

KESTREL FIRES ON AMERICAN POACHER

Riddles Sails of Seattle Fishing Schooner Whose Captain Refused to Heave-to When Ordered ---Found in Canadian Waters.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—For the first time since the Canadian fishery cruiser service has attempted to interfere with American halibut poaching in northern British Columbia waters, the Dominion government cruiser Kestrel last Sunday afternoon got into a real action with her big Nordenfeldt machine gun. Four rounds were fired at the Seattle halibut fishing steamer Charles Levi Woodbury. Five bullets tore through the atmosphere in the direction of the Woodbury, each time as the vessel headed at full speed from the west coast of Vancouver island, and pointed out toward the middle of the Pacific coast.

Three of the rounds were merely directed to call attention to the Command to Heave-to which had been issued from the Kestrel to the American schooner. But the series of shots meant business. The shells pointed at the fish boat which was at a distance of only a couple of yards, and still making for open sea as rapidly as wind and saline engines would take her. Bullets, aimed high, ripped the sail of the schooner and one or more struck the splinter of the mainmast. The hands of Capt. Sinclair, who were on the deck, were ordered to get into the Range. The fishing boat, immediately the engines of the Woodbury were stopped and her sails, gashed by bullets, were hauled down. But even then the American captain would not willingly surrender. He declined to take a few minutes later an officer and three men from the Kestrel boarded him and took charge. Altogether it

was the most exciting event in the career of the Kestrel. Capt. Newcomb, of the Kestrel, declares that if he ever had a clear case against an American vessel this is the one. When Capt. Newcomb got abreast of the American he opened communication through a speaking trumpet. In the polite language of the educated navy he told the schooner to heave-to or he sunk—or words to that effect. The effect was a laugh from the few of the Americans who were on deck—for the 25 men who composed the fishing crew had mostly been kept carefully below during all the excitement and gun firing. "Stop, or I will put a hole through you," called Newcomb. "I don't think so," said Sinclair in a reply that came plainly over the ranging water. Then the big gun went off and a little section of the Woodbury's sail was shredded and the hands of her captain were raised as if he was being held up and was afraid of getting another shot through his vitals. The Woodbury was caught fishing between east and west Haycock Islands, 10 miles from Cape Scott, clearly within the three-mile limit, as the channel is not five miles wide. She was brought into Vancouver this morning. Making Investigation. Seattle, Wash., April 21.—At the offices of the Standard Fish Company, which concern owns and operates the schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, reported seized by the Dominion cruiser Kestrel for alleged poaching in British Columbia halibut waters, it was stated today that a representative of the company is now at Vancouver making a thorough investigation of the seizure of the vessel. Upon the receipt by him of all information bearing on the case, the owners of the Woodbury will make representations to the state department at Washington as the facts warrant. The Woodbury is a power schooner and left this port on her last cruise a week ago. She was purchased in San Francisco two years ago and equipped for halibut fishing. The vessel is 100 tons net, 90 feet in length and was built on the Atlantic coast.

LEAGUE NAMES ITS OFFICERS

Organization Has Been Completed

Victoria's Development Body Has Got Down to Business.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League is now thoroughly organized. At a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade rooms the election of officers under the articles of incorporation was carried out. There was a good attendance. E. McGaffey, the new secretary and publicity agent, taking his place. Simon Leiser, the chairman of the board of trade, presided at the opening until the permanent officers were selected. The officers for the year were elected as follows:
President—H. G. Wilson.
First vice-president—J. J. Shallcross.
Second vice-president—A. W. McCurdy.
Treasurer—J. Kingham.
Board of management—Mayor Hall, Simon Leiser, George Coldwell, Herbert Kent, C. H. Lugin, J. Nelson, W. J. Sutton, W. T. Williams, George Mitchell, R. W. Ferry, A. Gonnason and Jas. Thomson.
The right to add to this committee is given the executive under the articles of incorporation.
The selection of Mr. Wilson as president was a unanimous one. The mover, J. J. Shallcross, in proposing his name, was greeted with applause. Both Mr. Shallcross and J. Nelson made reference to the good service that Mr. Wilson had given the Tourist Association.
Although Mr. Wilson objected to accepting the position the cries of "No, No" from those present precluded his backing out of accepting it.
H. G. Wilson, on taking the chair, said: "The first meeting I ever presided over was last night; to be elected again to-day is coming in a little strong." It was up to the subscribers, he said, to put their shoulders to the wheel and see that the work was done assisting the officers. There were many in the city who had not yet subscribed to the fund of the league. The first work of the executive would be to make a thorough canvass.
On the point of a board of management J. J. Shallcross pointed out that it was well to decide what representation the city council should have on the board. He suggested that the mayor should be made Hon. President and a member of the executive.
A discussion followed as to what should be done and how far the articles of constitution would allow them to go. Mr. Shallcross suggested that the mayor should be a member of the executive committee and that two other members of the city council should be

