Valuable Machinery on Ground Floor Escaped Without Much Injury.

Damage to the extent probably of \$2,000 or \$3,000 was done by fire last night in the wooden portion of Weiler Brothers' furniture factory. Humboldt street. On the ground floor in this building is situated the boiler and a large quantity of valuable machinery, and the second floor was occupied with cabinet works. Except for the damage done by water the machinery is practically uninjured, as the fire, although starting, it is surmised, from sparks from the furnace on the ground floor, practically was confined to the upper storey where it cleaned up nearly everything in sight and destroyed a large portion of the roof and walls.

It is believed that the fire had been smouldering for some time and when it burst into flame it had acquired a considerable hold. Much of the stuff in the building was of a highly inflammatory description and had there been a strong wind blowing the result might have been very serious. As it was, when the fire brigade arrived on the scene at about ten minutes to 9 o'clock, the flames were not very easily extinguished and a large quantity of water was poured over and into the building before the fire was got under. Under the direction of Chief Watson the men worked well, and the hose was taken to the roofs of the burning building and the adjoining brick building while another was hauled up a ladder into a second storey window were it did good work.

In speaking of the fire to a Colonist reporter last night Mr. Otto Weiler said that it was impossible for him to form any estimate of the damage done until the morning. He did not, however, regard the loss as serious, and the building and contents are well insured.

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Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 12.— (Special)—The British ships Crown of Germany and Blythswood smashed together in the bay here at 6 o'clock tonight, damaging both considerably. The Blythswood was lying at anchor ready for sea with a lumber cargo, and the Crown had arrived a short time before from Victoria in tow of the tug Wanderer. The tug had cast off and the vessel mine-owner. The latter says his property, near Nelson, has not shipped a pound of ore, has accomplished over half a mile of workings in development is not a cent in debt, has sufficient money in the treasury to meet the expense of a ten-stamp mill—about \$20,000 — has not a share of treasury stock for sale and does not want the property boomed.

The machinery for the new mill has been ordered, and the tailings will be treated by cyanide. There is a force of twelve men at work on the property, which will continue development work until the mill is up. There is plenty of ore in sight, but development, when stoping begins, will keep pace with it so as to always keep as much ore in sight as exists at present.

The Juno property consists of three claims lying from east to west—the King of the Forest, Juno and Kirkwall. It is situated, as is well known, near the summit of Morning mountain, the shaft opening of the Juno being about 6,000 feet above sea level. The Juno lies directly above and south and adjoining the Venus, on a steep hillside. Through the Venus, on a steep hillside ore, which averages upon the Juno about sighteen inches to two feet in thickness. The vein has been proved from the grass roots to the Venus No. 2 tunnel, ad distance of nearly 600 feet, and in length some 250 feet, giving a tonnage blocked out of 10,000 tons. Above there is another vein, the strike of which is east and west, dipping to the north about 60 degrees. This vein averages about four feet, in places being seven or more. Mr. Logan does not feel justified in giving the values of the two veins, beyond saying that the ofe was commercially payable, the upper vein of the lesser value, but involving no extraction of waste in its taking out.

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Tacoma, Nov. 12.—The French ship Amiral Cecille, commanded by Capt. J. Annette, which was to have been towed to sea today, bound for Queenstown for orders, with a cargo of wheat loaded by Girlin & Eyre for the United Kingdom, will be delayed for several days on account of the Coilision Thursday on account of the Coilision Thursday on the Multnomah prestenday filed a libel for \$5,000 against the Cecille, alleging that the ship was entirely responded and that no lookout was keyt. The officers of the Multnomah say t

