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NEW YORK FEELS MORE CONFIDENT

Measures Taken by Leaders in Finance Have Reassuring Effect

CRISIS THOUGHT TO BE OVER

All Institutions Worthy of Assistance Get All Needed Support

New York, Oct. 23.—There was a sharp turn of feeling in financial quarters late today, renewed confidence in local banking institutions taking the place of the panicky feeling that has threatened several houses and demoralized the stock exchange for the past few days. Tonight the financiers whose opinions are most highly regarded by the public expressed the conviction that the worst was over, and that out of the present confusion conditions more stable than have heretofore existed were rapidly shaping themselves.

Many of the banking men who had labored day and night recently that the intergrity of New York financial institutions might be maintained, went home early this evening, satisfied that the institutions which have been found worthy of support were fortified against runs or other contingencies. Financiers who have met the storm in sober mood left their offices smiling and chatting, and with a general bearing that spoke volumes to those who are accustomed to read the news of the street in the faces of its leaders.

The Trust Company of America will be open as usual at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, prepared for eventualities. So manifest was the strength of the bank that many who withdrew deposit early in the day redeposited them before the doors were closed. The total resources of the company when last reported were in excess of $50,000,000. Several millions were withdrawn today, but funds to satisfy every claim were said to be at hand. This was the only run of importance today, and it was an encouraging feature. The depositors in the Dollar Savings Bank, of which President John Haffen is the head, became uneasy and many clamored for their money under the impression that the deposits were in jeopardy. This fright over, matters assumed a more hopeful aspect because the uninformed element among the depositors is usually hard to control in times of general financial excitement.

The clearing house committee appointed to examine the national banks which have been under criticism, said today that the condition of the banks just going by the clearing house was excellent. Although a few of them might have to be further assisted, they said conditions were fast becoming normal.

The failure of the Knickerbocker Trust company, which suspended yesterday, to reopen today, did not have such an adverse effect as might have been expected, and the early action of Superintendent of Banks Skinner in taking possession of the institution on the advice of the attorney-general, tended toward a feeling of security. There was a sort of tacit understanding between the banks and the members of the stock exchange to aid each other ,the banks by loaning money at rates something like the normal, thus preventing the bottom dropping out of the prices on the exchange. Though call money ruled at nominally 70 per cent. today, and final accommodation was obtained at 90 per cent., throughout the day several of the biggest banks renewed loans at 6 per cent., and millions were let out at half the interest rate.

At 12.30 o'clock J. P. Morgan and James Stillman, president of the National city bank, made a hurried call upon Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou at the Manhattan hotel. Mr. Morgan declined to say anything about the financial situation. As the visit of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Stillman to the secretary at so late an hour was unexpected, much interest was aroused in the developments arising therefrom.

President Thorn, of the Trust company of America, announced at midnight that his company would open for business at the usual hour tomorrow with ample funds to meet all claims.

After a series of conferences at the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., the appended statement was issued:

"A meeting of presidents of the trust companies was held at the office of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall street, New York, on October 23, 1907. John A. Stewart, chairman of the United States Trust company, was in the chair. After discussing the situation it was decided that a committee of five should be appointed, similar in character to the clearing house committee of the banks, to whom applications for assistance from trust companies may be referred, and that this committee should have power to call for information from the various trust companies and to report to meetings of the presidents to be held from time to time, or at a fixed time, which might hereafter be agreed upon, the result of an investigation, accompanied by advice as to what had better be done in the matter.

"The following committee was then appointed by Mr. Stewart: Edward King, president of the Union Trust company; Edwin S. Marstin, president of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company; J. N. Wallace, president of the Central Trust company; J. W. Miles, president of the Guaranty trust company; John I. Waterbury, president of the Manhattan Trust company. It being also understood that John A. Stewart and J. P. Morgan will actively co-operate with the committee."

The formation of this committee was the result of Mr. Morgan's earnest efforts to relieve the existing financial situation. The committee's power will be largely protective and supervisory. Its personnel is a guarantee of ultra-conservatism, including, as it does, the old line financiers, who have steadfastly opposed the methods of the trust companies of later growth.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou today made large deposits in local banks. He is in close touch with the present situation in this city and believes he will be able to cope with it. It was learned on good authority that the amount of cash deposited with the New York banks by the secretary of the treasury is $10,000,000.

