS RAILWAY POLICY

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"How we are going to achieve our object has not yet been fully considered, but I may say that the matter is engaging our attention. If the Idaho and Washington Northern line was extended in the manner indicated it would place Trail on the all rail and water grade with the Crow's Nest coal field, and advantage the value of which can scarcely be estimated in round numbers, and in addition to that it would open up a very extensive and affluent mining and agricultural country. It would put the Trail smelter in immediate touch with the great lime deposits on the Salmon River, and make for the immediate exploitation of that wonderful commercial product. All the mines in the district would then be in touch with the smelter and the effect of that facilitating influence can better be imagined than described. In my own opinion it would just about revolutionize the district.

within, including Yuan had been killed, and that he had seen the president's residence burned to the ground. No one knew whether the trouble had taken its origin in an anti-foreigner turn. As a matter of fact the houses of foreigners were approached by the looters, who beat upon the gates and asked those within concerning the prospects of looting. A reply that foreigners resided there was sufficient to drive the soldiers away.

Reasoning Foreagers

When the real seriousness of the situation was apparent, detachments of legation guards were sent flying out to foreign residences to escort foreigners in. Soldiers of all nationalities, heavily armed, hastened to get their countrymen in out of the danger. They succeeded admirably. It was really splendid work and before the night was over not a foreigner was in danger. The Chinese troops made no effort to interfere with the foreign soldiers but let them, and those whom they escorted, pass through the streets unmolested. As a matter of fact the Chinese soldiers were too busy gathering in the loot to bother with foreigners. Many people simply deserted their homes, quickly picking up what they could while the soldiers waited outside. The next day they went back to get their other effects. Some of the foreign men remained in their residences all night and came to no harm.

RIFLE BULLET THROUGH TUG

Edna Grace was Drilled With Pellet From Clover Point Range on Friday on Way to Port

With a hole drilled through her housework by a rifle bullet the tug Edna Grace, Capt. Lund, arrived in port on Friday. The bullet, fired from the rifle range at Clover point, passed through the captain's cabin a foot below where he lay asleep and over the head of the berth of the engineer, where his head would have been had he been there.

The Edna Grace was returning to port at 8:20 a. m. Friday and was about an eighth of a mile from Clover point when the bullet cut through the housework. A rifle shot by members of the Fifth Regiment C. G. A. and the Civilian Rifle association was in progress on the Clover point range, and the civilians were shooting at three and four targets, behind which the mounds in rear of the targets at which the artillerymen were firing do not extend.

They had been cautioned to cease firing when shipping approached the danger zone, but evidently at least one shot was fired when the water beneath the target was not clear. Had the trajectory of the bullet been a foot higher the Edna Grace would probably have steamed into port with her captain dead, and the marks of the passage of the bullet indicate that it had considerable velocity when it struck the tugboat.

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witnessed as an earnest of what the country can do with a proper system of improved wagon roads we will approach the provincial government with perfect assurance that our plea will not be in vain. It is all part of the government's policy and therefore I see no reason for advancing excuses why it should be done."

Mr. Campbell, who in a young man for a parliamentarian, is chairman of the West Kootenay Power & Light Co., with which concern he has been associated since he came to western Canada. He arrived here in 1895 and immediately went to Roseland to put up the plant of the company referred to, the headquarters of which are located there. He is an expert engineer and has done considerable work in connection with the extending of the operations of his province. The water power for generation of electric energy is supplied from Bonnington Falls, and as an indication of the thoroughness of the system it may be stated that in addition to Roseland the same company supplies the power and light for Grand Forks, a distance of 64 miles; Phoenix, 72 miles, and Greenwood, 81 miles, the latter being the longest transmission.

PERSIA MAY BE CASUS BELLI

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The movement of Russian and Turkish troops along the frontier has given cause for frequent alarms lately and Russia's action in taking a leading part in the effort to bring the Turkish-Italian war to a close is said to have been suggested by the fact that in this frontier dispute she can use an argument that will give a weak power, such as Turkey, cause to think before engaging against two strong powers at the same time.

