

Athenian For The Far East

Canadian Pacific Liner Sails—Empress of China Is Due Today.

Tacoma's Crew Among Passengers—Jap Liners Cease to Run.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Steamer Athenian, of the C. P. R., sailed for Yokohama and ports of the Orient last night on schedule time. Unless flour can be claimed as contraband of war, which is claimed, she carried no contraband and, therefore, runs little risk from Japanese vessels.

Steamer Empress of China is due today from the Orient, bringing a goodly complement of passengers and an average cargo of silk and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, including everything from soy to cigars, from tea to opium. Among the passengers coming on the Empress of China are members of the crew of the seized blockade runner Tacoma, which was taken by the Japanese after being captured when endeavoring to run through the ice-filled Soya Straits.

The crew of the Tacoma had a trying time after being caught in the ice of Soya Straits. One of the men kept a diary and some extracts from this will tell of the adventures of the crew thought disaster must result owing to the pressing of the ice. The writer of the diary says:

"February 8.—The prospects for getting out of the ice are looking better, as the ice seems to be moving slowly to the east. The carpenter has fitted one of the boats on sled in case we have to scramble over broken ice to the shore.

"February 10.—Yesterday there was a great deal of excitement owing to a strong wind, the ice closed in on the ship with a great deal of force. It sounded like a thunderstorm most of the time, and it was of an uncanny feeling, knowing how helpless we were to stop the enormous forces that were coming against us. The kind of mush against the hull of the vessel. If the ice pressure becomes too tight, the ship would take several hours to collect and it would be a long time to get all we need on the ice. It is blowing stronger and snowing. The ice is drifting and drifting in the present rate of drift, which is some ten miles a day, of getting clear in three or four days. When the weather is clear we can see for some miles.

"February 12.—We are still drifting with the ice. The principal danger now is that of being forced into shallow water.

"February 19.—We had a storm a few days ago and it drifted us away back to where we were two days ago. The ice is close to the ship and in the week the natives lit a fire to notify us that we had been seen, so the chances of our getting away were conveyed to the cable station, which is on the other side of the island.

"February 20.—Two days ago the chief officer and I went to the beach in about six miles away, but the ice was very heavy around the ship and we traveled twenty miles. It was quite exciting at times, when we would begin to sink through the soft places. We then had to crawl on our hands and knees to get to the shore.

"March 2.—A heavy storm blew us around the island yesterday, and as it has been snowing since we have no idea which way the ice pack is going. The two men who went on shore to get a message to the wireless telegraph yesterday, so they will probably go overland to Hakodate. We are down to corned beef and salt pork, but we have good bread and butter.

"March 6.—We have drifted to the north end of the island. We made some snow on the island, and we are now to save coal. The crew have cut holes in the ice and are fishing, but without success. The time passes very slowly, but everything else is about done, and there is consequently a kind of deadly monotony about the bill of fare. The vessel is drifting about three miles an hour and some of the miller says it is the open ocean and freedom.

"March 14.—The ice started to crack to pieces yesterday, and we commenced to drift close to the island of Shikatan we got up steam and found we could make some progress. In the evening we saw clear water in the distance and also the outline of a man-of-war. This morning we got clear of the ice and a Japanese man-of-war steamed up and signalled us to stop. Two Japanese officers came aboard and we were notified that the vessel would proceed to Hakodate for coal and then to Yokohama. The Japanese remaining on board.

"A MORTGAGE ON THE BRAIN."

Several days past the windows of local bookstores have been to a considerable extent given over to the display of the new novel from the complex mental workshop of Vincent Harpell, the author who has "found himself" since drifting into Victoria and quite happily becoming a resident here.

TO LOAD LUMBER. British ship Senator, now in Royal Roads, has been chartered to load lumber at Vancouver for East London, and is expected to leave today for the Mainland to commence loading. The bark Othello, after discharging 600 tons of nitrate from South America, for the Victoria Chemical Works, left for Port Blakely to load lumber. She was towed to the Sound by the tug Tacoma.

STOP JAPANESE LINERS.

Owing to the war situation, as a result of the Japanese blockade of the waters of the Russian Baltic squadron, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line is said to have suspended its sailings to this port. According to the passengers coming from the Orient, the majority of the steamers of the company had already been captured and taken to Japan, leaving only the Iyo Maru. It is now thought that she, too, will leave the route.

The Wonderful Wireless Telegraph

Interesting Facts Concerning the Latest Methods of Communication.

Arrangements Under Way for Installation on Many Railroads.

Wireless telegraphy has a far wider field than either the telegraph or telephone. It is not confined to the Far North, where ice and snow make it impossible to maintain wires or cables. There are hundreds of islands which will be connected by wireless telegraph for populations are too sparse to support the costly cables. The armies and navies of the civilized world are finding it necessary to employ the new form of communication. It is being used by weather bureaus for sending out signals. Light aircraft life-saving stations will require wireless equipment. All vessels of any size will be equipped in order to supply passengers with instantaneous communication with land and other vessels, to call assistance in distress, and for the sake of the lower rates of marine insurance.

During recent storms throughout the United States the wires of the telegraph companies were blown down, broken by the force of the wind, and in some cases wireless again proved its supremacy by continually, without break, carrying messages in all kinds of weather and the heaviest storms. It is apparent to every one that by reason of the lack of communication between cities, owing to the damage done to the wires of the telegraph companies, hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost, and business and commerce were paralyzed in many instances. But how can such conditions be avoided? There is but one answer to the question: The use of wireless telegraphy. No matter how severe the storm, no matter the area which it may cover, no matter the extent of the damage done to the wires of the telegraph and with equal accuracy.

