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TRADE OF B. C. WITH MEXICO

STEAMSHIP ILSE SAILS SOUTH WITH PARTY

Capitalists Will Investigate Fruit Growing Area—Three Vessels to Operate.

Seattle, Jan. 18.—Loaded with a full cargo of flour, box shoots, lumber and general freight for Central American ports, the steamship Ilse left this morning, taking a number of directors of the Mexican-Pacific Company and capitalists interested in that concern, on a trip of inspection to the company's property near Acapalco, Mexico. The trip will occupy about six weeks and the full party will number thirty-five, including several ladies. Half of the excursionists will board the Ilse at San Francisco at which port the steamship will stay two days.

The intinerary, as arranged by the officers of the company, includes debarkation at Acapulco, the nearest port to Mexico City, a trip from that place through the property, consisting of 400,000 acres, in the county of Guerrero, and thence to Mexico City by pack train and railroad. Returning the party will proceed to San Blas, another port on the west coast of the republic, and will there rejoin the Ilse on her trip up from Panama. It is expected that T. Fitzhugh Lee, who was chiefly responsible for the formation of the Fruit Growers and Traders' Association in Victoria, which has now amalgamated with the Mexican Pacific, will meet the Ilse at Acapulco and direct the party. The trip is being undertaken to give those participating an opportunity to thoroughly inspect the company's fine fruit-growing and grazing lands situated in one of the most fertile localities on the west coast of Mexico. In Victoria and the Sound cities considerable interest is being manifested in the big company as it has for its object the development of trade, particularly in fruit, cotton, rubber and other tropical products, between the Sound, British Columbia and the awakening Pacific coast of Mexico. While peculiar conditions have held back the development of practically all the rich lands lying between the Sierra Madre range of mountains and the ocean and extending nearly all the way from Guayamas to the Gulf of Tehauntapec, it is confidently anticipated by those most acquainted with the true conditions of the coast, that the infusion of northern capital and business enterprise into a land which has long waited for development will result in the expansion of the steamship and general trade of the whole country contiguous to the ocean.

The increasing success of the Canadian-Mexican steamship line, subsidized by both the Dominion and Mexican governments, has been one of the chief factors in focussing the eyes of capitalists in British Columbia and the Sound cities, upon the opportunities which have lain hidden under a veil of skepticism, thrown upon the west of Mexico by disappointed steamship men for many years past. At the present time, according to many shrewd business men in Seattle, there is a movement among men with capital in that city, toward a searching investigation of the West Coast trade possibilities. It is realized that the steamship traffic can never amount to anything of consequence until the country in the vicinity of Acapulco, Salina Cruz, and other ports is developed to such an extent that imports and export trade will merit the operation of a larger fleet than is now catering to the coast. The Mexican Pacific Company having obtained a large acreage of rich, alluvial soil, capable of producing almost any species of tropical fruit and other valuable crops, and with standing plantations ready to yield, anticipates taking the initial step in this line of development at a comparatively early date and will operate the steamship Ilse, which is specially adopted for the fruit-carrying trade, and two other similar steamships, the Erna and the Ella, which, with the Ilse, have been recently added to the Jebsen and Ostrander fleet, under charter from the latter firm.

The Ilse will probably bring back the first shipment of bananas and other fruit to be taken off the company's lands. Having been formerly in the fruit trade between Liverpool, Morocco and the Canary islands, as the Liverpool steamship Telde, the Ilse is specially fitted for the conveyance of fruit being ventilated by the latest form of turbines. She is a trim craft of 1,461 tons, has a maximum speed of slightly over thirteen knots and is equipped with fifteen staterooms and electric light, giving good accommodation for cabin passengers. Built very much along the lines of a steam yacht, with a white hull and yellow stack, she has created a most favorable impression among Sound shipping men.