DISCRIMINATES AGAINST EVENING PAPERS

Associated Press Limits the Hours Within Which They May Publish.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, April 21.—A Toronto paper publishers made an unsuccessful attempt at the annual meeting of the Associated Press to-day, to amend the by-laws of the association so as to permit them to publish their papers as early as 9 a. m. and as late as 6 p. m. They were defeated by the morning paper publishers, who succeeded in having the proposed amendment laid upon the table.
As a result of the failure to pass the amendment the old by-laws stand, and afternoon papers will not be allowed to publish before 11 a. m. or after 4 p. m. any Associated Press news of that day.
The Toledo News-Bee, a member of the Associated Press from the beginning, has withdrawn from the association. In withdrawing, H. N. Riekey, representing the News-Bee, said:
"The present policy of the directors of the Associated Press would remove from the publishers of Associated Press papers the management and control of their own properties, putting them into the hands of a small clique of Associated Press directors."
He declared that he would not submit to such censorship, and said that the United Press Association's service was more valuable than the Associated Press to the News-Bee or any other afternoon paper.

AMBASSADOR BRYCE INVITED TO SEATTLE

Asked to Give Address at Opening of the Exposition.

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—Josiah Collins, chairman of the committee on credentials and special events, has received a telegram from British Ambassador James Bryce, acknowledging the invitation to give an address at the opening of the Alaska-Tukon-Pacific exposition, and saying that a definite answer would be sent later. Ambassador Bryce has just returned to Washington from a visit to California.
British subjects in Seattle and residents of Victoria and Vancouver will join in the invitation to the English diplomat, and it will be forwarded within a few days.
The programme for the opening of the exposition has been outlined by Chairman Collins, save for one or two important events. Until it is definitely known that Ambassador Bryce will accept the invitation to deliver an address the selection of speakers for the opening day will not be decided. James J. Hill has accepted an invitation to be present.

\$10,000,000 TO BE SPENT ON G. T. P.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, April 21.—E. J. Chamberlain has arrived here and will make this city his headquarters after May 15th for the balance of the year. Ten million dollars will be spent on construction this year.

RAILWAY OUTLOOK HAS IMPROVED

SANTA FE PRESIDENT IN OPTIMISTIC MOOD

Ten Million Dollars May Be Spent on Extensions in California.
San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—President E. P. Ripley, of the Santa Fe system, accompanied by President A. H. Payson, of the Northwestern Pacific railroad, left Tiburon this morning in Ripley's private car for Willits, Cal. According to Ripley, the trip is made to look over the ground for the proposed extension of the Northwestern to Eureka. Ripley announced that he would visit San Francisco upon his return Thursday evening.
The Santa Fe president gave as his opinion that the railroad outlook at present is very bright. When asked for the cause of the improved conditions, he said:
"Well, I understand that there is a saner administration at Washington now."
Regarding the proposed extension in Humboldt county, he said:
"Our object now is to ascertain the cost of the improvements. I understand that they will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. That is a large sum to expend in view of the recent attacks upon railroads, and I am not in a position to make an authoritative statement regarding our plans until I return."
It is understood that the plans under consideration provide for an extension of the Northwestern Pacific from Willits to Eureka and probably the construction of a line to join the lumber town of Albion with the main line at Cloverdale or Healdsburg.

