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BURNING SCOW

Barge Laden With Hay Ignited at Brackman-Ker Wharf Towed Blazing Into Straits by Grainer

Fire originating in the galley of the Howard D., about 10.30 p.m. last ight, spread to a scowload of hay moored alongside Brackman & Ker's wharf and endangered the wharf and mills before the steamer Grainer got line on the burning scow and towed to sea to drift derelict until the fire arned itself out. It was a spectacuor fire. The Howard D., Capt. Primowned by Mr. H. S. Garfield of Townsend, arrived on Monday from Laconner Flats with a of 125 tons of hay, worth about 000, for Brackman & Ker, and work as to have been started to discharge today. Capt. Primrose, Engineer rank Reid, and Deckhand H. Carlsen rmed the crew of the Howard D., and

all were ashore. The captain and ena lamp burning in the galley shut doors, and also went off. About also went off. About of the crew o doors, and also went off. About reighter Grainer, laden with a cargo cereals from the B. & K: mills for he Vancouver house of the company went aboard and from the Grainer's leck they saw smoke issuing from the Howard D. They notified Nightwatchman Newbigging, who telephoned an larm to the fire department. Meanwhile there was a slight explosion in the galley, which led the watchers to believe the lamp had exploded, and in instant the deckhouse of the tug burst into flame; while the fire department were on the way the Grainer got a line of hose working and the mill lose was brought mto play. None seemed to think of cutting the Howard loose from the scowload of has moored alongside and sparks falling on this soon started a blaze in the hay.

The motor apparatus of the fire department arrived quickly; but the watrous engine from the Kingston street frehall was mired to the hubs at the orner of Superior and St. Lawrence streets and could get no further. A few yards away the city engineer's motor-car used by Fire Chief Davis was wired, and he had to run afoot from that point to the wharf. Several streams of hose were soon working, and the engine from the central station was brought to the hudrant near the Montana restaurant.

Firemen extinguished the fire on the Howard D, after the sudden flare of the gasoline and oil which quickly icked up the after housework and deck and from this vessel they played on the burning scow with its pyramid of hay to which the Howard D. still remained fast. The hav smouldered for some time, while firemen played water on it from the wharf and the tug and the Grainer's crew kept a line busy from the freighter.

Hay in Flames. Then the hay burst into flame. Great excitement followed. Mr. D. R. Ker and Mr. Gibbs of the mill company arrived, and shouted to the firemen to cut the scow loose from the wharf. The danger to the wharf and mill was great at this time, sparks being blown against the side of the warehouse. Excitedly, some bystanders ran to throw off the lines and push off the urning scow, when Chief Davis, rushng along the wharf clouded with smoke, shouted a warning to them not o cast off until the firemen were rought off. In the excitement the nen ashore tried to cast off and while they pushed at the burning hay with poles the firemen clambered up ladders

rom the scow and tug.

Capt. Pike of the Grainer, arrived about this time and jumped aboard as uartermaster was backing the freighter against the burning scow to get a line on board. The Nanaimo pilot launch ame and a number of workers assisted with rowboats, one small boat with two nen in it having a narrow escape from eing crushed between the Grainer and he scow. The Howard D was cut loose and the pilot launch towed this vessel way, while the Grainer shoved the scow with its flaring cargo away from the wharf. A line was made fast and, leaving a trail of burning bales of hay which fell from the scow as it moved away, the Grainer steamed off toward the harbor mouth, while the burning hay lit up the night. The Grainer towed the burning scow and cargo out past the outer wharves into Royal Roads and when in line with the Brotchie ledge light and Macauley Point the fire burned the hawser and the burning craft drifted away, to float derelict with the flames eaping high, and a long line of small fires drifting astern as the hay fell

overboard. From the Dallas road the slight was a spectacular one, and until the early morning many who saw the burning ereliot telephoned alarming messages hat a vessel was on fire at sea. From Port Angeles the burning scowload of hay was also seen, and the people across the Straits imagined many things.