The party which is taking the trip of inspection on the Ilse includes four from Victoria, F. B. Warren, J. G. Johnstone, who are shareholders; R. J. Harlow, who is representing Messrs. Bond & Clarke, brokers, and Alfred Hustwick, of the Times' staff. Among the others going are: Monity Thomson, president of the Mexican Pacific Company; T. F. Ryan, vice president, and J. D. Treaholme, secretary; Oscar Brown, Vancouver; Geo. L. Campbell, T. L. Greenhough, H. D. Alland, D. MacMillan, M. J. Connell and Messrs. Palmer, Crutcher, Ostrander, Holzall, Edelphson, Dedrickson, Nogowa, Young Egan. The trip is expected to occupy at least six weeks.

VANCOUVER STORM SWEPT.

Special to the Times.

Vancouver, Jan. 20.—With barometers around 29, the heaviest wind storm of several seasons struck Vancouver last night. No marine accidents are reported. All telegraph communication with the south was cut off.

It is reported that great damage is done in Seattle and the vicinity, where the storm centered.

POLITICAL CLOUD GROWS DARKER

STRONG OPPOSITION TO JAPANESE FINANCE

Daidos, of Whom ex-Premier is Leader, Declare Against Policy.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 20.—At the Daido Club to-day 60 members of the lower house in the diet issued a manifest which proclaimed unalterable opposition to the financial policy of the government.

This is one of the significant developments of the present situation because Marquis Katsura, the former premier, is recognized as the leading spirit of the Daidos, although he does not lay any claim to the position of leader.

This action unites the Daidos with the progressive party and practically unites the opposition, in which event the government would be defeated in an attempt to carry its budget.

Up to the present moment it was generally believed that Marquis Katsura and the prime minister, Marquis Saionji, had reached an agreement on the subject.

"WAR IS DECLARED."

Chicago Newsboys Arrested for Giving Utterance to Sensational Yells.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Eleven newsboys were arrested last night for shouting "War is declared between the United States and Japan."

The boys for hours had gone through the streets giving utterance to the sensational yells. They were selling a weekly newspaper and meeting with a large sale until victimized persons called upon the police. The boys were released after having been warned.

CALGARY DOMINION FAIR.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 20.—Contracts were let on Saturday for twelve large additional buildings for the Dominion fair, which is to be held here from June 29th to July 9th. This fair will be the largest Western Canada has ever held, and is receiving the active support not only of the Western provinces, but of those of the East as well.

SEED FOR ALBERTA.

Calgary, Jan. 20.—Geo. Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture, passed through Calgary yesterday on his way to Ottawa to make arrangements for securing seed grain for the province of Alberta.

LIGHTSHIP FOR MARINE GRAVEYARD

Little Vessel Will Make 15,000-Mile Voyage to Blunt's Reef.

New York, Jan. 20.—Fitting out to sail in the wake of Admiral Evans' Armada, now on its way to the Pacific ocean, a little red-hulled lightship, not as big as one of Columbus' caravel, is at Tompkinsville and will soon be ready for the 15,000 mile voyage to California, her future home. Stores will be placed aboard the lightship this week.

The lightship is new, and has been constructed at a cost of $60,000 to take a position on Blunt's reef, off Eureko, California. Blunt's reef is one of the famous marine graveyards of the Pacific.

The feature of the trip of the new lightship, officially known as No. 88, is that she is to make the journey under her own steam, and with a coal consumption of only eight tons a day. As the lightship is so small that she cannot carry more than 100 tons of coal, it has been arranged to have her call at a number of ports en route to replenish her bunkers. She will carry a crew of twenty. The floating beacon will probably make the voyage in about one hundred days.

WILL TAKE CHARGE OF SHEARWATER

COMMANDER CRAWFORD IS GUNNERY EXPERT

New Naval Officers for Esquimalt Have Had Meritorious Service.

London, Jan. 4.—Commander C. W. G. Crawford has been appointed to the command of the sloop Shearwater as commander-in-charge for station duties on the west coast of North America.

