

THE SEARCH FOR MISSING NATZIC

CAPT. WALBRAN'S STORY OF CRUISE ON COAST

His Official Report to the Marine Department—No Definite Evidence of Disaster to Sealer.

D. G. S. Quadra, Capt. Walbran, who was sent out for a cruise along the West Coast of Vancouver Island by Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries on the 4th instant, returned yesterday, having found nothing from the absent vessel Hatzic.

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I commenced my close search at Nootka, where I was informed a chronometer box had been picked up at the above point. An ivory plate was on the box with the name of Neges, of New York, and a number cut underneath. This plate was given to the Roman Catholic priest at Nootka, who had left for Victoria two or three days before my arrival. At Nootka I heard of the vessel's wreck, and I proceeded there with the result seen on the attached list. From Tatchu I went to Kyquoot, where the missing vessel sailed from last February. Here the Indians were in great trouble about their lost friends, the head chief and his wife with six lesser chiefs having sailed in the vessel on her fatal voyage, the total number of hunters on board being 23. The distress in the village through the principal men being lost is painful to see, there being many widows and mothers (old women) quite unprovided for. The Indian department through their agent will no doubt take these sad cases into their consideration and cause inquiries to be made with a view to the rescue of the survivors.

Before leaving Kyquoot, I unexpectedly received a letter from the Indians, a copy of which I enclose. The perusal of this letter will, I trust, be gratifying to the department. Hearing at Kyquoot that a party of Indians from the next village of Jek-lis-set had been along the coast from that village to Cape Cook in search of wreckage from the missing vessel, I visited that village and secured several small articles of wreckage the party had brought back with them. Amongst the articles was a small bottle covered with wicker work, such as is used for fresh water in sealing boats. In this bottle when picked up was a paper which the Indians who found it ignorantly threw away. On the paper I found a large quantity of white painted boards, evidently from a vessel using the electric light, as the fittings for that light were still attached to some of the wreck, probably from the Walls Walla or the Swan, as a marked spar from the former vessel had been picked up; a gun rack and a stern davit of a sealing schooner were among the wreckage, the latter had the fall yet attached.

I next visited Quatsino, but nothing was known there of the missing vessel. A party of Indian hunters had lately returned from San Josef Bay, but they had nothing to report, so I did not consider it necessary to call there. The Scott Islands were next thoroughly searched, the Quadra being anchored off each island in succession, and patrol parties landed, who walked along the beaches where accessible. The wreckage was picked up many feet in height and very much broken up, we, however, picked up some more white painted boards and portions of the boats, also a broken thermometer and a towel marked G. T. Evidently the wreckage of persons having recently been on the islands; camp sites, with fresh provisions were scattered around; torn magazines, etc. In an old house on the island was a box with a small quantity of provisions in it, consisting of tea, sugar, butter and some mouldy bread and biscuit. On the white painted case was written in pencil, "C. R. Smith, May 12th, 1902."

Dear Sir—It is a most sad sight to see the Kyquoot Indians heart-broken, mourning after their twenty-four relatives that sailed on the schooner Hatzic, many among them being chiefs of a tribe. The remaining Kyquoots wish me to express to the government through you their most kindly feelings for sending my party in search of their missing relatives. They also wish me to express to you their most kindly feelings for the thorough search you are giving into the matter, and the Indians now believe that the government has their interest at heart as well as the interest of the white man, and I send you this good impression on the Indians and one that will ever be remembered.

As I will not be able to see you again be-

PROTECTION FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

CHIEF WATSON TESTS NEW SMOKE HELMET

The Test Proved Very Satisfactory—Firemen Can Now Defy Deadly Gases.

Yesterday morning Chief Watson, of the fire department, tested the Vajen-Bader patent head protector recently purchased by the city, with the most satisfactory result. The test was successful, in fact the severest possible, Manager Hall, of the Chemical Works, kindly placing at the disposal of the chief a couple of chemical departments charged with sulphur and muriatic acid fumes.

The latter in particular are exceptionally pungent. Three inhalations were made to make one feel that he has drawn a very active buzz-saw into his lungs. What is a Vajen-Bader head protector? It is a helmet which affords absolute protection to its wearer from deadly smoke and deadly gases, and with one on a fireman can work for a long time without any danger to his health.

It is a helmet which affords absolute protection to its wearer from deadly smoke and deadly gases, and with one on a fireman can work for a long time without any danger to his health. The weight is practically nothing, as it rests on the shoulders. The protector is made of asbestos-lined horsehair, and is securely fastened by two straps which pass from the back under the arms and snap into rings in front. Its top is padded and also reinforced with transverse seams of the hard leather which stand up to the height of about an inch. This makes it capable of withstanding a heavy blow and forms a

most perfect protection against falling bricks and stones as far as the back of the head is concerned. Directly at the back of the neck is a small air tank which can be filled by means of an ordinary force-pump, such as cyclists use for inflating their pneumatic tires. Both the tank and the pump are attached by means of the air tank is attached which registers the pressure of air within. The first five or ten minutes at a fire generally determines the result, and the total capacity of the air tank is sufficient to last a man forty minutes. In other words the capacity is more than ample. The flow of air is regulated by a simple adjustment directly under the tank, which may be operated by the wearer of the helmet.

