

MORE LAND FOR CANADA THE MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

Capt. Bernier Annexed New Islands in Arctic Several New Directors Elected Yesterday

Many New Islands Added to Canada—Interesting Records of Former Explorers Found

QUEBEC, Oct. 23.—I have had a most successful trip, fully accomplished my mission, and am now awaiting orders, said Captain Bernier as he landed from the Arctic this afternoon.



CAPTAIN BERNIER.

The Arctic, looking none the worse for the long voyage through the far northern seas, slowly steamed into port this morning. Many people were on hand to see the somewhat quaint-looking craft as she sailed up the river.

"I have covered some 11,000 miles of sailing since I left here in July, 1906," said the captain. "The voyage has been the whole an eventful one. The work of annexing the various islands in the far north and adding them to the domain of the Dominion of Canada was carried out and a large area of new territory now rests under the Canadian flag as a result of the trip."

Captain Bernier brings back all the records of the islands so annexed and they will be forwarded to Ottawa. The whalers in the north were all visited and licenses issued to them. The captain reported also bringing back the records of Stenroos, Peary and McClure, which he came across in the north.

By a strange coincidence, Capt. Bernier built the cairn for his record. It was a hundred yards of where McClure had made his, only discovering the fact a short time later. The winter had been a good one and there had been little or no sickness among the crew, the only exception being the death of an older named Fred Rosenbaum, who passed away after a month's illness from heart failure.

The Arctic is now awaiting orders as to whether the vessel will proceed to Sorel.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT EDMUNDSTON A Number of Business Blocks and Residences Burned at a Loss of \$25,000

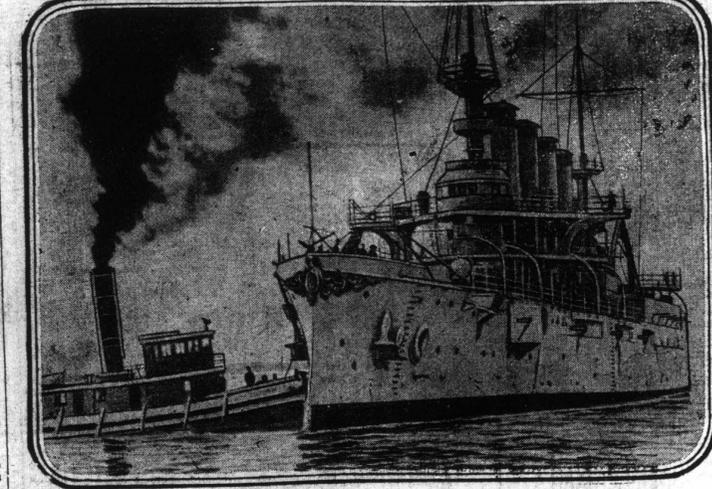
EDMUNDSTON, N. B., Oct. 15.—The fire broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in the Shade Hotel, on Victoria street, and the hotel, Murchie & Burpee's store and the dwelling adjoining, a dwelling owned by Baptiste Gervais, and the dwelling and shop owned by J. P. Michaud and occupied by J. N. Bouchard, were all destroyed before the progress of the fire was stopped.

Several other buildings adjoining were in danger, but after great efforts by many of the citizens the further spread of the fire was stopped. The loss will exceed \$25,000. More than one-half of which is covered by insurance. Murchie & Burpee's stock is an entire loss and was valued at upwards of \$15,000, and the building was worth \$4,000. The Herbert Hotel building is a loss of over \$2,000, besides the furniture and stock of liquors.

Had the wind been blowing from the north or west instead of from the east at the time, it would have been impossible to save any of the buildings between the place where the fire commenced and the bridge.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been set by some tramp who were drinking and were seen around the Herbert Hotel at a late hour last night.

UNITED STATES MAKING READY FOR WAR WITH JAPAN; SCOUTING CRUISER STARTS FOR PACIFIC



U. S. ARMORED CRUISER TENNESSEE Flying the flag of Rear Admiral S. B. Rods for the Pacific coast, by way of the Strait of Magellan, a voyage of more than 13,000 miles. These cruisers will act as scout ships on the coast to be taken later by the battleship fleet.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A special despatch from Washington to the New York Sun says: Preparation for a hostile emergency in the Pacific is occupying the time and attention of the military and naval authorities to such an extent that all other work has been suspended in some branches of the two services.

The war fever is spreading through the personnel of the army and the navy. Many officers are now aware of the circumstances which led to the decision to send the battleship fleet to the Pacific, and with their eyes opened in that respect they are watching the trend of events with absorbing interest.

The idea that war is coming is apparently firmly fixed in the minds of some of those having superior means of obtaining information as to the government's attitude. Others, while deprecating the talk of war and inclined to the belief that there will be no conflict, however that the preparations now under way are justified by the situation as they understand it and commend President Roosevelt for what they regard as admirable foresight on his part.

Under orders from the navy department the entire working force at navy yards on the Atlantic coast is being employed in making ready the vessels of the battleship fleet for the so-called practice cruise to the Pacific. Every class of labor that can be utilized in getting the fleet into condition for its long voyage has been withdrawn from its usual duties at the yards and put to work on the ships.

The authorities of the army Signal Corps are devoting themselves exclusively to arrangements for the installation of electric fire control apparatus in the fortifications at Subic Bay, the new naval station established in the Philippines. This work is being conducted by the department of the navy, but the orders to complete it, which are understood to have come directly from President Roosevelt, are imperative.

Under equally imperative directions from the department of the navy, the agents of both departments are being sent to Europe to make purchases of torpedoes for our navy. Japan had placed orders of starting magnitude for similar war material.