Commander Charles Wispington Glover Crowford was appointed a naval cadet in July, 1886, and he was promoted midshipman in 1888, sub-lieutenant in 1892, and qualified for his next step by taking an almost possible number of marks in his five "firsts." He reached his present rank on the last day of 1903, and has been latterly employed in command of torpedo boat No. 107, in which branch of the service, as well as in gunnery, he is an expert.

Commander E. H. Edwards has been posted to the command of the sloop Algerine from the date of her commissioning at Hongkong for service on the Pacific coast of North America. Commander Edwards has spent over 23 years afloat, his promotions running: Sub-lieutenant, 1890; lieutenant, 1893, and commander in June, 1904, and he is therefore junior to Commander Crawford, although he has been actually longer in the service. Like his senior officer he possesses a very fine reputation as a sailor, and proved his professional capacities by taking five firsts at his promotion examination.

The remainder of the officers of the sloop Algerine have yet to be gazetted.

FAMILY DECIMATED BY POISONED BREAD

Five Dead and Two Dying as Result of Arsenic in Food.

Rockdale, Tex., Jan. 20.—Five of the seven members of the family of C. Sauer, a farmer, died of poison yesterday, and the other two are reported in a dying condition to-day.

Arsenic has been found in the house and it is believed that the poison was placed in the flour of which the bread was made.

GLASS WORKS DESTROYED.

Coffeyville, Kans., Jan. 20.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Sunflower Glass Company's plant, causing damage of $100,000. The property was partly insured.

About 400 men are thrown out of employment.

FUGITIVE BANKER MAY BE IN B. C.

Blaine Sheriff Scourng Province for O. C. Mathis, an Absconding Cashier.

Blaine, Jan. 18.—O. C. Mathis, cashier of the Exchange Bank, which was closed by creditors this week, is still missing and so far as is known in this place no clew to his whereabouts has been learned by Sheriff Williams, who is making a thorough search in British Columbia cities. Last evening at 6 o'clock a warrant was issued at the instigation of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Livesey, charging Mathis with forgery and if the fugitive can be located he will be placed in jail to answer to this charge.

From present indications it is believed Mathis carried off less real money than at first supposed, but it is believed he has practically all the securities of the bank in his possession and may have disposed of them by this time. Receiver Walter Whitcolm this morning began the preliminary work of ascertaining the condition of the bank. So far as can be learned the assets are extremely small, but an examination of the books may show that notes and other collateral have been issued that may be classed among the assets. The office figures are not regarded of any great value.

The alleged forged school bonds for $3,000 serve as a basis for the charge made by the deputy prosecuting attorney. Mathis was acting as clerk of the school board and he had ample opportunity to forge the papers and dispose of them had he been so inclined.

Mathias has had a chequered career in Bellingham. A number of years ago he came here as a preacher, but after a short time began school teaching. Later he studied law and was admitted to the bar of the state. For a short time he was in the dry goods business in Blaine. The bank in which he has been interested has been in business for only about a year.

ROOSEVELT AS CHEMIST.

U. S. President Will Probe Subject in Its Application to Pure Food aLw.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt has determined to obtain expert information regarding certain questions of chemistry involved in the application of the pure food law. He has written to several university presidents requesting them to submit to him the names of several practical scientists from which he proposes to select a board of five, to consider the regulations which have been made by the department of agriculture regarding the use of sulphur in preserving fruits, the use of benzoate of soda in the preservation of ketchup and other food products, the use of glucose in syrups, besides several other chemical questions.

DIED IN SEARCH OF HANGING SENSATION

Youth Strung Himself to Gas Bracket—His Experiment Proved Fatal.

New York, Jan. 20.—The American to-day says: Winner of a debate on "Capital Punishment" at a meeting of the debating club of his parish last Saturday night, Seth Schuyler, 18 years old, of Brooklyn, was found hanging dead in the bathroom of his home late yesterday. He had wound a silk muffler around his neck and hanged himself to a gas bracket.

