

SEVEN PASSENGERS BURNED TO DEATH

Thirty-Two Others Sustain Injuries in Railway Wreck in Russia

(Times Leased Wire.) Perm, Russia, Feb. 23.—Seven persons were killed and 32 badly injured to-day when a passenger train burned at Vohnesenka. An explosion fired the train after it was wrecked and the passengers slowly roasted in the debris.

SEATTLE CIVIC PRIMARY

Candidates Endorsed by Reform Element Are Endorsed.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—The winners in the primary election for the city council are all those endorsed and supported by the reform element that placed Mayor Dilling in office after recalling Hiram C. Gill.

The successful ones in yesterday's election are: O. T. Erickson, E. L. Bialne, A. E. Griffiths, Max Waralek, C. C. Steiner, Robert Hesketh, J. Y. C. Kellogg, A. J. Goddard and William Haase.

Of this number four are members of the old city council. Kellogg and Goddard started the investigation of the police department that finally resulted in the recall of ex-Mayor Gill. Waralek is the young councilman who, while acting mayor, suspended Chief of Police Wapenstien for alleged grafting, and Bialne is the councilman who was chief inquisitor at the secret investigation of the police department.

SUFFERS IN STORM

Schooner Willis A. Holden Loses Deckload and Has Only Forealls Left Standing.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—Nearly stripped of her mast and with her deckload gone, the schooner Willis A. Holden, of the Globe Navigation Company, of Seattle, is making her way slowly toward San Francisco.

The Merchants' Exchange yesterday received a message from the schooner Virginia, which had just arrived at San Francisco, stating that the Holden was heard from by wireless in February 14 while the Virginia was at 40 degrees north and 126 degrees west. The message said that only the forealls of the Holden were standing and all of her deckload had been blown overboard by the sea. She was headed for San Francisco when the message was received by the Virginia.

The Holden, a four-masted schooner, put to sea February 3 and nothing was heard of her until the message was received yesterday. She was en route from Tacoma to Valparaiso with lumber. The vessel undoubtedly encountered the storm which raged on the North Pacific the first of last week and disabled the Edward R. West, which was brought into port by the Standard Oil tanker Atlas and the barquentine James Tuff, picked up by the life-saving tug Snobishnik. The gale is believed to have crippled other vessels, which will be heard from in a few days.

FARMERS' BANK CASES IN COURT

W. R. Travers Again Gives Evidence at Hearing at Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Farmers' case resumed yesterday before the police magistrate, with W. R. Travers as the first witness. The crown attorney sought to find out if B. Stratton's connection, if any, with the obtaining of the charter of the bank and asked Travers a number of questions along this line, without result, however, as the witness said that Stratton's name had only been mentioned once or twice. Hughes Charles, formerly manager of the Bank of Commerce at Peterboro, was the next witness. He said that Stratton in 1908 was asked how he would like to buy stock in the Farmers' bank. Stratton had told him that his company had put \$20,000 into it and had good security. The witness added that he considered the conversation of such a nature that he had written his general manager about it. The letter was produced and read in court.

ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL

New Society Formed on Lines of Black Hand.

New York, Feb. 23.—Following three abortive bomb throwings charged to unidentified members of the Black Hand, a new secret society of a similar nature among the Greeks is believed by the police to have been discovered by the name of Nicholas Tritakia. He is alleged to be a leader in an organization calling itself "The Hand of Faith" for the alleged purpose of extorting money from wealthy Greeks.

Tritakia, who is a young Greek laborer, was arrested by detectives in an elevated railroad station to-night on a charge of having written threatening letters to the proprietor of the Hotel Athens demanding \$2,000.

"Our rules try to avoid bloodshed," one letter read. "From the day we started we have only lost one. That happened only to insure our safety. If you deny our demand, we will not touch your person, relatives or family, like the Black Hand, but will blow your big hotel into the air."

DR. SUN YAT SEN'S VISITOR IN VICTORIA

Man With Price on His Head Preaches Gospel of Freedom and Reform

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A rather notable international character is at present in Victoria in the person of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, a prominent Chinese reformer and agitator, and he is utilizing his stay in the capital city to preach the gospel of reform to the Chinese colony.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has had an interesting and adventurous career, the latter part of which he has spent as a fugitive in many countries as well as in secret in his own. He is a man whose doctrines are regarded by the Chinese government as dangerous to the state, and therefore they have placed a pretty stiff premium on his head. On one occasion in London, about sixteen years ago, he was seized by the Chinese diplomatic service and dragged to the embassy, where he was incarcerated pending his shipment to China to meet the fate which the law had prescribed for him. His escape from that harrowing predicament was due to the British authorities, who hearing that he was being kept a prisoner demanded that he be released.

