

STEAMER OHIO GOES DOWN NEAR KETCHIKAN

Six Persons Lose Lives in Wreck---Purser and Wireless Operator Sacrifice Lives to Save Others.

Ketchikan, Alaska, Aug. 27.—One of the most remarkable stories of heroism at sea, with the magic wireless again playing its marvellous part in the saving of lives, will mark the history of the destruction of the big steamer Ohio, which crashed into a rock off Spire Point at 1 o'clock this morning and went down a total loss, carrying to their death six men.

The reported dead: Purser Stephen, wireless operator. Though only four others are reported to have been drowned, it is said that a number of others are still missing. M. J. Heney, a prominent railroad contractor, for the Guggenheim interests, who escaped from the doomed ship, wired the following: "Stephen and the others went down while trying to save the lives of passengers instead of looking to their own safety. Stephen could easily have saved his own life if he had given a thought to his own safety."

The news of the wreck was flashed by wireless by Operator Eccles as soon as the ship struck the rock. The call for help, "S.O.S.," went flashing through the air. It was picked up by the wireless operators on board the steamers Humboldt and the Rupert City. Eccles barely had time to flash the information that the Ohio was sinking and told the other ships what her location was.

Almost instantly the Humboldt and the Rupert City had started toward the scene, when suddenly the wireless men on the two ships found that they had "lost" the Ohio. This ominous information led to the belief that they were in danger of being too late or that the operator on the Ohio had deserted his post.

The developments showed that Eccles played the part of a hero to the last and his shipmates sent word that they had no hope of finding him alive. George C. Eccles lived in Winnipeg, and is destined to take a place in the list of the new heroes of the sea, ahead of that of the famous Jack Binnis, of the steamer Republic. It is said that Eccles could have saved his own life, if he had not given his entire attention to aiding other passengers.

News Sent by Wireless. Seattle, Aug. 27.—Prominent among the passengers on the Ohio are M. J. Heney, the railroad contractor, who is building the Copper River & North-western railway; Capt. Powell, of the Ellamar Mining Company; Clarence Cunningham, with a party of eight men; and T. J. Neater, a prominent merchant of Nome, who was making the trip to Seward and return. The Ohio carried about 125 passengers and a crew of about 50 men.

TO ADVERTISE THE CANADIAN EXPOSITION REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT TORONTO.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—George M. Hall, of the exposition publicity department, will represent Canada's International Exposition and Selkirk Centennial at the Toronto exhibition.

For the first time in the history of the west, Winnipeg will have an exhibit at Toronto, and the exposition committee has secured a portion of the city's space for the purpose of drawing attention of the people who visit the Toronto exhibition to the fact that it is proposed to hold Canada's first international exposition at Winnipeg in 1912.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford's visit to Canada and the west will be dealt with by the exposition entertainment committee in the same hearty manner that has marked the part of the committee in greeting other distinguished visitors of late. A central idea of the exposition is that of increased national spirit of closer relations throughout the Dominion and with the other parts of the British Empire.

Definite announcements of what part the provincial governments of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia will have in the exposition are expected to materialize shortly. The summer vacation season is about over, and absent members of cabinets will be at their posts within the next few days.

Canada as Market for British Goods. Representative of the London Mail Investigates Trade Conditions.

Vancouver, Aug. 26.—P. A. McKenzie, of the London Daily Mail, who is stopping at the Hotel Vancouver, has come to Canada to investigate trade conditions on behalf of his paper and inquire into immigration matters and the general state of the country. McKenzie is a well-known traveler, having represented his paper in different parts of the world, and acted as war correspondent in the Japanese-Russian campaign.

Regarding trade, Mr. McKenzie's special object is to see what can be done towards increasing British trade with Canada. He declares that while at present only one-quarter of the imports into Canada come from Britain, in spite of the preference, the greater portion of the manufactures of Canada are of British origin.