The police theory is that young Schuyler committed suicide in a fit of despondency. The grief-stricken mother or the family refuse to accept this and his boy friends assert their belief that the young man came to his death in trying to discover experimentally the sensations the victims of an execution by hanging might feel.

WHEAT FOR OLD LAND.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 20.—The grain celarings from Pacific coast ports for the week ending January 18th amounted to 901,376 bushels of wheat consigned to the United Kingdom.

ALBERTA MAY BUY BELL TELEPHONES

Northwest Province Will Not Pay Exorbitant Price for System.

Calgary, Jan. 20.—The province of Alrebta, following in the footsteps of Manitoba, is alive with an agitation looking to the purchase of the Bell telephone system by the province. However, the Alberta government does not propose to pay an exorbitant price for the system. If the Bell company refuses to sell at what the government feels is a fair price it is prepared to go ahead with the extension of lines already in operation and compete with the Bell company for the business.

The service and extensions recently made by the private company have been largely forced upon them by the active steps in construction the government has taken.

THREE KILLED IN INDIANA SMASH

Locomotive Plunged Over Trestle, Turning Somersault in Mid Air.

Corydon Jet, Ind., Jan. 20.—Three trainmen were killed and two were probably fatally injured yesterday, when a locomotive of the Southern railway, westbound from New Albany, plunged from a 90-foot trestle, turning a somersault in the air, and drugging with it two freight cars and a caboose.

The wreckage caught fire, but villagers quickly extinguished the flames.

CITY OF MEXICO SAFE.

Delayed by Heavy Weather in Making Vera Cruz From New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 18.—Cable advices received here to-day from Vera Cruz report the safe arrival there of the Mexican-American line steamer City of Mexico from this city. Some anxiety had been felt over her safety. Shortly after entering the gulf the steamer ran into a storm, which caused the delay.

GOLD STAMPEDE IN NORTHERN B. C.

RUMORED STRIKE ON FINLAY RIVER

Prospects Said to Be of Best—Metal Is Extremely Coarse.

Hazelton, B.C., Jan. 18.—Far up near the confluence of the Ingenia and Finlay rivers, almost midway between the Canadian Rockies and the Cassiar mountains, comes a report of a gold strike, the most important of any from Northern fields for years.

A stampede from here has followed the receipt of the news, and a large party of prospectors has now outfitted and gone to the scene of the new strike. More will follow. Two of the discoverers are with the party which left to-day. They had been in the district for two years and came out for an outfit.

From the discoverers, it is learned, the prospects are of the best, the gold brought out by them being extremely coarse. The diggings are reported shallow.

All the old-timers of this district are preparing to make a rush to the new fields.

MINER BURNED TO DEATH.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 20.—Samuel Walker, a Beaver Dam miner, was burned to death to-day in a fire that destroyed a shanty occupied by Walker and Walter Stonebraker. The latter was arrested later on a charge of murder. It is known that the men quarreled last night and Stonebraker has several wounds on his head, said to have been inflicted by his companion.

CHICAGO HELPING HER UNEMPLOYED

An "Open Door Church" to Be Erected to Alleviate Suffering.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 20.—A model "Poor Man's Church," with plenty of soup, biscuits, religion and possibly beds, is to be a branch of the great revival now in progress in 207 churches in Chicago, under the auspices of the laymen's evangelical movement.

The plans for the new church were announced yesterday by Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Moody church. They comprise the establishment of an "open door church" in the lodging house district for the purpose of reaching the great army of unemployed.

GIRL TRIED TO SWALLOW BANKNOTE

Her Seductive Beauty Did Not Gull Cashier, Who Recognized Number.

Munich, Jan. 18.—A strikingly beautiful Russian woman presented a five hundred rouble note at one of the banks here to-day for exchange into German money.