Damage of \$5,300

The Howard D was damaged to the exent of about \$800. The burned scow was worth about \$2,500 and the cargo of hay was valued at about \$2,000. The tugboat, which was worth about \$7,000, was not insured and no insurance was carried on the hay or scow. The crew of the Howard D did not

reach the scene until long after the fire was told that the girl's father had given started. The deckhand, Carlsen, who had been left on watch, was the first o appear. He stood on the wharf, muttering: "There'll be something doing riage was celebrated, when the captain comes down." There was an angry man, and hurriedly sought explanations from the recreant watchman. Enquiry showed that Carlsen had taken it into the capt. Frimtose artived he ing its jump near Summerland last Sunday, became entangled in a wire fence, and held helpless was devouted was. When Capt. Primrose arrived he taken it into his head to wander off to by coyotes

the city soon after the others of the crew left, and he had left a lamp burning in the galley, and shut the galley doors. Capt. Primress was or opinion that the heat of the closed galley resulted in the lamp exploding, and the fire followed. There were 60 gallons of gasoline on the tug and a big stock of the city.

BURNED BY MOLTEN WAX

Thomas Moore and Four of His Children, Living on Ranch Near Liverpool, on Fraser River, Perish

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Nov. 28.—
Four young children, the eldest only ten years of age, and their father, were burned to death in a fire which occurred in their home near Liverpool station on the Great Northern at an early hour this morning.

The dead are: Thomas Moore, aged 60; Kathleen Moore, aged 10; Joseph Moore, aged 3; Alexander Moore, aged 2, and Sarah a baby not yet out of the cradle.

As far as can be ascertained from the accounts given by the survivors, Mrs. Moore and a sister were expected home from Seattle, where they had gone for a visit, and the father said that he would wait for them. The children went to bed at an early hour. Some time after one of the boys heard what he thought was the sound of a lamp breaking. He thought nothing of it until a short time afterwards he smelt smoke. Jumping up, the boy promptly woke his brothers. They ram around to the front of the house to find the whole building a mass of fames. They smashed in a window and shouted wildly to those inside, but got no answer. Faced with a wall of fame they were powerless to do anything, although one was badly burned in an attempt to force his way into the building.

As soon as possible a search was made of the rulns. The five bodies were discovered, burnt so that at the least touch they fell to ashes. None of the remains could be identified.

No one knows exactly how the fire started but the opinion expressed by the eldest of the survivors is that his father must have

Five boys escaped death, but they suf-

Persian Crisis Continues TEHERAN, Nov. 28,-The new premer, Samsan Es Hultaneh, today presented his cabinet to the national assembly, which refused to recognize it. The continues.

Oxford Retains Greek

OXFORD, Eng., Nov. 28.-Advocates of the abolition of the study of Greek at Oxford university suffered another reverse today. Their scheme for general exemption from that course having failed last year, they tried to insert the thin edge of the wedge by passing a statute allowing students of mathematics and natural science to be exempt from studying Greek. At the convocation today the proposal was rejected by a vote of 595 to 360.

Pavors Beferendum SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 28.-Bishop Schinner, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Superior, disagrees with Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Ireland and other prelates of the church, and in an address here today declared in favor of the referendum and recall.

Strike on Atlantic Line

LONDON, Nov. 29.-The seamen's and firemen's unions threatened to tie up the Atlantic Transport company on account of the discharge of several seamen from the steamship Minnehaha for refusing to obey orders. Union officials say they will not allow any vessels of the line to sail until the men are reinstated.

Sentenced to Hang. GLOBE, Ariz., Nov. 28 .- B. Goodwin,

alias Steele, who was convicted last week of the murder of Red Kibbe and Alfred Hillpot, Globe merchants, in their shack on White Mountain in the Indian reservation, was sentenced to be hanged on February 6 in the state prison at Florence.

Elopers Get Married NELSON, Nov. 28.-Angelina Poncelle, the 14-year-old girl who eloped last week with her middle-aged Italian lover, was married yesterday. The couple eluded the girl's irate father, and the pursuing section gang on handcars, but were arrested by the provincial police just as they had secured rooms at a rancher's house. They appeared in court yesterday, when the man was charged with abduction. Judge Forin

A running deer, slightly miscalculat-

Suggestions Offered at Ottawa Convention and Decisions Arrived at Certain to Prove Advantageous

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 28.—That the main object of the convention of commanding officers of the militia force of Canada which was held at Ottawa on November 16, was the frank discussion of the best means of ad-vancing the interests of the militia vancing the interests of the militla in general, was gleaned from the re-marks of Lieut-Colonel James Duff-Stuart, commanding the Sixth regi-ment, the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, upon his return from Ottawa

onel. "First on the programme were plans for stimulating proper interest in the recruiting in the militia. Among the several suggestions that were made in respect of this was one to increase the pay of the men one hundred per cent. per day while in camp, with additional allowances for effici-ency, in rifle shooting. Systems of keeping accounts and records in companies and regiments were also talked over and several valuable suggestions ing the regulations for military bands, which likewise furnished one of the topics, it was recommended to increase the bands from 24 to 32 pieces, with an increase to \$1.50 per man per day.