John D. Rockefeller has taken an active interest in the financial situation and he has arranged to loan very large sums to a number of New York financial institutions. "I think," said Mr. Rockefeller to a reporter of the Associated Press this evening, "there is a great alarm among investors, although not warranted, and I hope the good, common sense of the American people will control the situation."

Washington, Oct. 23.—Controller of the U. S. Treasury Ridgeley today gave out a statement showing that the general feeling indicates an absolutely sound situation, that there was not the slightest need of apprehension about the banks and trust companies of the country, that the banks of the reserve cities have every disposition to leave their balances in New York and other central reserve cities, and attributes the trouble in New York to the condition of a few concerns discredited by the operations of their officers, and to the different prices of stocks and securities as between New York city and the country banks.

Hon. R. Lemieux Starts

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Minister of Labor and Postmaster General, who is going to Japan as special envoy of the Canadian Government in reference to Japanese immigration into Canada, left tonight for Vancouver, en route for the Orient. A large number of his friends gathered at the Windsor Street station to bid the Canadian envoy and Mrs. Lemieux farewell.

Bled to Death

Belleville, Oct. 23.—J. Alexander, of Consecon, was engaged in drawing ties when a load slipped and fell on him. The front wheels passed over his neck, severing an artery. He bled to death before a doctor arrived.

REBUILDING OF QUEBEC BRIDGE

Deputation Visits Premier—Engineer Cooper Speaks of Collapse

Ottawa., Oct. 23.—An influential deputation from Quebec waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning in regard to rebuilding the Quebec bridge. It is understood that the deputation explained the financial position of the Quebec Bridge company since the collapse of the structure in August, and also discussed the question of the Government taking over the completion of the work, but until the royal commission enquiring into the cause of the collapse makes its report, it is not likely that any announcement will be made as to what course the government will take.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—According to a New York dispatch, Theodore Cooper, consulting engineer of the Quebec Bridge company, is quoted as having told the royal commission investigating the causes of the collapse of the structure, that if prompt action had been taken to protect chord 9 west from further deflection when the band was discovered, the bridge would not have gone down. This, he said, would have taken only about three hours' work, and the expense would have been about a hundred dollars in timber and bolts. It was not the best plan of bridge, but it was the best that could be built with the money, declared Mr. Cooper. The amount to build it was limited to a certain extent, and the bridge had to be planned to meet this amount.

Challenges Mr. Bourassa

Quebec, Oct. 23.—Hon. Mr. Turgeon, Minister of Crown Lands and Forests in the Quebec Government, has written to Henri Bourassa, M. P., asking him to accept the candidature against him (Mr. Turgeon) in the forthcoming election in the county of Bellechasse. I have resigned as member for Bellechasse, as a sequel to the shameful campaign you have conducted against me," said Mr. Turgeon, "and I think it will be difficult for you to escape it." It is rumored that three ministers, Messrs. Turgeon, Taschereau and Devlin, will meet with opposition in the coming elections.

Three Children Burned

Quebec., Oct. 23.—News reached here today of the burning to death of three children in a fire which destroyed their home at Quiatchan Falls, Lake St. John, Sunday night last. The children were those of Mr. Senecal, and they were playing together in the top storey of the house when the fire broke out. In the excitement they were forgotten by their parents, and it was too late when an attempt was made to rescue them. The house was reduced to ashes.

Strathcona Street Railway

Edmonton, Oct. 23.—The city of Edmonton will make a definite proposal to construct a street railway line in Strathcona in return for a franchise and permission to lay car lines and operate street cars in that city. This action was taken at the instigation of the commissioners, who brought in a report recommending that this should be done in view of the fact that another company was applying to Strathcona for a franchise. It is probable that this proposal will be submitted to the taxpayers of Strathcona in a short time.