BUYS OUT THE BELL COMPANY

SASKATCHEWAN SECURES TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Will Take Possession on First of May—Cash Transaction.

Winnipeg, April 21.—The Saskatchewan government last night concluded the purchase of the Bell telephone system in that province, long distance lines, local exchanges and equipment, and will take possession on May 1st. The government has already an extensive system under construction. The transaction was cash.
The Bell Telephone Company now has no lines in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta provinces.

COLD WEATHER DELAYS SEEDING

FARMERS IN WEST ARE BECOMING ALARMED

Considerable Part of Land Will Not Be Ready for Ten Days.

Winnipeg, April 21.—Farmers throughout the Canadian west are becoming alarmed at the continued cold weather. It is seriously interfering with the commencing of wheat seeding which is undeniably late. A considerable part of the land will not be ready for the seeders for ten days at least. That brings it into May.
While optimistic old-timers state the best crops ever reaped went in late a great majority of the farmers and grain men have sufficient experience to convince them that if the bulk of wheat is not seeded by May 1st in Manitoba and May 7th in Saskatchewan the crop has gone in late.

WHALER BUSY ON WEST COAST

LEVIATHAN LOST ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Schooner Jessie Supplied With Stores and Sailed for Sealing Grounds.

Steamer Tees, which arrived from the west coast on Monday, brought a cargo of 300 barrels of whale oil and 600 sacks of fertilizer from the whaling station at Sechart. While the vessel was there the Orion brought in two sulphur bottoms which had just been caught, bringing the total number for the season at that station alone up to 21. If the St. Lawrence has been equally fortunate the number taken must be at least forty.
On Saturday last the Orion lost a whale which she had harpooned. She had arrived within striking distance and the gunner had sent a harpoon deep into the blubber of the big creature when the whale started off, taking the steamer in tow. The pace was furious for a while, the line being paid out in order to lessen the strain. For a long time the race continued and then a slight hitch occurred in the paying out of the line. In a moment the big harpoon snapped like a thread, giving the big creature 135 fathoms to carry around.
Among the passengers for the round trip was Richard Hall, one of the owners of the schooner Jessie. His log stores up for the sealers, and while he was there the vessel sailed from Uclulet on her long sealing and other hunting voyage.
The Tees brought word that the schooner Soquel was still high and dry on the reef at Sealbirds rocks. Everything of any value had been removed under the direction of the receiver of wrecks. The piano which was left in the hold of the ship attracted the attention of the Sealbirds, who managed to get the instrument on deck. It was found to be in such bad shape, however, that it was not removed from the schooner.
Among the passengers south was Constable McLeod, who brought down a Klotchman who had been caught selling liquor to other Indians. She was sentenced to one month in the lock-up.

PRETTY WEDDING AT ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH

Mr. Andrews of Vancouver and Miss Bosence Married Monday.

A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized Monday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Barnabas church, when Miss Marie daughter of Mrs. Bonence, 1545 Lansdowne Rd., Oakland, Victoria, and Mr. William Thomas Andrews of the city of Vancouver, were joined together in holy matrimony, the Rev. E. G. Miller officiating.
The bride, who was given away by her brother, Thomas Bosence, looked charming in her white embroidered muslin dress with pale blue silk lining and sash, and a wreath of orange blossoms and lilies of the valley.
The reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother. A quiet party sat down to luncheon, the table being beautifully adorned with daffodils and tulips. A side table covered with the many beautiful presents was greatly admired. The happy couple left at 4 o'clock by the Princess Charlotte for Seattle where the honeymoon is being spent.

BREAKS BANK AT MONTE CARLO

Nice, April 21.—Huntly Walker, an Englishman, broke the Bank of Monte Carlo last night, winning \$2,000 in two hours.

BIG REVIEW FOR JOURNALISTS

(Special to the Times.)
London, April 21.—A sham fight at Aldershot wherein 17,000 troops will be engaged is fixed for June 15th for the journalists who will attend the Imperial press conference here.