"The system of training of boys in brigade and division camps was one of the chief subjects under discussion, and the outcome will be the establishment of military courses, under the supervision of militia officers, in our universities and colleges. Military tactics, a knowledge of military law in fact all that goes to make up the proper mental equipment of militia officers, will be comprised in the cur riculum, qualifying the young students upon graduation for commissions in the defences of Canada.

"A system of training, not only for university and college corps, but for every unit of the militia, whereby at the termination of the drill period for the year each soldier shall be privileged to try for a certificate as a non commissioned officer, or officer, ac cording to his knowledge and experience, was also widely discussed.

"We are all now working under a uniform system of military training throughout all parts of the British Empire, formulated by the last im perial conference, and to Canada be-longs the honor of being the first to put the plan into operation.

"The first aim of the militia is for the defences of our own country, and while we are endeavoring to make the their political but also their military responsibilities, we want to get away from the idea of militarism. militia will be independent of politics, and the enthusiasm for militia affairs augurs well for our future success. Several applications have already been made for the establishment of new corps from various points in this part of the country.

Women Vote.

MIDDLETON, Cal., Nov. 28 .- Many women cast their ballots today at a local option election held at Lower Take, where the "wets" scored a victory. The town has been "dry" for one

SMUGGLING CHINESE

Captain and Engineer of Launch and Twenty-Two Celestials Taken Into Oustody in California

SALINAS, Cal., Nov. 28.-Captain James Wright and engineer Reynold Scott of the launch Comrade, accused of conspiracy to violate the Chinese exclusion act, as the result of their arrest yesterday while endeavoring to land at Monterey 22 contraband Chinese, were held on bonds of \$5,000 each by United States commissioner Daugherty late today. Both men waived examination, and will be taken to Los Angeles where they will be held awaiting action of the federal grand jury. Neither man gave bail. The twenty-two Chinese also were arraigned before the commissioner, bail in the case of each being fixed at \$2,000, but was in no case produced. The Chinese are accused of being illegally in this country and in case of conviction they will be deported. All of the Chinese arrested are young men of apparent intelligence. With one exception they have discarded their queques. It is believed here that they are students who for political reasons have been compelled to flee from their native land,

CRUISER ABOUKIR

Crew Paid Off in Anticipation of Vessel Questions About Navy

LONDON, Nov. 28 .- The crew of the British cruiser Aboukir, purchased by Canada, is being paid off today, and will be thoroughly overhauled and transferred to Canada next spring.

It has already been denied by Ottawa officials that the Aboukir has been purchased by Canada, but the report persists. The Aboukir belongs to what is known as the Cressy class. She was built at Fairfield, and is nine years old. Her speed as 21 knots, and her ship's complement is 750 men.

In the House of Commons, answering Mr. Craig, who asked what effect the dropping of the Canadian navy by the present ministry would have on the status of those officers lent to Canada, whether it would prejudice their positions or their prospects of promotion. Mr. Churchill said in the contingency contemplated officers on the active list Angus Campbell & Co., 1008-1010 Government Street

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Coast Guards Will Go Over Beat Daily Joseph Martin referred to the case of After Priday Next-Shelters Esthe officers who had just been found l tablished at Two Points. guilty by court martial of negligence in their ship on the rocks, and asked whether another officer under suspension

the local agency of the department of marine and fisheries has arranged to commence a patrol service on the west coast trail. Commencing on Friday patrols will begin daily from stations

at Taushiat and Seven Mile creek, where shelters are provided for the patrolmen The coastguards will go over the west coast trail daily, seeing that the telegraph wire is kept up, and will keep a close lookout for any vessel in distress. The lifeboat stations at Ucluslet and Clayoquot were placed in commission at the beginning of November, and five extra men were provided at the station

boat is stationed. The Summerland Fruit Co. has retir

Great Damage by Bats WINNIPEG, Nov. 28 .- Figures secured by the Manitoba government show that damage to grain crops by rats will amount to \$2,000,000 this year. The rats. known as the Norwegian brown variety. make their nests in the stacks of wheat about to be threshed, and practically destroy the whole stack.

Oscar L. Dickson, vice-president, has succeeded the late Samuel H. Graves as president of the White Pass and Yukon railroad.