EIGHTEEN DEAD IN FLOOD AREA

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flood fund for Hickman alone amounts to \$17,000. No distress is reported from other places seriously affected earlier in the week. Aside from unconfirmed reports of two children at Reelfoot no death toll was reported today, and the list stands as follows: Developments yesterday make an estimate of property loss at this time more guesswork. Though showing a little abatement in this district the flood area rapidly is being extended south. An unimportant levee broke in Louisiana yesterday flooding a swampy section of the Atchafalaya, as few persons inhabit the inundated land.

CAPT. TRUEBRIDGE DEAD

Shipmaster Who Commanded Dodwell Liners in Trans-Pacific Trade Dies at Seattle

TACOMA, Wash., April 6.—Word was received here today that Captain John Truebridge, commander of the steamer Elitha Thomson, of the Pacific Cold Storage fleet, died this afternoon in Seattle. Captain Truebridge brought the steamship Minnesota to the Pacific on her maiden voyage, and was one of the most widely-known mariners of the north Pacific coast.

Capt. Truebridge was well known in Victoria. He came here many years ago as master of the steamer Olympia, formerly the Dunbar Castle, after operating that vessel for the Union Castle line to South Africa for some time. Capt. Truebridge was in command of the Olympia in the trans-Pacific service for the Dodwell line, and afterwards took charge of the steamer Victoria in this line. After the Dodwell Company withdrew from the trans-Pacific service Capt. Truebridge brought the Hill liner Minnesota to the Atlantic. He left that vessel to join the service of the Alaska Steamship Company, and commanded the steamer Northwestern until he went to the Pacific Cold Storage Company's employ.

Stewart Stands Alone

The electorate of British Columbia having almost with unanimity placed the seal of its endorsement upon the railway policy submitted to the country at the recent election, peculiar interest attaches to a resolution adopted by the Citizens' association of Stewart, copies of which have reached this city during the past few days. This resolution was framed by Mr. T. J. Vaughan-Rhys, was seconded by Mr. A. T. Sanders, and reads as follows: "Resolved: That this meeting of the Stewart Citizens' association strongly condemns the railway policy of the provincial government for the following reasons: 1. That it favors the southern portion of the province, and particularly the city of Vancouver, at the expense of the rest of the province; and 2. That it tends to develop the Peace River valley by providing for a railway from that valley to Stewart; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to every member of the legislature and to all the leading newspapers of the province."

Inter-City During Project—It is expected that during the present week arrangements will be made for a conference of the interested municipalities with the provincial minister of public works on the subject of the proposed paving of the trunk highway connecting Vancouver and New Westminster cities. It will be remembered that this important project was thoroughly discussed at a conference in Vancouver shortly before the election, at which conference the government was represented by Mr. W. W. Foster, deputy minister of the works department. The arrangement then reached was that each of the two interested municipalities should present a definite proposition as to the extent of the contribution toward the work, that it is prepared to make, while at the same time the government would have a thorough investigation made, and report prepared as to the cost of the desired improvements. This report has now been received from Mr. G. P. Napier, assistant engineer, and as soon as the municipalities are heard from a date and place for the next conference on the subject will be fixed by the minister.

HEADQUARTERS IN VICTORIA

Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to Make This Port Terminal of Proposed Line via Panama

A despatch from New York states that the Royal Mail Steam Packet company will make the terminus of its proposed line from Europe via the Panama canal at this city, establishing American headquarters here if the plans of the representative of a group of British Columbia business men who are now in New York are carried into effect. The company will probably bring the Glen and Shire lines, operated from Liverpool to the Orient, across the Pacific, to form the new connection, with headquarters in this city.