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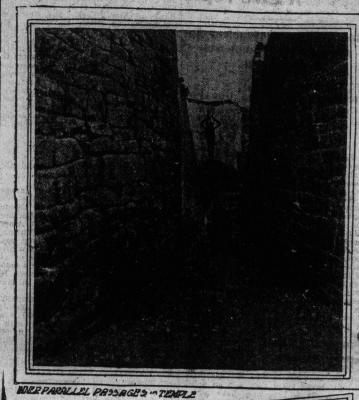
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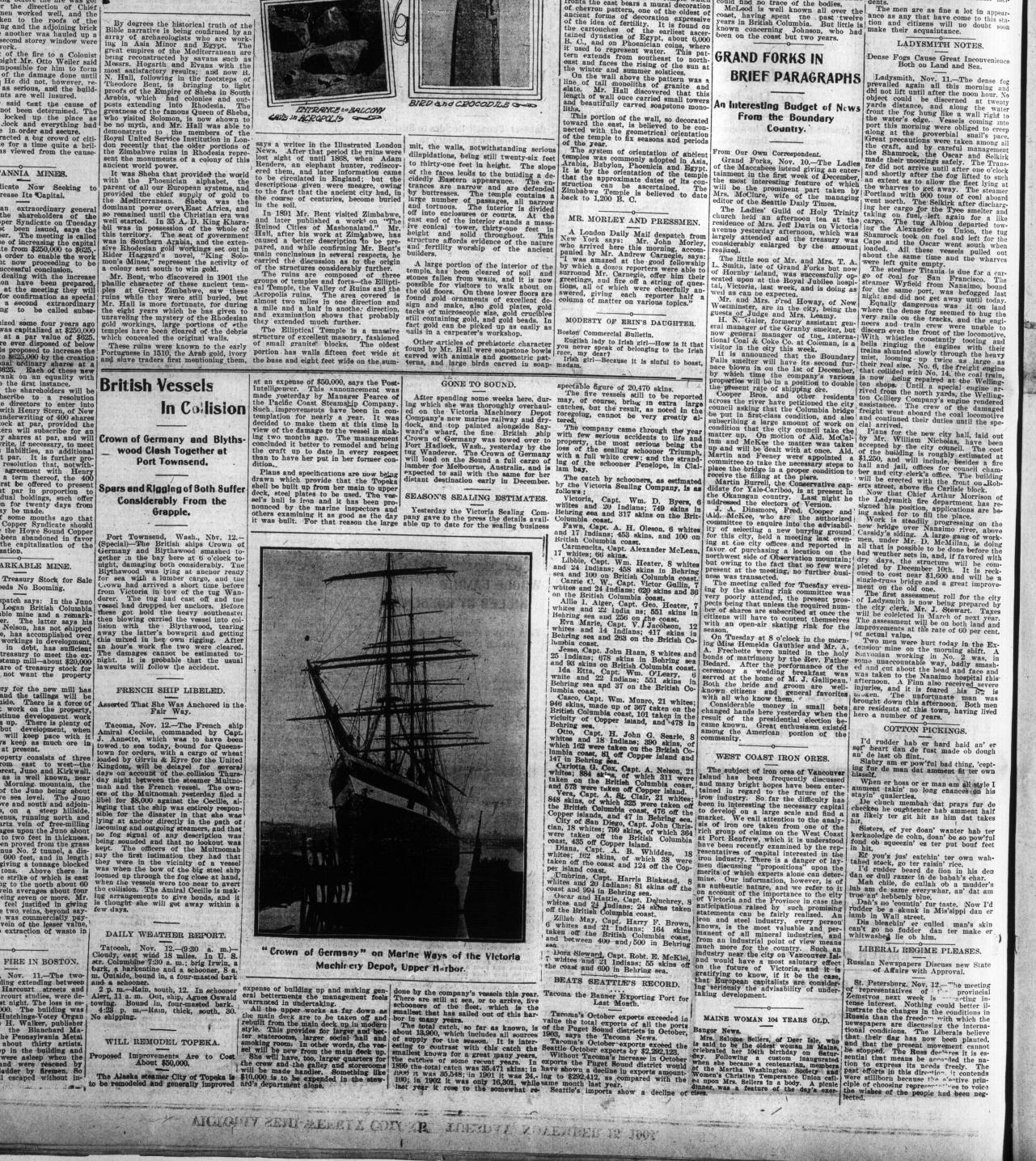
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## Empire of Sheba in South Arabia



By degrees the historical truth of the Bible narrative is being confirmed by an array of archaeologists who are working in Asia Minor and Egypt. The great empires of the Mediterranean are being reconstructed by savans such as Messrs. Hogarth and Evans with the most satisfactory results: and now H.