Tokio, Japan, also proved too small to hold him safely. Five years ago he carried on active work among the Chinese who were studying there, but his efforts came to an end through the Chinese government intervening and asking that he be extradited. From there he went to Singapore and Hongkong, but his advocacy of the reform gospel was always the means of his being hounded out. For a long time he was not heard of until he appeared in Victoria. He has been in San Francisco and Vancouver on his way here, and at each port call he has delivered his message of freedom and reform.

HAS NARROW ESCAPES

Creston, Feb. 23.—James Hutehinson, contractor of Yakh, while driving with a team of horses from Yakh to Creston a few days ago had a narrow escape from being run down by a westbound C. P. R. passenger train. For some distance he travelled on the track and when well on his way he was overtaken by the train. At that point the train stopped and the engine backed to a great height by the snowploughs. His horses became greatly excited at hearing the engine behind them and the train was slowed down to such an extent that the engineer got his team into the banks so the train could pass.

NOT LOOKING FOR OTHER BURDENS

President Taft Says Country Has Enough Responsibilities at Present

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—"I really believe that with the consummation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement there will be a drawing together of two great nations; but a drawing together by close business and social relations and not by political union," said President Taft at the centennial banquet of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia. The president followed Henry S. Bridges, grand master of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who spoke of the good will of Canadians toward the United States in the Canadian reciprocity negotiations.

PURCHASE OF MINE

Nelson, Feb. 20.—Messrs. Robert Mabry and W. Beckett, of Spokane, accompanied by Senator G. J. Hurley, of Louisiana, Wash., have arrived in Alton, Wash., to conclude the details in connection with the purchase of several mining properties, including the Hobson, Lynchville, L. C. U. and L. C. U. No. 2. Mr. Mabry expects to begin work within thirty days on the properties, and says that an ample sum of money has been deposited for that purpose.

AMATEUR LEAGUE TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

Will Decide Which Team Plays for B. C. Championship

(From Wednesday's Daily.) With the exception of LadySmith all the entries for the amateur Island League have been received. The following teams have entered: North Ward, Victoria West, Foresters, Duncan and Corinthian. The Corinthian team is the best of the old Empress team. It is known that LadySmith wants to enter and word was sent yesterday to the secretary of the club, asking why they had not sent in their entry and requesting them to do so at once.

Owing to the lateness of the season the series will be rushed through as quickly as possible. A committee, F. Sweeney, R. Keenan, A. Campbell and J. Lockyer, will meet on Friday night to draw up a schedule and arrange all details. The by-laws which governed the old amateur Island League, with a few amendments, will form the constitution of the new series.

As there will be six teams in the league it will be impossible for each of them to play two games, and the officials have practically decided that elimination matches will be played in Victoria and the best team play off with the northerners. This will mean sudden death to some of the teams. The first game will probably be played a week from Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS

—The bank clearings for the week closing Tuesday amounted to \$2,280,619.

—Miss Rose Fritz gave a demonstration of typewriting at St. Ann's Academy Tuesday, which the sisters and pupils were greatly interested in.

—The monthly social of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's Presbyterian church will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Fred Peart, 245 Russell street, instead of at each other's home, as announced, owing to Mrs. MacRae being laid up with an attack of a gripe.

—Building permits were issued Tuesday by the building inspector to W. J. Hanna for a dwelling on the corner of View street and Broadway, and to R. E. Blakeway, dwelling on Graham street, to cost \$1,950; to C. O. Ely, dwelling on Wilson street, to cost \$1,200; to Moses McGeorg, dwelling on Shakespeare street, to cost \$600.

—Work on the five-story hotel which Lim Bang will erect at the southeast corner of Park and Douglas streets commenced Tuesday, when a gang of Chinamen was put to work tearing down the old brick warehouse on the rear of the property. The structure will be a decided improvement to the thoroughfare.

—Dinsdale & Malcolm have commenced the work of clearing the site which will be taken for the extension of View street from Douglas street to Government, for which work the city council has awarded the firm the contract. This job must be completed within forty-five days. The firm will do the work for \$220 and take the material.