Strikebreakers Go on Strike. Three Hundred March Out of Steel Car Company's Plant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Declaring that they were treated "worse than dogs," were given rotten food to eat, and were threatened with death unless they remained at work, 300 strike breakers at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company walked out in a body at noon today. They stated that the remaining 200 strike breakers would walk out tomorrow, again getting together at the noon hour. The men getting together also stated that they were not paid what they were promised by the company officials.

TRIBUTE TO WORK OF STRATHCONA EXPOSITION EXECUTIVE PRESENTS ADDRESS HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE OFFERED HONORARY PRESIDENCY.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—The following address, prepared by and suitably endorsed under the direction of the executive of Canada's International Exposition and Selkirk Centennial, was presented to Lord Strathcona at a reception tendered the high commissioner by the exposition committee in conjunction with the civic authorities at the city hall on Wednesday night.

"The Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., etc., etc., High Commissioner for Canada. We, the executive committee of Canada's International Exposition and Selkirk Centennial, desire to express to Your Lordship the great pleasure we feel at welcoming you once more in Winnipeg, and beg to extend to you the warmest greetings upon your return to your old home, where your name is still remembered with affection and pride by the older generation, and with respect and veneration by the younger."

Progress in the Kootenay Country. Vice-President McNicoll, of C. P. R., Enthusiastic Over Outlook.

"I have a warm spot in my heart for the Kootenay country, with its beautiful scenery and wonderful possibilities, and never come west but I travel one way over this route," was the remark of David McNicoll, vice-president of the C. P. R., when interviewed at Nelson on his way to Vancouver.

Evening time I pass through," he continued, "I see something new to interest me or to admire, and also fresh evidence of the development that is taking place. I make it a rule to take a trip over the company's lines about once every two years, and each time a fresh realization of the country's possibilities comes to me, but nothing anything like the change which has come over the country along the Crow's Nest Pass line since I last passed through, are indications of effort, and effort always leads to success. Not only did I observe the great progress which has been made in coal mining and lumbering within the past few years, but I noticed also an increase in agriculture, fruit growing, springing up. One thing which struck me most forcibly on my way through the Crow's Nest Pass was the progress that has been made in the rebuilding of Fernie. A better city and a bigger one than the old has arisen to replace the one destroyed. What has been accomplished, however, is a splendid example of what energy, enterprise and pluck will accomplish for a city."

On his way west Mr. McNicoll paid a visit to Lethbridge, which, with Southern Alberta generally, he found going ahead rapidly. In the development of Southern Alberta irrigation agriculture is playing a prominent part, but was destined to play a much greater one within the next few years. He visited the irrigation works and had seen the main canal of the system filled with water for distribution in the province, and he required only moisture to make it productive.

Asked about the crops on the prairie this year, Mr. McNicoll was quite enthusiastic about the showing at present, but exhibited a caniness inherited from Scotch ancestors. He placed an estimate on the year's yield. He said: "I am not an expert in the computing of crop yields. I, however, made careful inquiry. I came along from our superintendents and from others, and the general opinion was that the crop would run somewhere between 100,000,000 and 120,000,000 bushels, although some of the more optimistic placed the figure at a much higher figure even than the latter. One thing I admire about you westerners is that you are a people, optimists. There is not room in the west for pessimists, and they are no good to the country if there were. Optimists make a country; pessimists keep back its development."

Firebug at Work in Sacramento. Twenty-three Fires Have Been Reported in Twenty-five Days.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 27.—"Jack the Firebug" is terrorizing a large number of residents of this city. No one knows just when the visit of the fire fiend will be paid to his house. Twenty-three fires in twenty-five days is the record thus far, all mysterious and most of them showing traces of the incendiary. The latest attack was on a \$5,000 apartment house. The barking of a dog saved it from probable destruction and perhaps also saved lives as there were several persons in the building. The unknown on Monday night entered the basement but was frightened away. Wednesday night he poured kerosene on some rags and exploded. The watch dog's barking attracted the attention of a servant, who discovered the fire in time. The police are on the trail of a mysterious man seen about the building earlier in the evening.