SULTAN SHORN OF HIS POWER

RETAINS THRONE BUT IS RULER IN NAME ONLY

Abdul Hamid Reported to Have Reached Agreement With Young Turks.

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, April 21.—Confidential information from war office sources to-day say that the Sultan of Turkey has reached an agreement with the young Turks whereby he is to be allowed to retain his throne, but will be shorn of every vestige of power.
According to the terms of the agreement, a committee of Young Turks will be the real rulers of Turkey in the future. They will be so completely in control that a reactionary movement like the present will be impossible hereafter.
Protecting Foreign Residents.
Berlin, April 21.—The Young Turks' advance against Constantinople was resumed to-day. Advice received here say the invaders were plainly visible from the outskirts of the capital. They are expected to enter the city within a few hours.
Guards have been landed at Constantinople from foreign ships in the harbor, and every preparation is being made to protect the foreign population.
The leaders of the Young Turks have sent word that this precaution is unnecessary, as they will see that no harm befalls the foreigners.
It is expected that martial law will be proclaimed at Constantinople this afternoon after a meeting of the cabinet is held.
Cabinet to Resign.
London, April 21.—The Sultan of Turkey is to retain the throne, but his cabinet is to resign immediately, under an agreement he has signed with the leaders of the Young Turks, according to dispatches received here to-day.
The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph is authority for this statement, which he declares is authentic.

MAY BUILD PAPER MILL AT SPOKANE

Members of Chamber of Commerce Are Considering Proposal.

Spokane, Wash., April 21.—Spokane will compete with eastern mills in the manufacture of paper if plans under consideration here by the Chamber of Commerce materialize.
The movement was started by W. H. Goodenough, a prominent paper manufacturer and capitalist of Appleton, Wis. In addressing the members of the Chamber of Commerce he asked for their co-operation, stating that this is an ideal spot for a mill. He mentioned the fact that the eastern mills ship thousands of carloads of paper to the coast annually, and he could see no reason why such a project would not be a great success. Cotton wood, which is plentiful in this vicinity, makes excellent paper, he said.

COAL CARRIERS FOR THE MEXICAN TRADE

British Columbia Mines to Supply Vessels Chartered for South.

Seattle, April 20.—To carry coal from the local shippers to the Gulf of California, the Norwegian steamer Jethou has been chartered by Henry Lund & Company of San Francisco. The charter is for one voyage at the rate of \$280 sterling per month.
After spending several days at Astoria, where she put in for orders, the Jethou proceeded to Comox to load.
The Jethou is the third tramp steamer fixed to carry coal to Mexico. The British steamer Greenwhich, which will enter the Nome trade June 1st for two voyages, will first take coal from British Columbia to the Gulf of California at a rate of \$550. The British steamer Katanga is the third in this trade. Her charter calls for \$200 per month. The coal being shipped into Guaymas and Mazatlan is for the use of the Harriman extension which is being built down the Mexican coast. It is reported completed almost to Mazatlan.
Business is unusually quiet in coast-wise shipping. Lumber rates are nominal. The weekly circular of the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific Coast notes no changes in asking freights, but no coast-wise charters are listed.

OBSTRUCTION CLEARED. SMART WORK IN MOVING FOUL BUOY

From Channel Off Oak Bay.
On Sunday last the Princess Victoria reported a buoy foul in the main channel between Lewis and Fiddle reefs, off Oak Bay. At once preparations were made and the steamer Fern took Lighthouse Superintendent Halkett to the scene and the obstruction was cleared. At the same time the Lewis reef light was again put in operation.

EUROPEAN WHEAT CROP

London, April 19.—The Mark Lane Express in to-day's weekly review of the grain trade says it has received generally good crop reports from Great Britain, France, Spain and Italy. Of the countries of Central Europe, Russia reports a good promise of winter wheat from 42 out of her 53 vast provinces. Ten provinces promise to be below the average. Spring sowings are backward, having been hindered by the rains. The paper estimates the highest present reserves of British wheat at only 77,000 quarters, as against 2,431,000 at this time in 1908.
There are fifteen tons of silver in circulation for each ton of gold.

