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POSTMASTER IN TROUBLE

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10.30 o'clock by the night watchman, but even at that time the flames had gained considerable headway. The watchman immediately gave an alarm, and citizens turned out almost to a man to try to save the big plant.

The fire started in the main building, about 150 feet from the engine room. As yet no one knows how the fire started. The mill has not been in operation for over a year and a half, but preparations are being made to resume operations immediately. The plant is a total loss, as every building and shed, even the office, is in ashes. The wind blew a gale, and was saved about 200,000 feet of lumber that was in a remote corner of the yard. This, with the books, which were taken from the office as soon as the fire was discovered was all that was saved. The perfect water and fire protection system availed nothing, as the fire fighters, although anxious to do something to stem the conflagration, were unable to get within a block of the apparatus. The company's fire fighting plant was being used, and one of the best in the state. The pressure was heavy, and there was an almost unlimited supply of water.

The wind blew a gale, sweeping the embers and flames high into the air. Fortunately the wind blew the flames out over the water, but not without great damage to the big mill, located just north of the burned mill. This plant caught fire several times, and only the heroic work of the fire fighters, who kept the roofs of the buildings from falling, prevented it from going up in smoke.

Advices from Prince Rupert state that when the Grand Trunk Pacific river steamer Distributor with party of President Charles M. Hays and party on board, arrived at Prince Rupert on October 8, Captain Johnson made an appropriate ending to the tour of inspection of the construction work done between here and Copper River, by bringing his steamer through the inlet side passage between Kalen Island and the mainland, making considerably faster time than by following the regular channel outlet.

This is the first trip ever made by a large steamer through the inlet passage, and the trip demonstrates its usefulness as an outlet from Prince Rupert harbor to Skeena river points for sternwheel steamers and other craft, should rough weather prevail outside, where for some miles they are exposed to the open sea while en route to Port Essington.

By following the new route east from Prince Rupert past the inlet and through Porpoise channel, which is easily navigable at high water, the steamer will be able to ship their supplies to the railroad construction camps by the sternwheelers at any time no matter how rough the weather may be outside.

Great Gathering of Conservatives at Brookville Gives Leader a Grand Reception

Brookville, Ont., Oct. 14.—The other house would not hold all the electors of Brookville anxious to hear the speech of the speaker, and an overflow meeting was held in Victoria hall, which was also filled to the doors. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and successful gatherings ever held in Brookville. Mr. Borden was given a splendid reception, and was Hon. Mr. Hanna, who also spoke.

Kaiser as Inventor

Berlin, Oct. 14.—Emperor William has invented a new brake for railroad trains and automobiles, which is described as offering the greatest possible guarantee against accident in case of a failure of the brakes. The practical experiments with it have not been completed.

Ambassador Creel Resigns

Mexico City, Oct. 14.—The Mexican foreign office has confirmed the resignation of Enrique C. Creel as ambassador to Canada, and he now desires to devote all his attention to the former. His successor to the post at Washington has not been decided upon.

Alleged Mining Swindle

Toronto, Oct. 14.—A demand for the extradition from the United States of the Strathcona representatives of the Spokane and Montana Mining and Milling Co. has been laid before the attorney-general of Ontario. It is claimed that by misrepresentation and false statements they induced various persons to buy stock. Mrs. M. H. Cockburn is the chief loser and on her behalf the application is made.

Victim of Foul Play

Edmonton, Oct. 14.—That Thomas Burns came to his death on Oct. 5th by injuries inflicted by some person or persons unknown, also that from the time that his injuries were inflicted until his death he received the best of attention at the hospital and from the medical men in attendance." This was the verdict arrived at this forenoon by the jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Thomas Burns, who died at the Strathcona hospital Thursday from injuries inflicted upon him the previous Monday night.

Much Freight For Fernie

Fernie, Oct. 14.—The enormous amount of freight which has been arriving in town over both the railroads for the past two months shows no sign of falling off, and although the traffic in the yards has been considerably increased it is not yet more than sufficient to accommodate the number of loads that are daily arriving. The plans for the new Canadian Pacific railway depot have been completed, but work has not yet been commenced on the structure. It is expected, however, that the building will be ready for business before the winter sets in.

Exchanging Military Knowledge

Montreal, Oct. 14.—A London special cable says: Col. Biggler, Canadian director of military transport, is here conferring with the war office and

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The Wrecked Steamer

The shipwrecked steamer of the Simla said the fire had started at near the cabin about 10 o'clock at night and the flames had shot up with great suddenness. The cabin was soon completely destroyed. The ship was lying in harbor at Acapulco with a full cargo of coal from Cardiff, and was on the point of starting for San Blas, when the fire broke out. It was soon evident that the big four-master would be a total loss. The fire burned slowly, day after day, all efforts to quench it being unavailing. It gradually warped the plates of the deck and hull. The crew were working some time trying to get the coal out of the part of the hull not yet burned, and some of the men refused duty. They were arrested and taken ashore on the complaint of the captain. The fire had started during the voyage out and was discovered after arrival at the Mexican port with a general impression. The crew had no facilities to fight it, and all they could do was to lighten it, what coal had not been reached through the hatch. When the Londale left the Simla was considered a total loss.

There were three passengers only, other than the distressed British seamen sent north by the consul at Acapulco, G. A. Williams and Juan Quintana from San Blas, and Mr. Linden, who came from Salina Cruz bound for Everett. The cargo consisted of 2,000 bunches of bananas, some pieces of hardwood and some general merchandise.

The Londale carried freight from England for Mexican ports north of Salina Cruz, including a heavy boiler weighing ten tons, which had been brought from Liverpool and transported across the Tehuantepec National railroad. There is considerable freight being brought across the Isthmus, and Europe to Mexican coast ports on the Pacific, and considerable freight is moving from Pacific coast points for England and the continent.

The steamers of the American-Hawaiian line carrying coals and salmon consigned to Liverpool, which is transhipped at Salina Cruz.

Soon after leaving Manzanillo the Londale experienced heavy weather and had made about the best of her way when she was struck by a heavy sea. The steaming away from the scene of the burning of the Kosmos liner Rameses at Manzanillo on the return of the Londale the officers of the Canadian-Mexican liner were informed that four men had been killed on board the German steamer during the storm.

Mr. Ralls, of Fenella, Ont., Accused of Stealing Conservative Campaign Literature From Mails

Cobourg, Ont., Oct. 14.—Postmaster Ralls, of Fenella, was committed to stand trial on the charge of stealing Conservative campaign literature from the mails, after evidence had been heard in the preliminary inquiry before Magistrate Holland here yesterday. Several witnesses were called to give evidence that the campaign literature which Ralls is accused of stealing had never been offered to them at the Fenella postoffice. Ralls was also on the witness stand, and stated that he in no way made use of the letters with any intention of committing a crime. He swore that in most cases the letters had been offered for delivery, but in nearly every case had been thrown into the waste paper basket or elsewhere. The magistrate considered the evidence strong enough to warrant a trial. Ralls was released on bail.

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