The Philippines, so the military branches of the government were notified, are being flooded with Japanese spies, many of them women of the demi-monde. There was feverish activity on the part of the Japanese. Camps of instruction had been established in remote parts of Japan and troops were being drilled incessantly.

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COLLINS' PLEA LARGELY SIGNED NEED NOT FEAR THE ASIATIC

Albert County People Endorse the Petition Kipling's Remedy is "More British."

Many Sign Petition for Commutation of Sentence—Prisoner Still Stoutly Maintains Innocence He Favors the Extension of Canadian Principle of Preference to Other Parts of Empire

HOPEWELL CAPE, Oct. 23.—The residents of this county are watching with considerable interest the efforts that are being put forth by the friends of Thomas F. Collins, under sentence of death here, to obtain a commutation of the sentence to one of life imprisonment. Several copies of the petition asking for this change are in circulation in different sections of the county and a determined effort is being made to save the young man from the gallows, in some instances by a signature campaign.

The humble petition of the undersigned ratepayers and residents of the County of Albert, in the Province of the Northwest Territories, of the twentieth day of August, 1906, a murder was committed in New Ireland in the said county of Albert, whereby the life of Mary Ann McAulley was taken.

"Canada has changed altogether since I crossed some seventeen years ago. I was not able to discover any annexation sentiment on this continent. Everywhere that I have gone I have seen the need and heard the cry for them. There are a few million in Britain that could be well sent here to the preference, but had declined to do anything.

"How would you have it done?" "Well, it seems to me that assisted emigration might be a good thing. There are local relief works which could be used for the purpose. This is a big country. When you have fifteen millions of people here you will just begin to show any surplus. You have thirty million in the United States. How would you have it done?"

"Yes, and for the Empire. It seems to me that it is a good thing for you to know something about the people who are bringing in here. Now even the Londoner has come from the British soil. His name has been in a parish register somewhere in England for some five hundred years. He has come from good stock. If I were buying a horse I would rather buy one from good stock than a good looking horse without family in his pedigree. I would feel surer of results when breeding began. What do you know about the Galatians' grandfather? The Englishman at least, knows the difference between right and wrong, and the poorest, it seems to me, is likely to produce better citizens than those gentlemen who have been brought here and whose names have not been brought here and whose names have not been brought here and whose names have not been brought here."

"The Hindoo has some years behind him," was suggested. "Yes, but the Hindoo is not in Canada. The Canadian climate will attend to that. When I lived in India there was a halibut which covered about two hundred square miles and lowered the temperature in the air. The people died from cold. Do you think that such people would become residents of Canada?"

"They have heard that there is money to be obtained in Canada and have come for it. When they have been here a few years and have made money they will go back, and live in their native villages and live carried out there is little doubt he will go unfinchingly to the gallows. He says he is innocent and has nothing to fear. Leaving the reporter to stand the face of the prisoner said, 'I tell you now, as I have told from the beginning, I did not do it; and this story I will stick to until I stand with the rope about my neck at the gallows.' The prisoner speaks as though he might be sent to the penitentiary, but providing the death sentence is carried out, he assured the reporter that he would stand the ordeal firmly. The prisoner says he eats and sleeps well, and he still reads with avidity the magazines and papers sent him, and also writes himself drawing pictures, at which he is quite an adept. He also plays the mouth organ considerably and entertains the acrobat with Etta Bell and Good Old Summer Time, the performance, which was a very creditable one, necessarily having a pathetic side, which interested somewhat with the visitor's enjoyment of the music. Collins speaks very gratefully of his counsel, Sheriff Lynds and others, who have used him well, appearing very appreciative of acts of kindness towards him.

In conclusion Mr. Kipling said that his trip across Canada had given him a great amount of information and he decided that it was his intention to make literary use of it.

TORONTO, Oct. 20.—The Dundee trophy bicycle race, seven and a half miles long, Danforth road and return, was won Saturday by sixteen-year-old E. G. Rogers of Toronto. Queen City Bicycle Club. His time for the fifteen miles was forty-eight minutes and forty-three seconds. W. Cornell Hamilton Diamond A. C. was second and E. Young of the same club third. There were about ninety starters.

CASTORIA The Van Hornes... The weather was bitterly cold here last night and this afternoon snow fell to a depth of about an inch, but with the temperature rising tonight it quickly disappeared.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—Prince Wittelsbach, second son of Emperor William, while riding with the princess in an automobile through the Tiergarten last night knocked down a man on a bicycle. The prince immediately stopped, lifted the man, took him to the nearest relief station and waited for his wounds to be dressed. The man recovered and was a brass finisher named Sandke, and when he was able to be moved the prince made him re-enter the automobile and took the injured workman to the latter's home.

HIS WIFE... Mr. Hill because, when she gets dinner and does not bring a companion, whom she can talk to...

MODEL... DAY EVENING... ALL DAY YESTERDAY

the new building. He also brief reference to his work in Sweden and Denmark and to his work in Canada.

68TH ANNIVERSARY... Church Yesterday

Centenary Church yesterday... special services marking the 68th anniversary of the founding of the church.

PROPOSED IMMIGRATION DURING COMING WINTER

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Oct. 19.—Rev. Dr. Jas. Morrison, for twelve years rector of St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Cathedral, preached his farewell sermon yesterday prior to his departure for Vernon River, where he preaches the late Rev. Dr. Daykin's pulpit.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Despatches from Puerto Plata state that the authorities at Sanchez, San Domingo, searched by the American Consular authorities, seized revolvers, found on board and named the steamer 2,500. The captain refused to pay the fine and clearance papers were refused him but he proceeded without them.