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STEAMER THISTLE BURNED AT SEA

Charred Hull Alone May Remain—Lieutenant Governor and Shooting Party Narrowly Escape With Lives.

(From Monday's Daily.)

When passing through southern waters in the neighborhood of Pine Island and at midday on Friday, with all her flags flying in honor of Victoria Day, she broke out on the Lieut.-Governor's steam yacht Thistle, and a charred bulk burnt to the water line, probably floating about somewhere to the north of Scarlett Point, is

All That Remains of the well known Victoria vessel to-day. At the time of the outbreak the Thistle with Lieut. Governor Dunsmuir and his shooting party on board were returning from an expedition to Gardner's canal. With the clothes which they stood up in, but nothing else, His Honor and the rest of those on board were able to escape and land at Hardy Bay, where they were picked up the same evening by the steamer Queen City Capt. Gunns, and brought to Vancouver.

It was shortly before midday when the Thistle was proceeding at eight knots an hour through Queen Charlotte Sound, Governor Dunsmuir, Mr. Bartley and Mr. Burton, was deck enjoying the perfect weather conditions which prevailed. Suddenly His Honor noticed the smell of

Burning Wood. He was assured by those present that it was nothing, but the stoking going on below. A few minutes passed when sudden flames burst through the port bulwarks of the vessel and the engineer came rushing on deck, in a few moments the entire port side of the vessel was in flames. All thought of coping with the contagion being lower abandoned, and it became necessary at once to lower the boats. Engineers Kettle and Ross had been driven from the boats before they had time to get into them, and the yacht wrapped in flames silt cut her way through the water at a speed of eight knots.

A launch, a quarter boat and a skiff were let down on the starboard side, and in these the party and crew embarked. The flames soon surrounded the yacht from stern to bow, and presently the engines ceased to work, and she drifted helplessly a charred but still burning mass of ruin on the face of the waters. About 9 o'clock in the evening the Queen City, homeward bound, hove in sight. The officer in charge described a strange light on the horizon which he knew could not come from any point on land. Capt. Gunns was told of the phenomenon, and he immediately concluded that it was a vessel on fire. Orders were at once issued for the Queen City to bear down towards the derelict. When she came alongside the Thistle was

Burned Down to the Water Line on the port side, and her boilers could be seen standing clear of the charred hull. The flames were still working havoc, and so much was the yacht changed in appearance that none of those on board the C. P. R. steamer could even guess what craft she was. It was evident at once, however, that no one was on board, and the Queen City, then about five miles to the north of Pine Island, proceeded to that station and signalled the lighthouse keeper to ask if he knew anything of the occurrence. The light keeper had seen the burning vessel drifting about for some time, but did not know what she was. He also suggested that he had seen three boats on the horizon which men whom he presumed had come from the burning craft.

The Queen City passed on to Scarlett Point and was informed by the light keeper, the name of the derelict and that Lieut. Governor Dunsmuir and his party had landed at Hardy Bay and were awaiting the arrival of the Queen City there. Calling at Hardy Bay the Queen City took the party on board and immediately landed them at Vancouver.

It is stated that the fire was due to Combustion Among the Coal Bunkers. Immediately on the outbreak the stokers had gained such a hold on the engine that the engineer had to shut down without even having time to shut the steam. On board the yacht were Lieut. Governor Dunsmuir and his party enumerated above, Captain Blisset in command, Chief Officer Bowden,

WORLD'S WHEAT PRODUCTION MAY BE THE SMALLEST IN SEVEN YEARS

Until Harvest Time—Supplies Not Likely to Exceed the Demands of Markets.

Chicago, May 26.—Engineers working in the interest of New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Indianapolis capitalists are completing plans for an extended system of canals from Indiana harbor to a point between Gary and Michigan city. The first survey provides for waterways 50 miles long, cost \$10,000,000. The system is held necessary to the development of the steel and iron industries. The main channel will be 200 feet wide, with lateral canals 100 feet in width. The system is to have a uniform depth of 24 feet, and turning basins 80 feet in diameter, will be dug at intervals of two miles. It is estimated that it will take ten years to complete the work.

MEAT PRICES MAY ADVANCE OWING TO ACTION TAKEN BY TRUST Payment on Cattle Shipments Will Be Withheld Until After Inspection.

Chicago, May 27.—Meat prices in Chicago may jump skyward this week. The packers have notified the commission firms that beginning to-day they no longer would stand the loss of condemned cattle and in order to protect themselves had found it necessary to refuse payment on "cow stuff" until it had passed the government inspection. During the latter part of last week thousands of letters and telegrams were sent out by commission men to customers notifying them of the stand taken by the packers and advising them to withhold all shipments of cattle to the big markets controlled by the trust until the difficulty has been adjusted. This is expected to cut the meat supply tremendously before the week is over and prices are expected to go up correspondingly. Commission men declare it is the intention of packers to enforce the rule with regard to "cow stuff" now in the hope that similar action may be taken later with reference to their purchases of sheep and hogs.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PHYSICIAN Dr. Young, of Vancouver, Died While Out on a Fishing Trip.