The air is carried from the tank to a point directly in front of the wearer's face by means of a tube which passes inside and fitting snugly about the chest and the neck are two pliable diaphragms or circles of sheep skin, which strain from any smoke that might force its way up all fatal and injurious substances. There are double-eye pieces constructed of the finest and clearest mica, while there are delicate mica diaphragms for both the eyes and ear pieces which are protected by wire guards. There is also a rubber signal whistle which does not, however, consume any of the pure air in the reservoir.

The first test was in the department in which are the sulphur ovens. The doors were thrown open and an interesting miniature inferno on earth created forthwith. The fumes soon forced the helmeted man to the open air, and then one of the firemen, wearing the helmet, entered the apartment. He stood there between five or ten minutes directly in front of the ovens. The helmet afforded him complete protection; he breathed of an abundance of pure air, and the fumes did not in the slightest penetrate. After another equally satisfactory test, it was decided to try something stronger—muriatic acid fumes. Manager Hall made the preparation in a small room and then the chief donned the helmet and entered. Without the helmet it was absolutely impossible to enter the place, but the chief, with the protection on, stood over the chemical for several minutes. This is an exceptional test, as ordinary fire fighting does not involve anything gas, and the faintest breath of it would have driven him from the place. None penetrated the protector.

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Provide for an Inspiring Pageant at Macaulay Point on Coronation Day.

The review for the grand naval and military review at Macaulay Point on Coronation Day have been completed by the authorities, and there is every reason to expect that the spectacle will be one rarely, if ever, surpassed in the history of local pageants. The forces at Work Point, those from His Majesty's ships on this station, and the Fifth Regiment, which will also participate, will number between fifteen hundred and two thousand officers and men.

The review will be held at Macaulay Point on the morning and afternoon of the 26th. Preceding the march to this place an open air divine service will be conducted in the square at Work Point, to which the Fifth Regiment has been invited. Rev. W. D. Barber, chaplain to the forces, will conduct the services, and he will probably be assisted by clergymen of other denominations.

Following this the forces will march to Macaulay Point, where they will be divided into two brigades. The naval brigade will be under command of Flag Captain Keppel, of H. M. S. Grafton, and the military brigade under Lieut-Col. Grant, R. E. The troops will take position about 11 o'clock. Fifteen minutes later the Lieut-Governor and Rear-Admiral Bickford will arrive and will be received with the royal salute. With their respective staffs they will then take up their station at the saluting base, when the march past will take place. The troops will then reform in their original alignment, and at 12 o'clock a feu de joie and royal salute will be fired from the R. G. A. field guns and guns of the Navy. This will be followed by three cheers for the King. The whole time will then advance in review order, after which another royal salute will be given. On the hour of the crowning of the King in London, which will probably be 2:30 o'clock, a royal salute will be fired from the saluting battery at Work Point and the ships in the harbor.

On Monday evening next there will be a general parade of the Fifth Regiment preparatory for the review. On the morning of the 25th, Major Monro and officers of the Fifth Regiment will proceed to Work Point to complete arrangements for the review to be played by the local force in the programme. The review will undoubtedly be the piece de resistance of the coronation celebration. It is being largely advertised on the Sound and Mainland, and should attract a big contingent of visitors.

Mr. Mallet's patent cylinder for steam engines was tested on Tuesday at the Marine Iron Works, being attached to a 25-horse-power engine in that establishment. The result of the trial was entirely satisfactory. It will be remembered that some time ago the inventor of a new engine, never before patented, which called forth considerable praise from the experts, who, however, desired to see it working on a large scale. The cylinder was undertaken by Andrew Gray, of the Marine Iron Works, who attached it to the engine which runs his plant.

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SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

CONTRIBUTIONS OF VICTORIANS TO FUND ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS

Major Monro has received the following self-explanatory communication from P. S. Maud, honorary secretary of the Canadian South African Memorial Association: Government House, Ottawa, 4th June, 1902. Dear Sir:—Colonel Irwin has informed me of the very handsome donation which you have sent in aid of the fund of the Canadian South African Memorial Association, the same being the proceeds of a joint concert given under your command and the Soldiers' Wives' League of the city of Victoria.

I trust that you will express to all who have so generously contributed the thanks of the Executives for the very material assistance which they have given to us in our work. Yours faithfully, F. S. MAUD, Honorary Secretary. The Canadian South African Memorial Assn. Major Monro, Commanding Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, Victoria, B.C.

Professor McMillan, of the Minneapolis University, who last year headed the party of botanists who came West to study plant life on the shores of this Island, will start for Victoria again very shortly. During the winter he has spent considerable time in the work of the students on this coast, and as a result a larger party than came last year will arrive next month.

Last year there were 34 in the party, while this year it is expected that there will be just twice that number. They are expected to arrive on the 7th of next month, and will proceed at once to the station at Port Renfrew, where, during the last few months some improvements have been made. One of these is the establishment of a laboratory 25 by 40 feet with a large glass front and with different departments for the work of the front to the station, has, however, never been built, although when here last summer the visitors were faithfully promised by the government that a road would be completed by the time they reached here this year.

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