The note bore the number of one of the notes advertised as having been stolen in the robbery at Tiflis early last summer, when 314,000 roubles was stolen, and the bank cashier telephoned at once to the police.

Seeing the officers approach, the woman hastily attempted to swallow the slip of paper, but one of the officers grasped her by the throat and prevented her from doing it.

It appeared from the paper that two accomplices were about to arrive here by the Paris express. The officers, accompanied by the Russian charge d'affaires, went to the station, and on the arrival of the train arrested them.

GREAT CHILIAN FIRE.

Twenty Blocks Wiped Out—Damage $300,000—Distress Among Poor.

Santiago, Chili, Jan. 20.—A great fire at Temuco, a flourishing town in the south of Chili, has destroyed 20 blocks of buildings. The loss is more than $300,000.

There is great distress among the poor.

NEW ENGLAND COASTING TRADE

Portsmouth, N.H., Jan. 20.—The coasting trade of the ports of Northern New England is nearer to a complete standstill than for many years, although the open conditions of the rivers and harbors along the coast would seem to indicate more opportunity for a busy season.

WANT LIQUOR LAWS AMENDED.

Temperance Reformers Wait on Alberta Government.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 20.—The Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform Association, at a meeting held at Edmonton, waited upon the Alberta government with a petition for certain amendments to the liquor license act of the province. The following are some of the amendments asked for by the association.

That bar-rooms shall be closed at 7 o'clock every evening.

That local option be voted on in every municipality instead of every license district.

That no females be sold liquor from the bar.

That Southern states are not alone in their fight for prohibition.

DUNKERS ARE SEEKING LAND

A LARGE COLONY IS ARRANGING TO COME

They Have in View Settling Upon a Vast Area Near Ashcroft.

There is a deputation in town to-day to interview the local government.

It is worthy of special note in that it represents a special class of people who have started a colonizing movement in British Columbia. They are known as the Dunkers, who are said to have ideas and fancies similar to those of the Quakers. They believe in love. At least it is rumored that they disbelieve in hate. In any case their arms are religiously folded against the suggestion that any sort of offensive weapon should repose in them.

The deputation which is in town today is headed by F. E. Hopkins, an American. Mr. Hopkins is officiating as the agent for a colony of Dunkers, which proposes to settle at Ashcroft this spring. On behalf of these people he has already purchased about 100,000 acres of land, including the Langley ranch, the "Boston" flats and Beddards ranch. He informed a reporter this morning that they had also bought out the plant of the Ashcroft Water & Light Company, and proposed to utilize the same as a commercial venture, and for the purpose of lighting their own settlement. The money consideration said to have been involved in these purchases is figured at about $500,000. About one thousand Dunker families are expected to locate in the colony this year.

As to the purpose of the representation, which is in Victoria on behalf of these people to-day, Mr. Hopkins was reticent. Generally, however, they are seeking certain privileges from the government with respect to the use of water for irrigation works.

The information was vouchasfed by Mr. Hopkins that his colony was being gathered from "all over—from Maryland to North Dakota." But the reporter was not permitted to unfathom the cause of their migration into a strange land. He was only allowed to guess that it was because the beauty, peace and solitude of the mountains are suited to the Dunker taste; and that there are special opportunities in British Columbia for establishing a settlement after their own heart. A number of leaders of the sect accompany the visitors who number about half a dozen persons more or less. They will see the government to-day.

TOLSTOI'S ATTACK ON GOVERNMENTS

His Scathing Denunciation of Prussia's Attitude Toward Poland.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The Matin publishes a letter from Count Tolstoi to Henry K. Sienkiewicz in reference to the latter's world plea for the repatriation of Poland, in which Tolstoi scathingly denounces not only Prussia for its "dispoliment of Poland," but governmental power in which he finds moral decadence.