Vancouver, May 27.—Dr. Young, of Bayfield and Young, Vancouver, died suddenly yesterday while on a fishing trip up country. He went to Hazelton and had either an epileptic fit or heart disease while away alone fishing. Apparently he died without recovering consciousness. His body was not found until several hours after death. He had practised here for eight years.

SEVERAL PERSONS PERISHED IN FIRE Lost Their Lives in Lodging House—Twenty Horses Burned to Death.

Ottawa, May 27.—Mr. Justice Craig, of the Yukon, has been appointed to investigate charges against Caswell Fennie, a clerk in the gold commissioner's office.

MAY HAVE TO DO AS CANADIANS DO Branches of U. S. Concerns May Be Compelled to Observe Dominion Holidays.

Windsor, Ont., May 27.—Because Jesse O'Neill, an employee of the Fenberthy Injector Company, a Detroit concern with its Canadian branch here, celebrated Victoria Day all United States plants with branches in Canada may be compelled to observe Canadian holidays if they do not do so already. O'Neill planned to celebrate the day. Learning that the plant was not to close on Friday he went to the office to ask to get away. He says he was told the factory observed United States holidays, not those of Canada, and that if he absented himself he would be discharged. O'Neill took the day and called upon Dr. Reaume, minister of public works in the Ontario government, who is at his home. The latter told O'Neill to report for work on Monday and promised that if he was not taken back he (Reaume) would take the matter up.

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Liverpool, May 27.—The Hamburg-American Steamship Company has definitely decided to establish a direct service between Liverpool and New York. Other developments are expected to follow this move.

UNREST AMONG NATIVES OF INDIA

HINDUS ENCOURAGED BY SUCCESS OF JAPS Lawyer and Companion Arrested When on Way to Tokio to Seek Assistance.

Lahore, British India, May 27.—Those who have been attributing the unrest in India to the victory of the Japanese over the Russians, find confirmation for their belief in documents found in possession of the Hindu lawyer and a companion arrested here in connection with the recent riot at Rawal Pindi. The documents show that the men taken into custody were on their way to Tokio to solicit intervention on behalf of a native revolt against British rule.

TIGER AT LARGE. Escaped From Cage in Menagerie and Killed Little Girl Before It Was Shot.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 26.—A special from Twin Falls, Idaho, says that a tiger escaped from the menagerie of a circus there yesterday, killed a little girl and a shetland pony and was finally dispatched by a brave pioneer armed with a 22-calibre revolver.

FAMILIES BURNED OUT. Redvers, Sask., May 25.—Fire broke out early this morning in Groff's building. The building comprises a large general store, rented and occupied by Curie and three upstairs, rented by two families. The whole building was totally destroyed. The loss is \$14,000, the building and stock being insured.

SUDDEN DEATH. Michael O'Brien Found Dead in His Cabin on Pembroke Street.

Michael O'Brien, an iron moulder, was found dead in his cabin yesterday by a companion, R. Jeffries. Deceased lived on Pembroke street, and had been ill for some time. The cause of death is unknown as no physician was summoned prior to death. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

FIGHT BETWEEN RIVAL COMPANIES HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE'S LATEST MOVE

Will Place Vessels on the Direct Service From Liverpool to New York.

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JEALOUS VETERAN'S CRIME. Shot His Housekeeper and Then Ended His Own Life.

Washington, May 26.—Silas Putnam, 63 years old, a clerk in the war department and a veteran, last night shot and killed Mrs. Emma Deavers, a 40-year-old widow with five children, and then committed suicide. The double tragedy occurred at the Putnam farm, a half-mile from Falls Church, Va. Mrs. Deavers was housekeeper for Putnam. Jealousy is believed to have caused the crime.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA EXHIBIT THE BEST

Visitor From New Zealand Gives Province Praise—Regards Victoria as Charming City.

(From Monday's Daily.) "I consider the Canadian court at the exhibition in Christ church, New Zealand, to be one of the finest and far-reaching advertisements the Dominion has ever received," said Edward Osborne, a recent arrival from the antipodes to a Times reporter to-day.

THE TIDE STILL RUNS WESTWARD MORE WINNIPEGGERS COMING TO VICTORIA

S. Walker and J. Borland Among Those Who Have Decided to Settle Here.

Winnipeg, May 27.—Sampson Walker, former member for North Winnipeg, has announced his intention of removing to Victoria with his family to live. Mr. Walker is one of the wealthiest men in the city, and is largely interested in mines and oil. He is one of the leaders in the Methodist church.

YACHTING FATALITY. Astoria, May 26.—Harry George, a young student of Stanford University, and the only son of George H. George, a prominent cannery man of this city, was drowned while sailing in Young's bay Saturday.

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