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## Steamer Cobequid Located on Rocks With Passengers and Crew Safe

### Naval Aid Bill Will Not Be Introduced This Session --- Beardmore Home at Acton Burned --- South African Strikers Defy Police

#### NAVAL ISSUE TO BE AVOIDED REDISTRIBUTION BILL TO FORE WITH SENATE'S ENLARGEMENT

Premier Desires to Avoid Receiving Unpleasant Impression Created by Senate's Rejection of Dreadnought Program—Twelve New Senators West of Lake Superior.

(Special to The Toronto World.) OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—A meagre sessional program will be outlined for parliament in the speech from the throne tomorrow afternoon. Only three bills will be referred to. One of these, of course, will be the government's measure for the redistribution of the seats in the house of commons, to accord with the last census. Another will provide for 12 new senators from the provinces west of Lake Superior. A third will amend the Civil Service Act, presumably along the lines suggested by Sir George Murray.

The world is in a position to announce with authority that the naval aid bill, appropriating \$35,000,000 for the construction of three dreadnoughts, will not be introduced at the coming session. Indeed, it is anticipated that the prime minister, in his speech upon the address in reply to the speech from the throne, will announce that no legislation along this line will again be attempted until the senate is in accord with the popular will and the majority in the house of commons.

To Avoid Unpleasantness. It is felt that, in the interests of the empire and of Canada, it is undesirable that the bill should be sent to the senate for a second rejection which would emphasize the unfortunate interpretation created by the senatorial veto last session.

The government, nevertheless, is firm in its resolve that three dreadnoughts shall be provided. The highways bill, which passed the house at the last two sessions of parliament and was virtually killed in the senate by amendments unacceptable to the government, will not be reintroduced. This announcement will come as an unpleasant surprise to many members of the opposition, who were in hopes that the senate would withdraw its opposition to this bill, as it finally did at the last session in the matter in the subsidy for the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

It is also understood that the speech from the throne tomorrow will express the grateful appreciation of their royal highnesses for the solicitude of the Canadian people respecting the health of the Duchess of Connaught, as evidenced by the many expressions of sympathy received from all parts of the Dominion. The bountiful harvest and the increased immigration will be referred to, and also the temporary financial stringency which the country has been experiencing.

Present New Members. No business will be transacted tomorrow by the house, but the members (Continued on Page 3, Column 7.)

#### ONLY TWELVE ARE YET TO BE SAVED FROM WRECKED STEAMER COBEQUID NINETY-FOUR ARE SAFELY IN PORT

Coastal Vessel Westport First to Arrive Off Trinity Shoals Where Cobequid Had Grounded and Seventy-Two Persons Were Transferred - Another Steamer Rescued Others—Boat Standing by to Take Off Remaining Twelve.

(Special to The Toronto World.) HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 14.—Thirty-six hours after the steamer grounded on the Yarmouth coast, 84 of the 106 persons aboard the West India liner Cobequid were taken off by coastal steamers and brought into Yarmouth tonight. Captain Howson and 11 men are still standing by the steamer. No lives were lost, but all the crew suffered greatly in the intense cold, for the temperature was below zero, and the steamer's decks were continually awash, and the seas, which froze where they fell, converted the wreck into a gigantic icicle. Passengers and crew were kept below during the terribly long vigil, which largely accounts for all lives being saved, for the bridge, deck houses and practically everything movable was swept from her decks by the seas, which continually broke over her.

It was not until late this afternoon that the curtain of mist and snow veiling the Bay of Fundy was lifted, and the villagers of Handford, in Yarmouth County, saw the Cobequid, fast on the Trinity shoals, seven miles from shore. No help could be sent her from the little fishing village because of intervening reefs, but the news was telephoned to Yarmouth, twenty miles away, and the fleet of ships which was scouring the bay for the missing steamer were hurried to the rescue. The first of the ships to reach the wreck was the little coastal steamer Westport, which arrived off the shoals at 4.30 o'clock. The Cobequid's bow was high out of the water and seas were sweeping all over her. Captain McKinnon ran down as close as possible and then sent his lifeboat away.

On the first trip all the women and children on board, nine in all, and nearly all the male passengers, were taken off, and in three trips of the boat, 72 people were taken aboard the Westport, which stood by the wreck until 6 o'clock, when the John L. Cann arrived. The Westport headed for Yarmouth, arriving there at 9 o'clock tonight, and after taking off 24 more, also returned. Capt. Howson and 11 officers and men electing to remain by the wreck all night. Other rescue steamers arrived shortly after, amongst them the Furness liner Rappahannock, which participated in the rescue of the burning Volturino's passengers a few months ago, but nothing more remained to be done. The ship was in safety for the night and while no hope remained of floating her, Capt. Howson and his men were preparing to try to save some of the cargo.