FINE WEATHER NOW REPLACING ROUGH

Chicago Maru Has Splendid Trip Across Pacific—Brings Small Cargo

Reporting an exceptionally fine passage across the Pacific from Yokohama, the Otao-Shogen Kalaiba liner Chicago Maru, Capt. Ito, arrived at our dock early on Wednesday. The Pacific is at last coming back to its normal condition after several months of the roughest weather known in the history of shipping on this coast.

Out of the sixteen days occupied in coming across only during one day did the steamship encounter any heavy weather. When nearing the meridian she ran into a stiff easterly gale which tossed her about like a cork. After a violent storm of force for several hours the wind quieted down and during the remainder of the trip the ocean was as smooth as a mill pond and Old Sol was hardly ever obscured.

The one Chinese cargo, several hundred casks, having in all about 2,000 tons, of which nearly three hundred tons were discharged at this port. She had a very light shipment of silk, valued at a quarter of a million dollars. Among the freight discharged here were 300 bags of rice, 3,436 bags of sulphur from North Japan, 900 bags of sugar, 50 bags of polishing sand, two packages of rattan wares and several cases of vegetables, soy, toys and other Japanese merchandise.

SECRETS TRADED FOR CONTRACTS

Charges Made in Connection With Building of Warships in States

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—That the secrets of the American navy have been traded for fatfish contracts, chief beneficiary of which is Chas. W. Peart, 245 Russell street, instead of at each other's home, as announced, owing to Mrs. MacRae being laid up with an attack of a gripe.

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HEADLESS COUNCIL MOBS A CHINA MAN

Discusses Situation, and Decides on Appeal

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The terms of the headless council assembled at the committee room of the city hall last night and held a little conversation, and the matter was done by individuals, because the body corporate lay stretched before them on the committee room table, showing the marks where Mr. Justice Gregory's gleaming axe had severed the head from the still quivering, very much quivering, body. The body quivered at the rate of 170 words a minute and Miss Rose Fritz would have been non-plussed.

The aldermen (?) had met to find out where they stood, and until they get a direction from some authoritative source, more authoritative than themselves, they will not take action in civic affairs. Mayor Moley, of course, was not present, and Alfred J. Morley, being no longer the mayor, remained at his residence, and left the "where are we at?" aldermen to fight it out alone.

It had been the intention, but for the Gregorian action of the afternoon, to hold a council meeting last night and consider the estimates. Under the existing circumstances the estimates did not receive discussion, but the city health officer was present and made a skilful examination of the governing body of the council, as it is called, and its final throes. Chairman of School Trustees George Jay was present and he bent a magisterial eye on the corpse, but did not weep. "Altogether the laying-out ceremony was an excellent success." The body is now lying in a state of considerable unrest.

ACCUSED OF FEBRUARY

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Geo. B. Cox, the political boss of Cincinnati, was indicted by the grand jury here yesterday on the charge of perjury.

The indictment is based on testimony given before the grand jury by John E. Gibson, former county treasurer, on Monday.

Gibson was one of three county treasurers who returned \$24,000 of illegal interest which had been collected on county funds to the county in 1908 after an investigation by the grand jury.

Cox testified before a grand jury in March, 1906, that he had never received any share of the interest from any county treasurer or bank agent. The present grand jury charges that Cox did receive \$4,000 of such funds and that he, therefore, committed perjury.

The indictment was returned by Judge Evans Gorman, after the grand jury had heard the testimony of Gibson, French and another former county treasurer who returned the illegal interest.

Cox faces a penalty under the statute of from three to ten years in prison.

BOISTEROUS WEATHER PREVALENT IN NORTH

Amur Arrives Two Days Late After Exceedingly Dirty Passage

Bearing evidence of having had a strenuous time in northern waters, the P. R. steamer Amur, Capt. Locke, returned to port on Wednesday from Queen Charlotte Island and British Columbia ports. She was two days late in arriving here which was caused through the heavy weather met in Hecate Straits. For twenty-four hours the vessel had to lie in shelter at Queen Charlotte owing to the fierceness with which a southeast gale was raging outside.

During the greater part of the passage the Amur was battered by southeast gales blowing with great violence. After entering into Queen Charlotte Sound northbound the steamer was beset by tempestuous weather. At different times she was made to make but little headway in the terrific gales which were raging. The Amur was pitched around severely and shipped large quantities of water over her bow.

While crossing Hecate Straits the steamer encountered the fiercest part of the passage when a heavy southeast-easterly struck the ship. She roughed her way through the tremendous seas but arrived at Queen Charlotte several hours late in making the run from Prince Rupert. While the vessel was lying there the wind increased in fury and she was forced to remain for twenty-four hours before the wind subsided.