PRESIDENT USES DIRECT TERMS

Will Abate Nothing of Endeavor to Punish Successful Dishonesty

EVILS OF MISUSED WEALTH

Says Failure to Check Dishonesty May Bring Worse Punishment

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 22.—President Roosevelt was heartily welcomed here today, the city being beautifully decorated, and there being thousands of visitors from neighboring cities. The President addressed large crowds in the Riman auditorium, saying among other things:

"There has been trouble in the stock market and in the high financial world during the past few months. The statement has frequently been made that the policies for which I stand, legislative and executive, are responsible for the trouble. Now, gentlemen, these policies of mine can be summed up in one brief sentence. They represent the effort to punish successful dishonesty. I doubt if the policies have had any material effect in bringing about the present troubles, but if they have it will not alter in the slightest degree my determination that during the remaining fifteen months of my term these policies shall be persevered in unswervingly.

"Men of means, remember this, that atonement in this world is largely vicarious, that if we sit supine and let men of great wealth set before the country as a whole the standard of successful dishonesty, so that young men are taught to think of business trickery, of evasion and violation of the law, of stock gambling and swindling, as the chief roads to financial success—that if we should let such a state of affairs exist—not only do we bring about a deterioration of the public conscience as a whole, but as sure as fate we ultimately invite ignorant and vile reaction, which in trampling out the wrong will trample out each right at the same time, when in punishing the wealthy wrongdoer will inflict the punishment so brutally and so unskillfully as to confound in it many men who have done honestly and well.

"I want to see the process of gaining wealth by successful dishonesty stopped before it goes so far as to invite the very reaction of which I speak, and the man of property, the man of great means, will do well to turn and in the loftiest way back up a rational movement for reform, a rational movement for such supervision and control over the use, over the accumulation and business use of these great fortunes as well, if not eliminate, at least minimize the evil of which I complain. Such a movement as that in which we are now engaged is not in the least undertaken with any vindictive purpose. It is undertaken to cure evils and to prevent their recurrence. If the beneficiaries of these evils succeed, which they will not do—they will not succeed—but if they did succeed in stopping the movement it will merely mean that in a very few years it would break forth again, and that time it would be in the control of men who would legislate with a vindictive purpose and not as legislators with a desire to hurt and damage the men at whom the movement was not aimed. There is no movement in its proper sense that more properly may be described as conservative, using the word with its real significance, than the movement which we have seen developed during the past four or five years, the movement for the proper supervision and control in the interest of the general public of these colossal fortunes which, singly or in combination, are of such importance in the modern industrial world—to so control and supervise them that in their accumulation and their business use there shall be, as far as we can prove it, no wrong-doing to the small man, which small man is the competitor, wage-worker or investor. In other words, gentlemen, our whole movement is simply and solely to make the decalogue and the golden rule of some practical moment in the business life of the community."

No Need for Alarm.

Boston, Oct. 23.—Regarding the financial situation at New York Major Henry L. Higginson, of the firm of Lee, Higginson and company, said today: "The New York situation will take care of itself in a few days. People in this community should leave their money in the banks and go quietly about their business."

Increase in Canal Traffic.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—A report issued today by the Railways and Canals department points out that the expansion of the business through the Canadian canals between 1897 and 1900 was relatively largely larger than that of the railways of the Dominion during the same period. Traffic through the canals increased by 287 per cent., and on the railways by 254 per cent. This includes the use made by American vessels of the Sault Ste Marie and Welland canals. As the territories west of Lake Superior are developed the importance of the Canadian waterways, the report says, will be more strikingly demonstrated as a means for controlling transportation rates.

Liquor Men in Council

Toronto, Oct. 23.—Distillers, brewers and hotel men to the number of six hundred, met yesterday and decided to increase the price of beer and all malt liquors about a dollar per barrel and five cents a dozen on bottles. A decision was reached to assist the government in its efforts to have the liquor laws observed. Opposition was expressed to the counsel of the association defending law breakers. There was unanimity of opinion that local option must be fought, and that the best way to do this was to maintain the law.

MUCH WHEAT DESTROYED

Fire Wipes Out Two Elevators at Manitoba Points

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—The Western Canada Company's elevator at Lyleton, Man., and 3,000 bushels of high-grade wheat was destroyed by fire Monday night.