#### EXPLORER SCOTT WAS GREATEST OF REPORTERS

His Dying Message Epitomized Spirit of Journalism, Says Franklin Matthews.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—In a lecture on "The Citizens and the Press" at Cornell University today, Franklin Matthews, of the teaching staff of the Columbia University School of Journalism, characterized Captain Robert F. Scott, who lost his life in his Antarctic polar expedition, as the "foremost reporter of modern times." Scott, said the speaker, was born and lived and died a reporter, also Scott and the world never realized it. Scott's memory deserved from England as "his Robert F. Scott," who lost his life in his Antarctic polar expedition, as the "foremost reporter of modern times."

#### PREMIER STILL FIGHTING HARD

The Gradually Growing Weaker, Hopes Yet Held for Removal to Toronto.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Sir James Whitney's condition shows no material change tonight, though he is gradually growing weaker. The splendid vitality which he has always manifested, however, is standing by him now, and while his friends fear for the ultimate outcome of the first real illness of his life, they are satisfied that unless something unexpected occurs he will hold out for some time and may even be able to return to Toronto.

#### TWO CRUSHED BY STREET CAR

Midnight Accident at King Street Bams May Result in Death of Alexander MacPherson.

Alex. MacPherson, fractured thigh, internal injuries. J. J. Johnston, broken leg, internal injuries. Alex. MacPherson, 19 Mount Stephen street, was probably fatally injured, and J. J. Johnston, 30 First avenue, seriously injured by being crushed between two cars in the King street car barn at midnight last night. Both are employees.

#### BOND'S ADHERENTS KEEP ALOOF FROM FISHERMEN

Newfoundland's Opposition Agrees, However, on Kent as Spokesman.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—The colonial assembly was convened today by Governor Davidson and organized by the election of Goodison, a member for Carbonear, as speaker. Altho Mr. Goodison is an adherent of the premier, Sir Edward Morris, his election was made unanimously by the opposition members.

#### FIRE CHIEF FAILS IN DUTY AND DOES NOT ENFORCE LAW FOR PREVENTION --- DRISCOLL

New Library For Beaches District

After two years of waiting, the residents in the Beaches district will have a public library. The Toronto Library Board has leased a large store at the corner of Queen street and Hamby avenue, which will be used as a public library under the supervision of Librarian Dr. Geo. H. Locke.

#### DRISCOLL REPORT CALLED UNFAIR BY CHIEF

Apparently Got Up by Some Person Formerly Attached to the Police Department in the United States, Says Thompson and Acting City Architect Price.

Judging by correspondence attached to yesterday's report of the civic survey, the investigation being conducted by Clement Driscoll, is not regarded as an unmitigated blessing by Chief Thompson and Acting City Architect Price. The letters disclose a conflict of opinion which Chief Thompson and Mr. Price made the subject of a lengthy communication and an affidavit which they forwarded to the mayor and the board of control.

It seems that during Mr. Driscoll's inspection of one of the theatres he is in company with the manager, W. G. Reeves, found a fire exit leading into a lane blocked by the presence of a lorry, so that the door could not be opened to its full extent. Mr. Driscoll at once noted the condition and ordered a photographer with him to take a picture of the situation, which he did. The developed picture was submitted to the civic authorities at the time Mr. Driscoll made his preliminary report on the conditions of the various theatres.

When confronted with the picture and the report, Chief Thompson and Mr. Price investigated, and in reporting back to the board of control they complained that the report was unfair and had been apparently got up by some person formerly attached to a police department in the United States, as many of the facts have been so distorted as to not be recognizable, in the face of the actual conditions. In support of their statement they submitted an affidavit of Reeves, the manager, stating that the theatre was not occupied by an audience at the time the lorry blocked the exit, and that the driver was about to move when Mr. Driscoll stopped him and ordered the picture taken.

In his reply to the statement of the fire chief and the city architect, Mr. Driscoll admits the truth of the affidavit, but alleges that on four different visits to the theatre that particular exit was found blocked by wagons, that the lane is a narrow one, and, judging from his observations, is in constant danger as a thoroughfare while the daily matinee is going on.

The controversy has apparently ended with Mr. Driscoll's reply, but it is possible that similar ones are likely to arise as the bureau of research continues its work.

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#### EXODUS OF AMERICANS FROM CANADA GROWS

Last Year More Than Fifty-Two Thousand Recrossed Border.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—While the large immigration into Canada from the United States is well known, the heavy exodus the other way is not so much heard of. During the last six years the number coming across the line to settle in Canada was 618,112, but the number crossing from Canada to become permanent residents of the United States in the same period was 594,918. Thus Canada's net gain in the six years was only 23,194.

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POLITICAL GAME SEASON OPENS TODAY

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