The chief qualification for high offices as to living sovereigns is that they should be the promoters of all kinds of massacres and violence, says Tolstoi. "They are so far beneath the morality of the majority that they do not awaken our indignation, but only our pity and aversion."

He declared that the world must struggle against the prejudice that a state's oppression is necessary, which struggle, he declares, can only be won by the people flinging themselves away from the state.

B. C. METALS FOR OTTAWA MINT

EXISTENCE DUE TO THIS PROVINCE

New Establishment in Capital Most Up to Date in the World.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—In a return placed on the table of the House there are some interesting information and suggestive figures. The existence of the mint to-day is due almost wholly to the demand originating in British Columbia, which with the Yukon, produces most of the precious and other metals that will be used in making the coinage of Canada, that is gold, silver, copper and nickel, it being in contemplation to issue a nickel piece of five cents value.

As Canada is the largest producer of nickel in the world it will be a very proper thing to advertise the country's mineral wealth by utilizing that valuable metal in the production of a coin that will be of such common use as a five-cent piece.

The return shows that the construction of the building cost $286,835.86; the site, $21,250; and the equipment, $94,966.50. There are still required to complete construction $87,000 and for equipment $7,900. These latter expenditures will be on account of gold refinery especially.

There are 72 employees, with salaries ranging from $5,000 per annum down to $15 per week. The Imperial authorities, as controllers of the mint, have the right to make all appointments. The more important officials are technical officers, and these have all come out from London, where they received their training in the royal mint, of which the Ottawa mint is a branch. The minor officials are appointed by the deputy master of the mint on the approval of the finance minister. It will be understood that the connection is in name only, as Canada pays the bill, mints what coins she wants and receives the profit or pays the loss, as the case may be. The arrangement ensures absolute success in initiating operations at the mint and guarantees efficient work.

To indicate what the value and character of the coinage will be the results of the last ten years are given. The face value of the copper coins for ten years ending 1907 was $306,000, which cost $111,932.66, showing a profit to the government of $194,067.34. The face value of the silver coined in the same period was $5,242,335, at a cost to Canada of $2,428,430.08, showing a profit of $2,813,904.92. There has been no gold coinage yet issued in Canada, but it is proposed to issue $2.50, $5 and $10 pieces as soon as the refinery is operating. On the day the mint was officially opened copper and silver pieces were made from British Columbia metal, and it is understood that for some time at least only British Columbia metals will be used, for the reason that the only government assay office in Canada is at Vancouver and the only silver refinery is at Trail, B. C. The mint is consequently and primarily a British Columbia institution, notwithstanding the fact that it is not located in either Vancouver or Victoria, which at one time was a political cry in both cities. The mint is now in operation and it is a credit to the government, both as regards the building and the equipment, which, although not the largest, is the most modern and up-to-date in the world.

GET LOBSTERS FROM CANADA.

Scarcity in State of Maine Necessitates Importation.

Portland, Me., Jan. 20.—The scarcity of the lobsters along the Maine coast has necessitated the calling upon dealers in the Maritime Provinces to supply the market in this city, and the first shipment of lobsters that ever came into Portland from Canada arrived during the past week, and has been followed since by several large consignments.

PASSAGES TOO RISQUE.

U. S. Purity Conference Abandons Sitting on Account of Notoriety.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 20.—Owing to the unpleasant notoriety incurred in some of the papers read at the recent purity conference here, it is announced that no conference will be held this year and that the papers to be read at the next conference will have to be submitted in advance, so that all risque passages may be struck out.

The notice that this year's conference is to be omitted comes from the conference president, B. S. Steadwell, of Lacrosse, Wis.

ELECTIONS IN SALMON ARM.

Salmon Arm, B. C., Jan. 18.—J. Evans was elected reeve by 73 majority. Councillors: J. D. McGuire, J. Kew, R. J. Kirkpatrick, A. J. Armstrong and J. Johnson. School trustees: M. McKay, F. B. Shaw and W. J. Boyd.