Carberry, Oct. 23.—Fire broke out Monday in G. B. Murphy's elevator, and resulted in a loss of $10,000. The cause of the outbreak was a hot boxing under the shoot. The flames swept up to the top of the elevator and worked downward, and at times the blaze was very spectacular. Over 15,000 bushels of wheat were stored in the elevator, and about half that quantity was saved. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Fight Over Sunday Cars.

London, Ont., Oct. 23.—After a long and bitter fight the city council closed the agitation for Sunday street cars last night by refusing absolutely to put the matter to a vote of the people. Matters waxed warm between members of the Lord's Day Alliance on the one hand and members of the Rational Sunday League on the other hand, and for a time when the members met on the street it was feared that a hand-to-hand fight would result.

Barnum and Bailey Show.

London, Oct. 23.—At an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Barnum and Bailey show today a resolution was adopted ratifying the provisional contract providing for the sale of the property for $410,000 to the proprietors of the American Circus. With the other assets this will give the shareholders $2 to $2.50 per share. When the company was formed in 1899 British investors almost fell over each other in their anxiety to subscribe the capital of the company, $2,000,000. The American purchasers are Ringling Brothers, of Wisconsin.

Heavily Fined

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—The municipality of St. Petersburg has imposed fines aggregating $500,000 on the Westinghouse Electric company for its failure to complete the construction of the street railway lines of the city.

Burglars Crack Safe

St. Johns, Que., Oct. 23.—The safe in the Grand Trunk freight office was burglarized some time during the night. It contained no valuables.

FIERCE STORM RAGES IN EAST

Many Marine Disasters Feared in Newfoundland—Damage From Frost

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 22.—A violent storm, the worst of the present season, raged all along the Newfoundland coast yesterday. Many marine disasters are feared, as a large number of fishing vessels are moving along the coast from Labrador.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—A blinding snow storm, with a northwest wind, prevails today in the Straits of Belleisle.

Halifax, Oct. 22.—A fierce blizzard swept Nova Scotia yesterday and last night. The frost was hard. The storm was accompanied by a heavy downfall of rain and occasional snow flurries. Three schooners are ashore and one is a total wreck. The snowstorm and frost alarmed apple growers in the fruit region of the province. It is estimated that one-sixth of the crop remains unpicked.

London, Ont., Oct. 22.—The thermometer yesterday touched 22. All flowers outside were destroyed.

St. Catherines, Ont., Oct. 22.—Frost yesterday did damage to fruit and garden stuff here.

WATER CASES TO BE PASSED UPON

Important Applications to Be Decided at New Westminster

New Westminster, Oct. 22.—Two important water applications are set for a hearing for Wednesday, October 30, and the decisions in both will be interesting.

The first will be one by the Great Northern railway asking for a record of ten inches of water from a stream flowing into Mud bay. This application was up several days ago, but was strenuously opposed by Attorney W. J. Whiteside, on behalf of Christopher Brown, through whose property the stream flows. R. L. Reid, of Vancouver, maintained on behalf of the railway company that the water was not being used by Mr. Brown, and there was no reason why the company should not be given the water. Commissioner Fisher asked that the company and Mr. Brown try to come to some settlement of their differences, and adjourned the case to October 30, on that account.

The second application is that of Silas Yeomans, of Chilliwack, who is asking for a record of twenty thousand inches of water from the Chilliwack river, to be used for the purpose of generating electrical energy. The British Columbia Electric railway is also applying for a large record from the same stream, and it is likely that Mr. Yeoman's application may be opposed. There is also some doubt as to whether Commissioner Fisher has jurisdiction to deal with the application as the point where it is proposed to divert the water lies in Yale Electoral district, although it is in the New Westminster mining district.