The messages may be distinguished from telegrams through the names of the stations, and you receive a wireless message it is an aerogram. Arrangements are being made for the installation of wireless telegraph on New York Central and Lake Shore railroads. It is proposed to equip the Twentieth Century Limited and Lake Shore lines with wireless telegraph so that passengers on them may send or receive messages at any time, whether the train is standing still or running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. Preliminary tests have satisfied President Newman that this is possible with the wireless system of telegraphy. To provide communication with trains in motion is only part of the New York Central's plans. Experiments have been made of the present automatic block signals in combination with equipment for wireless telegraphy, whereby signals of danger have been given in the engine cabin. This system of double wiring to engineers will be a most valuable safeguard against accidents and will make collisions almost impossible.

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.

Mr. George E. Spence, of Bruce Co., writes: "I was troubled with nervous dyspepsia for some years, and after using nine bottles of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I felt better than I had for years. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is certainly the best medicine I ever used, and I say so because I want to give credit where it is due."

At first glance, "The Mortgage on the Brain" seems to be a simple, straightforward story of a man who has been driven to the verge of insanity by the loss of his mind.

Unless the soap you use has this brand you are not getting the best.

Street Naming Again Discussed

City Council Asked to Reconsider the Nomenclature Report.

Ald. Fell Says Advantage Was Taken of Absentees by Committee.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At the meeting of the city council last night considerable discussion turned upon the report of the street naming committee, which was adopted a few weeks ago.

Ald. Fell wanted to have the report reconsidered, claiming that the report presented did not embody the views of the committee at first agreed upon. In other words he held that certain changes had been made by the committee at a second meeting, advantage being taken of the absence of himself and some other members. He accordingly moved that the report be reconsidered.

Ald. Stewart thought if the council attempted to please everybody they would never get anything done. He thought they should have backbone enough to say what they wanted and stick to it.

Ald. Oddy said they were prepared to stand by the decision first come to, but the nomenclature was changed again at the second meeting.

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Chinese Gamblers Fight the Charge

Council Holds That the Police Raid Was an Unlawful One.

The four and twenty Chinese gathered in by the strategic assault on the gambling house at 40 Comorant street and on the night of the 17th inst. were taken to the police station.

The police court was malodorous when the case was called. It was crowded with Chinese and the case was carried on the same day as just recorded.

The court was littered with coats, hats, and various impediments of the gamblers. The Chinese pleaded not guilty and the case was carried on the same day as just recorded.

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Russia Will Send Fifth Fleet.

Port Said, April 17.—Information has reached here to the effect that a fifth division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, under Admiral Veselago, and composed of the battleships Imperator Alexander II, Slava and Paul I, the armored cruiser Panayev, and the second class cruiser Gromkiy, will traverse the Suez canal in July or August.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL'S FAREWELL. Laconic Message Sent to St. Petersburg From Baltic Fleet.

Paris, April 17.—Gaston Dru telegraphed from St. Petersburg to the Dcho de Paris that Admiral Rojstvensky's last telegram before leaving Nossi Be was singularly laconic and eloquent. He wired:

"Will not telegraph again before the battle. If I am beaten, you will learn it through Togo. If I defeat him, I will announce it to you."

M. Dru adds that the telegram was accepted to mean that the Russians seek victory or death.

FROSTS IN THE SOUTH. Fruits and Crops Suffer Severely From Unusual Cold.

Gainesville, Ga., April 17.—Almost the entire peach crop in northeast Georgia, was killed by last night's frost. Growers state that there will not be enough peaches grown for a single shipment.

Columbus, S. C., April 17.—A killing frost, which spread practically all over the state this morning, had damaged the peach crop in a large section.

Roanoke, Va., April 17.—Reports from southwest Virginia indicate that the fruit crop is in great danger tonight. The mercury fell today to 28° below zero. Snow fell at intervals.

New Bern, N. C., April 17.—The frost last night worked great damage to all truck crops in this vicinity. The potato crop is ruined and peas and beans are killed, except in a few protected places. Ice formed here, and in some places is reported a quarter of an inch thick.

THE GUN. Fish and Game Club (From Tuesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club was held in the Drift Hotel last evening.

For Quick Action On Indian Reserve

Board of Trade Advises Aldermen Board of a Psychological Moment.

Prompt Action May for Ever Settle Perennial Topic of Discussion.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Prior to the meeting of the City Council last night the acting mayor and aldermen were waited upon by a deputation from the Board of Trade, deputed to bring certain matters looking to an early settlement of the Sotheby reserve question to the attention of the civic authorities.

The deputation emphasized the necessity of prompt action and submitted the following suggestions: "That the city make a definite proposal at once, in writing, to the provincial government, to purchase the reserve, substantially as the Board of Trade proposed by the ratepayers on the following lines:

"That the city agree to provide a new reserve to the satisfaction of the Indians and the government, obtain the consent of the Indians to removal and make the necessary arrangements therefor.

"That whether the city or the government carry out the rehabilitation, the cost of same to be met from the proceeds of the sale of the central portion of the reserve, substantially as provided in the terms of agreement now in the hands of the government.

"The provincial government to surrender to the city the north and south portions of the reserve, the city to hold the same for use for park, industrial, railroad and wharfage purposes, in the common interest of the city and the province, and such portions of the same as shall be necessary for terminal railroad and wharfage purposes to the E. & N. railroad and to all other railroads seeking approach to the harbor."

The deputation consisted of A. J. Morley, F. C. Macgregor, F. W. Vincent and Andrew Gray.

The matter was referred to the committee of the City Council having the reserve question in charge.

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