\$582,015, and Seattle's exports show a decline of \$205,911, as compared with October of 1903.

It is natural that imports should show a decline this year. Even Tacoma's imports show a decline of \$129,240. This is a result of the Russian-Japanese war. A large part of the imports of this port and Seattle come from Japan and since the beginning of the war there has been a constant decline. It is unlikely that there will be any material improvement for some time to come. LOGGERS DROWNED.

Additional particulars are at hand respecting the manner of the accident which resulted in the death of Angus McLeod and Wade Johnson in Johnstone Strait on Sunday last, through the capsizing of a sailboat. James O'Toole, another logger who was in the boat with the drowned men, had a very narrow escape, and although in an exhausted state, managed to reach shore.

The three men started out from Rock Bay on Sunday to go to Okus Hollow, a distance of nine or ten miles. When about half way to their destination, the boat the men were sailing was overturned by a sudden squall. Angus McLeod went down as soon as he struck the water. Johnson and O'Toole started to swim for shore, although they were at the time about a mile and a half distant from it. Both men breasted the waters together. When a hundred feet from shore, Johnson, who was much exhausted and cramped with the cold, gave up the struggle with a short cry and said and an additional trace of the struggle with a short cry and said to be left over there. One of the Myers' logging camp at Granite Point.

O'Toole made his way as soon as possible to Myers' camp and secured help. The boat was found, but the searchers could find no trace of the bodies.

McLeod is well known all over the coast, having spent the past twelve years in British Columbia. But little is known concerning Johnson, who had been on the coast but two years.

fronts the east bears a mural decoration of chevron pattern, one of the oldest of ancient forms of decoration expressive of the idea of fertility. It is found on the cartouches of the earliest ascertained dynasties of Egypt, about 6,000 B. C., and on Phoenician coins, where it used to represent water. This pattern extends from southeast to northeast and faces the rising of the sun at the winter and summer solstices.

On the wall above the pattern was a line of tall monoliths of granite and slate. Mr. Hall discovered that this length of wall once carried small towers and beautifully carved soapstone mono-

PORTION & SMEBA'S TEMPLE SOOT

Lose Their Lives in Johnstone Strait by Capsizing of Boat.

soapstone on summits of beams five feet long. Ten of these birds have been discovered at Zimbabwe. These figures are believed to prove the Worship of Almaquah (Ashtaroth of the Scriptures), it the Venus of the Romans and Aphrodite of the Greeks, one of the principal deities of the nature and fertility worship common to all Semitic nations.

The exterior face of the temple which fronts the east bears a mural decoration of chevron pattern, one of the closure.

5, and Seattle's exports show a Shearwater In With New Crew

> Commander Kirwan Taken ill on Journey-Lieut. Hodgson in Charge.

Had a Fine Voyage Across the Atlantic-Incidents of the

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Dense Fogs Cause Great Inconvenience Both on Land and Sea.

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Michigan Lumbermen Purchase Limits and Propose to Erect Mil!.

Probable That the New Concern Will Operate Own Line of Carriers.

"Are You & Mason" a Question That Agitated Police

Court.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 16.—Daniel F. Altland represents the Michigan interests that have bought up the timber of the Toba inlet which includes about fifty miles of thickly timbered country. Twenty-five miles of this timber was held under license by Messrs. Martin and Shannon.

in Vancouver in response to a letter from Mr. Shannon, and was taken to the

Cruisers were sent out and the timber cruised. Mr. Altland stated that he would purchase the Martin and Shannon interests and the Higgins boom, built to hold 5,000,000 feet of timber, as soon as the licenses could be transferred.