HARRYNG SYRIA WITH FIRE AND SWORD

Massacre of Christians by Fanatical Mohammedans Is Spreading—Entire Villages Have Been Destroyed--Women and Children Tortured

(By Byzantium Moschopoulos, staff correspondent of the United Press.)
Constantinople, April 21.—The massacre of the Christians by the fanatical Mohammedan hordes was renewed with redoubled fury in a large part of Asia Minor to-day, according to dispatches received here. Details of the butchery are meagre.
Antioch and Burejdik, in the province of Aleppo and Damascus, in Syria, are the centres of the new outrages. The few troops stationed in Aleppo are powerless to protect the Christians from the fanatics who are conducting a reign of terror more horrible than any inaugurated recently.
Entire villages have been destroyed, Christian homes burned and women and children mercilessly tortured to death.
The foreign population is fleeing to the consulates for protection.
The British cruiser Diana has landed a strong force at Alexandretta and the arrival of Admiral Howe, commander of the fleet en route to the scene from Malta, is momentarily expected.
Admiral Howe will probably dispatch a force of marines inland to protect European residents of the villages there.
Dispatches received here this evening say the loss of life in the massacres in the Vilayet of Aleppo is even greater than that at Adana, where more than 5,000 persons were slain.
The population of Aleppo is more than 1,000,000, and the meagre reports say that thousands of persons were killed there within the past twenty-four hours.

WILL OPPOSE RACES HERE THIS SUMMER

Church Societies Are Petitioning Against Sixty-day Meet.

That the proposed sixty-day race meet on the Willows track will not be held this summer without having to pass strenuous opposition on the part of the religious bodies of the city is a fact that was made public on Tuesday with the announcement that a petition is to be circulated at once for signature protesting against the holding of a race meeting here this summer, under the auspices of the Victoria Country Club.
The various religious bodies are combining in opposition against the holding of races. Representatives of the various bodies will present to the city council the signed petitions when the signatures are complete, and urge that the agreement for the leasing of the track to the Country Club be cancelled and the races ordered withdrawn.
The grounds taken for the basis of the petition are that a sixty-day race meet for Victoria would tend to the disruption of the present moral tone of Victoria; that bad and doubtful characters would become temporary residents here; and that the races as a whole if held would be against the general wish of the majority of the people.

GASOLINE FREIGHTER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

U. S. Revenue Cutter Manning Picked Up Disabled Craft.

Port Townsend, Wash., April 20.—With engines disabled and drifting helplessly in a high sea, the gasoline freighter Stockholm, bound north from Seattle, has been picked up by the United States revenue cutter Manning off Marrowstone Point and to-day is in the harbor here for repairs.
When rescued last night the freighter was in imminent danger of being blown ashore against the rocky bluffs of Wild Island. Had this occurred there would have been slight chance of saving any of the crew of four men. The rescue work of the cutter was prompt and timely.

SHIPMASTERS MEET. NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO LOCAL ASSOCIATION Monday Night.

A number of new members joined the local Shipmasters' Association at their meeting on Monday in the new rooms in the Imperial Bank building. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. It was also decided to meet every Monday night. This was for the convenience of those officers who sail on the northern run, and who are away one week and home the next.
It was also decided to keep the rooms open all the time and to supply them with reading matter for the use of the members.

PREVENTS WRECK. GREAT NORTHERN TRACK REPAIRER SUFFERS INJURIES WHICH MAY PROVE FATAL.

Bellingham, Wash., April 20.—To avert the southbound Seattle accommodation train of the Great Northern from derailment and a bad wreck, John Christianson, a track repairer, this morning made a desperate endeavor to drag a frightened team of horses attached to a scraper from the track.
The team was killed by the locomotive and Christianson suffered injuries which will result in his death. He prevented the engine from striking the scraper, however, and saved the train from derailment on a rocky embankment.
Christianson is now lying at St. Joseph's hospital, conscious but unable to speak because of his terrible injuries. There is little chance of his surviving.
STABS HIMSELF TO DEATH.
Woodstock, April 20.—Peter Duff, deputy registrar of Oxford county, stabbed himself to death with a pen-knife.

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