

LUMBER MILL BURNED

Hastings Property at Vancouver Becomes a Ruin in a Few Minutes.

Yards and Ships Saved by Hard Work of Fire Brigade and Bluejackets.

Two Hundred and Fifty Men Idle by Destruction of This Pioneer Industry.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Oct. 26.—The Hastings Lumber Mills in this city were destroyed by fire which was discovered about 2:10 this morning.

The fire started in the mill and spread rapidly. The fire brigade and bluejackets worked hard to save the yards and ships.

No one in Vancouver will wonder at the world wide reputation British tars enjoy for bravery in the face of danger.

As is known, the banks are very largely interested in the Hastings Mills property and it was at the banks that the information was sought regarding the loss.

The following is the insurance carried: Phoenix of London, \$10,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$5,000; Western, \$3,000; Hartford, \$15,000; Scottish Union and National, \$5,000; British American, \$2,500; Royal, \$11,000; London and Lancashire, \$15,000; Manchester, \$2,500; Guardian, \$2,000; National of Ireland, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$2,500.

The Hastings mill was the pioneer industry in Vancouver and was responsible for the existence of old Gastown, which afterwards rose to the dignity of a city.

PERU TAXED FORTY THOUSAND Such is the Finding of Chief Justice Strong in the McCord Arbitration.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The award of the Chief Justice of Canada, to whose arbitrating was submitted the claim of Victor H. McCord against the government of Peru for damages sustained by reason of imprisonment during the revolutionary outbreaks there, has been received at the state department.

The settlement of the case provides that the money must be paid to McCord within six months from the date of the award. The fees to the Chief Justice of Canada—\$1,000 by the United States and \$1,000 by Peru—were paid before the terms of the award were made known to the respective governments.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Liberation of a Prisoner Because of Ill Health—Robbers make Good Heist.

Chinaman Run Down in Station Yard—westminster Man's Narrow Escape.

Tom Creek Sale Off, the Englishman Buying Rich Chinese Property Instead.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Oct. 26.—Barrier W. J. Bovey received word from Ottawa that John J. W. G. Pollock, J.P., of Shoal Bay, convicted of forging wild animal head-tax vouchers, has been pardoned by the federal authorities.

At the C. P. R. switch on Powell street today No. 1 train was being backed to the yards, empty, and was almost on top of a hotel bus when the crowd of spectators was walking between the main track and the switch.

DUNRAVEN WINS AGAIN

London, Oct. 27.—The Weather Handicap was generally commented on today, the year-old bay gelding Sea Fog, ridden by Tom Sioane.

WHO PAYS FOR CUBA?

General Repudiation of the Debt Introduces New Element in the Situation.

If Spain is Unduly Forced Her Creditors in Europe Must Be Sufferers.

By Associated Press. Paris, Oct. 26.—The meeting of the peace commission to-day lasted one hour and five minutes and was adjourned till to-morrow.

As the Cubans are repudiating the debt, the Americans are being forced to pay for the island. This is a new element in the situation.

HE CUBANS RESTIVE

Army Declares for Evacuation of United States But Also Hints for Ratios.

Santiago de Cuba, Oct. 26.—Major Pettit, in command of the United States troops, has received from the governor of the city, telegraphed to-day that the Cuban General Rios offers 2,000 American men to assist the Americans in preserving order, merely asking ratios in return.

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CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Six Thousand United States Officers Whose Evil Day Was Postponed by the War.

Washington, Oct. 27.—It is understood that a bill to allow for the discharge of six thousand government officers from the military service is being introduced.

COL. GIBSON ELECTED. Ontario Provincial Secretary at Last Secures a Successor.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—(Special)—In the by-election for East Toronto to-day Hon. J. M. Gibson was returned by the majority of 438.

COAL LADEN SCHOONER SINKS WITH ALL HANDS WHILE HELP SWIFTLY APPROACHES.

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LOST ON LAKE ONTARIO

The schooner showed signals of distress early in the morning as she drifted past Charlotte. The tug Proctor, after a little delay, put out to her, but after cruising about for four hours returned without getting a glimpse of the distressed vessel.

THE CAPTAIN ALONE RESCUED FROM THE WATER—HIS WIFE AMONG THE PERISHED.

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HALIFAX UNDER ARMS

Militia With the Regulars Manning Forts Against Approach of Experimental Fleet.

Halifax, Oct. 27.—(Sp'd)—The lieutenant regiment, a Royal Artillery company, and the militia corps were ordered on last night to man all the forts guarding the approaches to the harbor.

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HALIFAX EXCITED

The Admiral's Assistant Secretary Despatches the Fleet to the French West Indies.

Halifax, Oct. 26.—Great activity prevails in naval circles on this station. The admirals Pallas and Talbot had just arrived and the officers of the ships expected that after their busy season in the South they would at least have a respite of a few days.

When he attempted to make his way through the crowd he was smothered in the police had to save him forcibly from the attentions of enthusiastic admirers.

LONG RANGE ELECTRICITY. Tesla Schemes to Project Niagara's Power Through the Air Without Use of Wires.

New York, Oct. 26.—Nikola Tesla, the electrician, describes in to-day's issue of the Electrical Engineer a novel method of electric power transmission.

Vancover, Oct. 27.—At the grand lodge I. O. G. T. of British Columbia to-day a resolution was passed expressing regret at Quebec voting against prohibition, and hoping that an investigation will be made into the methods employed in that campaign.

STIXTY JAPS DROWNED. Two Steamers Come Into Collision and One Sinks in a Few Minutes.

Kobe, Oct. 24.—The Japanese steamer Midzuna was sunk almost immediately after being in collision with the Japanese steamer Kishin Maru. Sixty Japanese were drowned.

A VERMONT FIRE

Town of Bristol Loses a Block Valued at Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Bristol, Vt., Oct. 26.—A fire broke out in the grocery store of Ira Stuart in the Union block here to-day, and destroyed the entire block, and the adjoining post office building. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

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