CRISIS EXTENDS TO PITTSBURG

Westinghouse Concerns Are Placed in the Hands of Receivers

STOCK EXCHANGE NOT OPEN

Action Taken Is Expected to Prevent the Spread of Trouble

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—A flurry in local financial circles caused by the embarrassment of four concerns of the Westinghouse interest was quickly ended here today by the prompt action of the Pittsburg clearing house association and the Pittsburg stock exchange. To night the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, the Westinghouse Machine Company and the Security Investment Company, are in the hands of receivers appointed by Judge Ewing of the U. S. Circuit court. A fourth, the Nernst Lamp Company, will be turned over to receivers in the morning.

The Pittsburg stock exchange, which was closed promptly this morning when informed of the situation by the Pittsburg clearing house association, will probably remain closed tomorrow. This action was taken to prevent unnecessary sacrifice of values or heavy liquidation. Statements issued late today by George Westinghouse, prominent bankers and officers of the stock exchange, and the clearing house committee show conclusively that the financial situation is sound, and there is no danger. Tonight the local situation is believed to be in better conditions than it has been for some time.

That the local banks are in good condition was shown today when it became public that the National bank has sent $100,000 in gold to New York institutions. Several other local banks took similar action.

The embarrassment of the Westinghouse companies was unexpected. The suspension of the stock exchange caused more alarm than the situation warranted, but almost immediately statements of a reassuring character were issued, and the action taken was given hearty endorsement on all sides. Six receivers were appointed by the court today, and each was required to give a bond of $100,000.

Speaking of the situation in Pittsburg resulting from today's development, one of the best informed businessmen said: "Now that receivers have been asked for the Westinghouse interests, the situation in Pittsburg is much better than before. The Westinghouse Machine Company has profitable orders for one full year's work on hand. The Electric Company has almost the same, and will show a profit. The Nernst Lamp Company earns $700,000 a year. The Investment Security Company is not so profitably situated. The receiverships mean that the works will now run full time. The scarcity of working capital caused the trouble. The amount of indebtedness is about forty-five million dollars. Not enough of this amount is held by Pittsburg banks to occasion any alarm."

OPTIMISM WARRANTED.

Manager of Bradstreet's Thinks Well of Conditions in West.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 23.—T. C. Irving, of Toronto general manager in Canada for Bradstreet's, is in the city. Mr. Irving accompanied the C.P.R. party which, included Sir Thomas Shaughnessy on their tour west, but left the party at Calgary.

"I see nothing but the most promising optimism in this vast western country," said Mr. Irving to a reporter, "and the optimism is warrantable. There is nothing which justifies pessimism. You have land with mineral and vegetable wealth in it, and in my opinion should have no fears for the future, for you are really better off than the east.

"I think that the crops are perhaps somewhat better in the south than in the north of the province, but there is very little difference."

"What effect is the money stringency having on business?"

"It is having an excellent effect on the country, and when it lets up matters will be brighter than ever before. It takes a lot of money to build up a new country like the west, and naturally the country will have to wait for the money required. I think that inside of a year matters will be considerably changed."

MANITOBA CABINET.

Portfolio of Telephones and Telegraphs To Be Created.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—One of the acts which will be passed by the local legislature at the next session will be that creating a portfolio of telephones and telegraphs, of which Hon. J. H. Howden will be the minister. At the present time Mr. Howden is commissioner of railways and has charge of the telephone and telegraph work. Formerly, before Mr. Howden entered the cabinet, the minister of public works had charge of telephone and telegraph matters, and the minister of agriculture was also commissioner of railways.

Editor Asselin's Case.

Quebec, Oct. 23.—Oliver Asselin was admitted to bail this morning after a severe lecture by Judge Blanchet, who said he considered that Asselin had been sufficiently punished for his contempt of court, by 24 hours in a cell. He was released in bonds of $1,000. His case was fixed for next term of court.

NEVADA BANK SUSPENDS

State Bank and Trust Company Unable to Make Collections

Reno, Nev., Oct. 23.—The State Bank and Trust company, with headquarters at Carson and branches at Goldfields, Tonopah, Manhattan and Blair, closed its doors this morning. The state examiner is in charge. The difficulty was due to inability to realize on stocks placed as security for a $500,000 loan made by the Sullivan Trust company last year.