When Mr. Napier, special representative of the R. M. S. P. Co., sent to the North Pacific coast ports and Panama, was in this city he stated that the headquarters of the line from Europe via the Panama canal would be, in all probability, established in this city or Vancouver, and he was well pleased with the outlook of Victoria.

A fleet of nine liners are exported in port during the coming week. The Inaba Maru, Capt. Tomimasa, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, will sail from the outer wharf on Tuesday afternoon for Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Hongkong with a full cargo of general freight and many passengers. The new four-masted steamer Crown of Toledo of the Direct Line is expected from Vancouver on Wednesday to discharge and load for the United Kingdom.

The Kamakura Maru, Capt. B. Kon, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, expected from the Orient on Thursday, and on Friday, the steamer Montague, Capt. Davison, of the C. P. R., which is taking the place of the Empress of China in the regular schedule, and the new Blue Funnel liner Taithybus, Capt. Allen, are expected, the former from Hongkong and way ports and the latter from Liverpool and way ports via the Suez canal and many places in the Orient.

The steamer Beckenham, Capt. Gov. of the Canadian-Mexican line, is expected from Salina Cruz with a cargo of about 2,000 tons of general merchandise shipped via the Tehuantepec railroad from many steamers plying to Puerto Mexico. The steamer City of Pueblo of the Pacific Coast Steamship company is to sail for San Francisco and the United States is expected on Thursday from the Gulf of Mexico. The steamer Crown of Arragon is expected from the United Kingdom via Honolulu and San Francisco about the end of the week.

NORTHERN DOGS IN ANNUAL RACE

All Alaska Sweepstakes Now in Progress—New Record Looked For

NOME, Alaska, April 6.—Four teams got away at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in the all-Alaska sweepstakes, the famous dog race of the north. Teams are driven by Charles Johnson, driving four Siberian wolf hounds, and Blatchford driving for N. Oliver. Allan driving the team of Malamutes owned by Mrs. Charles E. Darling, of Berkeley, Cal.; Alex. Holmson, driving John Johnson's team of Siberian wolf hounds, and Oliver.

The course is from Nome to Candle and return, a distance of 412 miles and the purse is \$5,000. The record is held by John Johnson, who drove the distance in 74 hours, 14 minutes and 14 seconds. This is the first time in years that Johnson has not driven the Siberian wolves, and he would be driving today if he had not been left stranded on the Siberian coast last fall when the Arctic ice moved down and drove his schooner back to Nome before it could pick him up. Johnson went to Siberia to get new blood for his dog team. The trail is in good condition, the weather is perfect, and followers of the race are hopeful that Johnson's record will be lowered. Last year's race was won by "Scotty" Allan, who finished in 81 hours and 40 minutes. Allan took the lead soon after leaving home, and passed Council a little before 7 o'clock at night, having covered 85 miles in less than nine hours, a new record for the distance. Allan was followed by Johnson, Holmson and Blatchford in the order named.

WOULD STOP FIGHT PICTURES IN BRITAIN

A movement is on foot to put a stop to fight pictures in the future so far as England is concerned. The Sporting Times for example says: "With regard to the much-discussed decision over the Langford-McVey fight, Snowy Baker's suggestion in a letter to The Sportsman that any doubts on the propriety of the verdict will be set aside by the pictures, is a most curious one, as it is a well-known fact that there is nothing more deceptive and misleading than fight pictures. We have seen contents reproduced and viewed within a few days by the participants in them and have watched with interest the growing wonder and amazement on the face of the winner (and an easy one at that) as the pictures give round after round to his well-beaten opponent. There is something almost uncanny about pictures that makes them differ materially from the accounts of the best judges at ringside; they are a very bad thing, too, for the game, as they are a big temptation to do up with conclusions for the sake of working up a show; they cannot make for earnestness, which is the essential element of any sport, and in unscrupulous hands they admit of any amount of faking of the films. A really fine reform would be the prohibiting of fight pictures altogether, and the sooner it is done the better for the game."

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