FORMER CITIZEN AMONG LOST BRISTOL TYPE OF CRUISERS

F. J. STEPHEN WAS ON BOARD OHIO PURSER OF WRECKED STEAMER LIVED HERE AND WAS WELL KNOWN.

F. J. Stephen, the purser of the wrecked steamer Ohio, who is reported upon the lost list is well known in Victoria. He resided here for many years being employed by the C. P. N. company before it was taken over by the C. P. R. He is a brother of E. R. Stephen, the local agent of the Great Northern railway.

After leaving Victoria F. J. Stephen went to Seattle where for a long time he has been in the employ of the Alaska Steamship Company. It is not long since he joined the Ohio as purser. The lost officer married a Victoria lady, Miss Mary Webster. Mrs. Stephen lives in Seattle. They have no family. Did Not Take Trip. In connection with the wreck of the Ohio on Spire Island near Ketchikan, a lady who was a short time ago in the city was very near buying a ticket to go on the steamer to Nome. She went into the office of E. R. Blackwood, agent for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and made inquiries but finally decided that she would not go. She came from Montreal and doubtless to-day is pleased that she decided not to take the passage.

Appointments Made by the Government. Companies Incorporated in the Province During the Past Week.

The Provincial Gazette this week contains notice of the following appointments: The justices of the peace for the province of British Columbia: John A. Muir, of Fruitvale, West Kootenay; Duncan A. McFarland, of Riondel, West Kootenay; James Mattland-Douglass to be a chief provincial constable in and for the county of Atlin, at Hazelton, from the 15th day of August, 1910. W. C. Lesecey, of Elk, Kootenay, to be a provincial constable from the 1st day of September, 1910. To be deputy mining recorders: J. H. Patterson, for the Omineca mining division at Skeena Canyon; Percy H. H. Sinner, for the Skeena River mining division at Copper City. To be notaries public for the province of British Columbia: Reginald William FitzGerald Sargent and Percy Ernest Wells, of the city of Vancouver. The following companies have been incorporated: Birch Bark Novelities, with a capital of \$10,000. Lillooet District Hospital Society, under the Benevolent Societies' Act. Prince Rupert Sash & Door Company, with a capitalization of \$50,000. R. W. Finch & Co., capitalized at \$50,000. Spring Creek Water Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Standard Trust & Industrial Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000. Suburban Lands Improvement Company, with a capital stock of \$10,000. Westbank Trading Company, capitalized at \$50,000. The following companies have been granted licenses as extra provincial companies: Copley, Noyes & Randall, H. W. Laird Company, Standard Trusts Company, and Waterloo Engine Company.

Revelstoke Hospital Society Meeting. Financial Statement for Year Shows Surplus of \$2,335.

Revelstoke, Aug. 26.—The financial statement presented by W. D. Armstrong, secretary-treasurer, at the annual meeting of the Revelstoke Hospital Society, was satisfactory in that it showed a balance of receipts over expenditure of \$2,335.15. The receipts were made up principally of contracts, government subsidy and pay patients. Contracts brought in \$13,103.50, pay patients contributed a total of \$2,683.80, of which \$161.80 was contributed from Arrowhead. The other expenses being divided among the various items of hospital maintenance. The balance sheet showed assets of \$23,410.22, with no liabilities. The report of the medical superintendent showed only four patients in the hospital at the present time. During the year 512 patients had been treated, of which 408 were from Revelstoke and 112 from Arrowhead. Besides these, in the out-patient department there were 1,514 cases of surgical treatment, of which 550 were at Revelstoke and 964 at Arrowhead, and nearly 2,000 dressings.

Lash and Prison for Vancouver Man. Pleading Guilty to Charge of Assault and Robbery.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 27.—While the shriek of his mother and sister rang through the court room, Clay Beers was led away to receive the lash and endure seven years penal servitude. Beers, a young man, obtained the confidence of a stranger, took him out to Stanley park, beat him senseless and robbed him. Beers pleaded guilty, and his counsel asked for mercy as it was a first offence, but Judge McInnes said the crime was too brutal to be lightly treated.

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