T. B. Hickey, president of the bank, is one of the wealthiest men in the state, and the bank assets, it is thought, exceed the liabilities. No fear is entertained that depositors will lose a cent. Mr. Hickey is now in San Francisco.

After the announcement that the Bank and Trust company had temporarily suspended, the Ney and bank, Frank Golden, president, of Carson, Tonopah, Goldfield, Manhattan and Reno, announced that the bank would be closed for three days to have sufficient coin shipped in to prepare for any rush. There is no excitement, and the feeling prevails that there will be no failure.

Goldfield, Nev., Oct. 23.—The State Bank and Trust company closed its doors at 11 o'clock today. A notice posted on the doors says that the suspension was instructed from the home bank of Carson City, and was due to the heavy drain on deposits the last few months, following labor troubles and inability to make collections. They further say that the resources are ample to pay all depositors.

Given Twenty Years

Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 23.—Albert Greenhill, convicted of murderous assault on Lily Lynn at Melbourne, Que., was today sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Japanese Steamer Sunk

Tokio, Oct. 23.—A despatch from Moji reports that the Japanese freight steamer Kokwo, from Hongkong to Yokohama went ashore in a storm off Rischma, and is a complete wreck. Loss, $700,000.

Helps Labor Candidate

Toronto, Oct. 23.—W. F. Maclean, Conservative member of parliament for South York, is assisting J. D. Jacobs, the labor candidate in the London bye-election. Maclean will address a meeting in the city hall, London, in Jacobs' interest tomorrow night.

VILLAGES RAZED BY EARTHQUAKE

Many People in Southern Italy Under Ruins of Their Houses

Catanzaro, Italy, Oct. 23.—A violent earthquake was recorded here at half past nine this evening. No damage was done. The earthquake was felt also at Messina and Reggio. The people are camping out of doors.

Paris, Oct. 23.—According to a despatch received here today, the earthquake in Italy was much more serious than at first reported. Many of the villages that were destroyed by the earthquake of 1905 and since re-constructed, have been destroyed a second time, and a number of persons were buried in the ruins.

DR. WORKMAN TO RESIGN

Governors of Wesleyan College Reach Decision in His Case

Montreal, Oct. 23.—The controversy which has been going on relating to the teachings of Rev. Dr. Workman, of Wesleyan Theological college, this city, has reached a crisis, for by a vote of ten to seven, the governors of the college resolved to ask Dr. Workman to resign.

This decision was reached at a meeting held in St. James church parlors, at which nineteen of the governors were present, including Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church of Canada.

Dr. Workman's interpretation of the scriptures was held to diverge too far from the standards, though his sincerity, his scholarship, and his magnetic influence over students were unquestioned. The governors did not reach their decision until three this morning.

New Trial Refused

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The Court of Appeal has refused a new trial to Frank Capell, the Italian sentenced to death at Parry Sound for the murder of Wm. Dow last Christmas Day as the result of a drunken row.

Wants Japanese Miners

St. John, N. B., Oct. 23.—James Barnes, interested in Queen's County coal mines, declares that the Provincial Government and the mine owners should get together and import Japanese from British Columbia to work in the mines, which, he says, are greatly undermanned.

Local Option Complication

Toronto, Oct. 23.—A peculiar situation has arisen in the village of Hensall, Huron county, as a result of local option going into effect there. In an affidavit filed today to quash a resolution passed by the village council, it was stated that business had fallen off since the local option bylaw. There was no accommodation in the village for farmers, and the travelling public, and people consequently would not come in. The village rented stables for the accommodation of the public, but this did not answer the purpose, and on the application of 167 ratepayers the council passed a resolution not to oppose an action to upset the bylaw on condition that the party taking the action pay the expenses to which the village had been put. The motion today was to quash this resolution, but it was dismissed

EMPRESS OF CHINA SINKS AT DOCK

The Mishap Apparently Caused by Some Valve Being Left Open

STERN RESTS ON THE MUD

Leak Has Been Stopped and Vessel Will Be Righted This Morning

Vancouver, Oct. 23.—The C. P. R. steamship Empress of China was observed to be sinking at the dock about 6 o'clock this evening, and for some time continued to settle lower in the water. She now lies with her stern evidently resting on the mud at the bottom, but with her waterline at the bow high above water. It is the general opinion that a sea cock was left open, and as the cargo was being taken on in the afternoon, the hole got below the water and it rushed in. Water was first noticed seeping into the stern about 6 o'clock by a longshoreman. The ports were hastily closed, but before the cause of the trouble could be located, the vessel suddenly careened and a rush of water came in.

