

STARVING CREW OF SCHOONER RESCUED

Captain and Men of Japanese Vessel Landed at Victoria by the Steamer Tydeus.

Capt. Uye Maki and 17 men of the Japanese schooner Kiam Maru were landed from the Holt liner Tydeus, which reached the outer wharf shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. They were picked up nearly two hundred miles off the coast of Japan, after being nearly ten days without food or water.

The Kiam Maru was proceeding in ballast on a short trip of about forty miles between two Japanese trading ports. She left on December 19th, and when a few hours out encountered strong northwesterly winds, which drove her out of her course. For several days the captain endeavored to tack up to his course, but the wind was against him, and the schooner drifted farther and farther away from the coast. After eight days had passed, provisions ran short, and the crew of 17 men were placed on half rations. Then the captain lost his bearings and the position of the schooner became almost hopeless. A few days later the vessel gave out entirely. On the 12th inst, the Tydeus, having in sight and Capt. Campbell, noticing signals of distress on the Kiam Maru, sailed as close up as possible and offered assistance.

Some difficulty was experienced in conveying messages to the unfortunate men, but finally one of the men on the Holt liner who understood a little Japanese managed to make it clear that the starving men could have provisions if they would put off to the steamer.

A choppy sea prevented the Tydeus from sailing very close up to the schooner, but with the aid of a megaphone the Japanese captain was informed of his bearings and the offer of assistance made. The crew of the schooner then put off in a sampan, and, upon reaching the steamer, told their story. They told that they had been without water or food for nearly two weeks, that the schooner was in an unmanageable condition and that they were too weak to sail her. Capt. Campbell, seeing the emaciated condition of the Japs, took them aboard and sent a boat off to the Kiam Maru as soon as possible. Then, as the schooner lay directly in the way of traffic, he set fire to her.

The thanks of the rescued men were conveyed to the worthy skipper in the form of a "chin-chin" organized by them and the Japanese passengers a few days ago, and will likely be returned to him. The captain and crew were handed over to the Japanese consul upon arrival, and will likely be returned to the Tongo Maru.

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HOW THE PREMIER WAS BLUDGEONED

Threat to Use Scandal Against Him Finally Brought About Green's Resignation--The Split in the Party.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The recent revelation of the connection between the premier and works with the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate merely brings to a head the rumors which have been circulating both here and in Vancouver for some time.

The evident distaste of a large and formerly influential element of the Conservative party for Mr. Green was no mystery in clubland, and indeed in financial circles. Shortly before Mr. Green's resignation this element endeavored to bludgeon the premier into compelling Mr. Green's retirement, threatening to withdraw their support. It was not until they intimated, however, to not only withdraw their support but to use the present scandal against the government, that Premier McBride consented to part with his right-hand man.

In view of the recent revelations of the connection between the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate's dealings and Mr. Green, while the latter was chief commissioner of lands and works it is no wonder that financial men in the province have declined to take an active part in the present campaign and accomplish the defeat of the McBride administration.

It is pointed out by them that it is a shocking thing to have the credit of the province threatened on the London market by such a transaction as this. There can be little doubt that the name of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, as a shareholder in the lands, was used privately, if not publicly, in financial circles in the country when the flotation of the company was being effected. The effect of the Chief Commissioner being connected with such methods are slow of his supposed intimate knowledge of the country, would undoubtedly be that the promoters would have their work lightened to some extent in disposing of stock in London.

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OFFICIAL BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Elaborate Arrangements Being Made For the Function to Be Held Jan. 31st.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

On Jan. 31st an official ball is to be given at Government House by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Duns-muir. The function will be probably the most elaborate in its details of any ever given in Government House. Nothing is being spared to make the event perfect in all its arrangements.

The invitations number about 1,400 persons. In order to facilitate the serving of the supper His Honor is having a temporary room built under the charge of Thos. Catterall. By this addition it will be possible to seat about 200 at supper at one time.

The decorations for the occasion will also be of the most perfect character, carried out by the members of the household. Music will be provided by the orchestra of the Fifth Regiment, under the direction of Mr. Rumden.