LANE TAKING BIG CARGO FROM SOUND

Leaves Port To-night for London—Has Large Quantities of Copper Cathodes

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Taking a capacity cargo of general freight valued at over a half a million dollars, the Blue Funnel liner Oana, Capt. Lyett, leaves the outer wharf every foot of lumber for London. The ship, the last shipment to leave Pacon this season, returning from Queen Charlotte to Prince Rupert, the Amur carried 60,000 feet of lumber. Every foot of lumber for London was turned out by the mill on the island being grabbed up, and it is stated that the building in the north will be done on a large scale this year.

An interesting part of the cargo on the Oana is a shipment of copper cathodes from the Tacoma smelter for Europe. She has 860 tons, valued at \$131,000. This is the first shipment of cathodes since the opening of the Oana, but now that the copper refinery at the big plant is again in operation, the shipments will become frequent and will add materially to the export trade from the city of Victoria.

The Oana is also carrying an unusually large shipment of salt herring, which was loaded at Tacoma, several small freighters being engaged in conveying 1,000 tons of herring from Nanaimo to the City of Destiny for a number of days. She is also taking 1,100 tons of wheat for China to the relief of the famine sufferers, together with \$4,000 barrels of flour valued at \$120,000. The Blue Funneler has in her holds 560 tons of acetate of lime and a big consignment of nearly a million feet of lumber, which is bound for the Old Country. Another very valuable part of her cargo is 1,500 bales of cotton with a value of nearly two hundred thousand dollars. She has also large quantities of machinery for the Orient.

The Bellifloron, of the same line, will complete discharging her Victoria cargo to-day and will leave for Vancouver on Monday. She is unloading 2,000 tons of general freight brought from the Old Country.

BELEIVES DAUGHTER DEAD

New York, Feb. 23.—Affidavit that he believes his daughter, Dorothy Arnold, the missing New York heiress, has been murdered, was made here yesterday by the district Attorney Whitman, by Francis R. Arnold, the millionaire father of the girl.

ENORMOUS NORTHWARD RUSH EXPECTED SOON

Steamship Companies Preparing for Greatest Passenger Travel in History

Gradually the passenger travel between Victoria, Vancouver, northwestern British Columbia ports and Skagway is reviving after a dull winter season and the local steamship companies are looking for the biggest rush of the year. The winter has been very hard on the young cities are bound to attract a large number of people to that part of the continent.

When the Princess Mary resumes her calls on the Skagway route, the Princess will be laid off to the Vancouver-Prince Rupert route, which during the winter the C. P. operates no steamer direct. The C. P. is to be replaced on the northern route by the new steamer Princess Mary.

As it will be some time before the big Princesses are equipped with the new burners and have completed the spring cleaning the Princess Rupert will not be ready to enter on the Skagway run with the May run. It is not expected that the C. P. will use any more vessels on the northern runs this year than they have used.

Another company which is preparing for the rush is the Grand Trunk Pacific which will operate the Prince Rupert and Prince George to Prince Rupert and Stewart. Both vessels will have the best of the winter season, running on practically the same schedule as last year. Each of the steamers have been overhauled and owing to their superior speed they will make the run in less expected that they will come in at a good share of the business.

The Boswicz Steamship Company have placed both the Vado and the Columbia ports and will until the year give a weekly service. The Union Steamship Company of Vancouver is also preparing for the rush. Several freighters will also be employed by the company to handle the enormous amount of freight which is to be shipped into the north this spring.

It is not yet known how many freight steamers the Hudson's Bay Company will operate on the Skeena river this year, as the Grand Trunk Pacific have a train running out of Prince Rupert to Hazelton very shortly and it is expected that a great deal of the business formerly handled by the sternwheelers will be taken over by them.

PECULIAR DAMAGE SUIT

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 23.—The city of St. Thomas was defendant in a peculiar damage suit as a result of an accident which occurred in the city last year. The plaintiff was a patient with electrical apparatus when the current, nominally 500 volts, came suddenly much in excess of this amount and the patient was blown out, the doctor was scratched on the patient's neck burned.

LAND TO BE USED FOR SITE OF UNIVERSITY

Bill Introduced Last Evening Designates Point Grey Lots

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 23.—At this evening's sitting of the House a bill authorizing the lieutenant-governor in council to grant certain lands as a site for the university of British Columbia. The bill is a short one and designates the land as follows:

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