By this time all hands below were frantically closing everything up, and in this confusion it is believed several deadlights in the Chinese quarters, through which some of the Chinese crew were fishing, were left open, and that more water was taken through these. In the engine room the fires were promptly drawn, but the stopping of the dynamos plunged the ship in darkness. She listed heavily to port and sank at the stern. The Chinese aboard seized their belongings and stampeded for shore, but officers herded them on the upper deck, where they were kept jabbering excitedly till about 10:30, when they were allowed to land and were quartered for the night in the detention shed.

News of the sinking of the Empress caused a considerable sensation in the city, and large crowds went down to the dock. The first diver who came lost part of his gear, and there was some delay before another man arrived. Two steam fire engines were rushed down, but only one was used to pump water out of the sinking boat. The tide was ebbing and at ten o'clock the ship appears to be resting on the bottom, with her upper works at the stern about 6 feet above the water level. A dense fog and the absence of the usual ship lights make it difficult to see anything.

At 11.30 the divers had located the leak and succeeded in stopping it. The water is being pumped out and by morning the vessel will be righted again. So far as can be learned, all the cargo destroyed will be about 800 bags of flour. The other material was less destructible. The damaged cargo will be taken off and fresh cargo loaded, but it is hoped to have the vessel ready to sail on schedule time next week. Hon. R. Lemieux is booked to sail on her.

Darga Singh, the Hindu shot by Bowen, a young English farm laborer on Tuesday night, died today. Bowen says he would do it again under the circumstances. He is being held on the charge of murder.

At the sitting of the Japanese claims commission today, the proprietor of the Japanese local paper put in a claim for $20 for a broken window which it had cost $10 to repair. Commissioner King rebuked him severely, and he gave as an excuse that they always charged the government twice. Another Japanese swore that he made $10 a day net profits in the jewelry repair business. All claims for loss of business or time are figured at a very high rate.

The city council at a special meeting this morning discussed the question of putting in a bill to the government covering the extra expense to maintain order during the days and nights of the recent riot. The matter will be laid before Mr. Mackenzie King, the commissioner.

The B. C. Grand Lodge of Good Templars in session here selected the following officers today: Grand chief Templar, Rev. G. P. Hicks, Victoria; grand councillor, Rev. Thos. Gladstone, Victoria; grand secretary, J. R. Matthew, Vancouver; grand treasurer, S. Cough, Nanaimo; marshal, F. Hopkins, Nelson; chaplain, Rev. C. W. Whittaker, Phoenix; guard, Bro. Wilkes, Victoria; sentinel, Bro. Robinson, Somenos; past chief grand, Dr. Lewis Hall, Victoria.

Pumping Gear Sent Over

Additional pumping gear was hastily gathered together at the yards of the B. C. Salvage company here last evening and shipped to Vancouver on the Princess Victoria to aid in the work of pumping out the Empress of China. The company's wrecking vessel, the Salvor, is already in Vancouver whither she went for the purpose of raising the Tartar so that now that the cause of the accident is known, the valve can be closed and the pumps put to work immediately.

Several Victoria divers were notified that their services might be necessary and they left by the Princess last night.

MORE SURVEYORS NEEDED.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—With a view to increasing the number of surveyors, the Dominion government has decided to offer special inducements to young men who desire to adopt the profession. Before being eligible for final examination as a surveyor, the law requires three years' service under a Dominion lands surveyor, of which twelve months must be on a survey party. In the case of graduates in engineering, these periods are reduced to twelve and six months respectively. To help pupils in complying with the law the government will offer places on survey parties to those who have successfully passed the preliminary examination. Graduates in engineering will go as assistants at four dollars a day, and others at three dollars a day.