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On October 25th the transfer was advertised and the moment the government announced the licenses grauted in Altland's name, the cash for the entire purchase was deposited in the bank. The Toba river country contains far more timber than was first mentioned, namely six hundred million feet, for behind the Martin and Shamon interests there is a least another twenty-five miles of timber. Mr. Shannon is reticent about the deal, for he says the purchasers have given him no license to talk or to mention names. He states, however, that the report of the sale is quite correct and that the real purchasers have more money behind them than any lumbermen who have bought timber in this country. They have advertised for a mill site at Salmon Bay, where the big mill will be erected.

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From another source it was learned that he purchasers intended to convert everything in their limits into lumber for foreign markets. One of them made the remark that they would get their share of the lumber orders from the Panama canal, but in six years they would be shipping lumber direct from Salmon Bay, B. C., to New York through the isthmus.

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He stated that it did not pay to by rail, but a waterway would be able before many years. The Michigan men who are to lish themselves in the provincelish themselves in the province have been supplying the castern and the fumber all their business lives and their fathers before them. They comment on the vast ttimber resources of British Columbia and the awful waste of timber under existing conditions. Another authority stated that the revenue to the government by this new enterprise would be at least \$5,000 per annum, and that the business would be worth at least the business would be worth at least also stated that it was likely as the Michigan men had their own steamers on the lakes they would have their own fleet of transpacific lumber ships on the Pacific.

A Washington State lumberman, who was in Vancouver today stated that given a 40 cent rate to Missouri and common points there would be no more dumping of American lumber into the Canadian Northwest.

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He stated that this 40 cent rate would surely come, probably before the Washington State Legislature met. The lumbermen had some 105 members of the legislature pledged in writing to advocate the 40 cent rate and even if some of these did go back on their pledge there would be enough who would stand by their anti-election promise to make the 40 cent rate a surery.

There were several bills drafted in favor of the lumber industry and unfavorable to railways. If the railways gave in to the cheaper rate these bills would not be pressed.

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This authority stated that the lumbermen in Washington dumped their surplus into Canada because they did not wish to bear prices in their own country, but once the cheaper rate was conceded by the railways they would not have any fumber to spare for Canada.

Mattie Kurriki, the former president of the Finnish colony on Malcolm island known as the Kalavan Kansa, has formed a new co-operative society, the name of which has a poetical significance, similar to that of the former name. The principal word in the new company is "Sammon," which has reference to a mythical machine supposed to have been invented for the Finnish people by the gods in ancient times. This machine had been invented to perform every mechanical task required of it, and by its use the Finnish people were to be made happy and prosperous. Evil spirits, however, stole the machine and destroyed it, so that the literal translation of the title of the new company is "The Makers of the Sammon, or the Machine of Universal Application, Mr. Kurrki's new company is now busy making sufficient money by clearing lots, logging, etc., to establish a new colony.

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ficient money by clearing lots, logging, etc., to establish a new colony.

"Are you a Mason?" might well be the title of a case tried in the court today before Judge Henderson. Mrs. Waite, the plaintiff, deposed that the prisoner, whose name is Wilson, asked het for the loan of \$200. She refused several times and finally stated that she would on no consideration lend him amoney without security. He then told het he had a Masonic secret which was of great value and so precious and sacred that he could not even trust it to the family vault at home in England, and that it had never seen the light of day. The witness supposed the secret was in the form of a sacred jewel. He offered this as security, and when she told him to bring it to her, West said he could not take it out in day time and so would have to wait till sundown, so that day when the sun went down he appeared with a package which he told her to put in the bottom of her trunk and if at any time she should be in want of distress that if she took the package, unopened, to two Masons in good standing, they would give her \$500 for it.

To make a long story short, Mrs. To make a long story short, Mrs. Waite became suspicious and took the prekage to the police station, as she had sworn she would not open it herself and it should only be opened in the presence of two Masons. The chief of police got the two detectives, Prescott and Jackson, whom he said were Masons, to open the package, which proved to contain two old copies of Pearson's Weekly.

One feature of the trial is to prove