A district military order has been issued by Col. Holmes, D. O. C., covering the question of the military dress to be worn on the occasion. The order reads as follows:

Officers attending the ball at Government House on the 31st instant will wear mess dress.

It is notified for future guidance that mess dress will always be worn on similar occasions unless otherwise ordered.

The clearances from Japanese ports to foreign countries are about 12,000 vessels a year.

KINGSTON RELIEF.

Kingston, Jan. 24.—The Most Rev. Dr. Enos Nuttall, late archbishop of the West Indies, said to-day that he had heard here that King Edward had cabled deprecating the idea that the archbishop should be asked to resign assistance. He said he trusted His Majesty had not given utterance to this sentiment, and that if he had the archbishop did not approve of it. The archbishop said that he believed a great mistake had been made when the governor rejected the offer of assistance.

The archbishop sent a cablegram to President Roosevelt to-day thanking him warmly for the assistance of the American navy.

Bishop Hendricks, of Colon, arrived here this morning on board the steamer Advance, which brought from Colon one hundred tons of food and \$800 to be distributed to the Jamaican refugees by the relief committee.

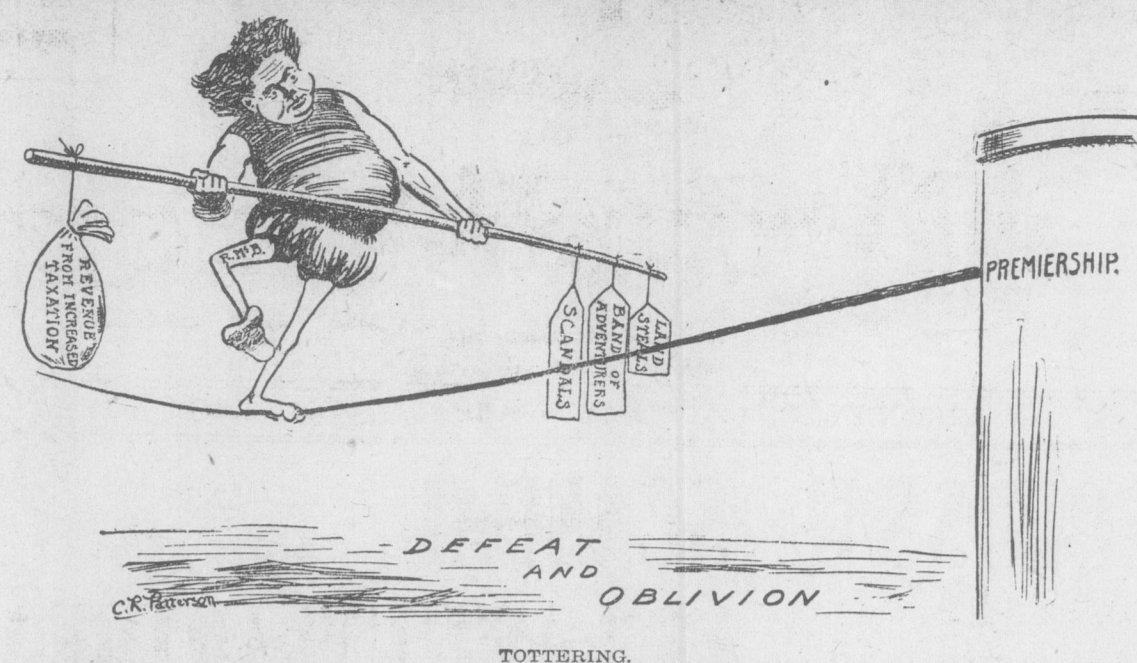
A Hayken gunboat has arrived here and they offered aid, but was declined by the governor.

MILEAGE RATES.

Bill introduced in the State Legislature of Maine.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 24.—An act to adjust and establish mileage rates to passengers on the steam railroads of the state was presented in the house to-day. It provides that the mileage books shall be issued and kept for sale at regular stations of three demeritons, 250, 500 and 1,000 miles, good for the carrying on regular passenger trains.

In France land and grass are usually too valuable to be given over to sheep grazing, hence most of the sheep consumed are imported. Algeria supplies over 1,000,000 a year.



MACDONALD TO TRAIL ELECTORS

DENOUNCES POLICY OF M'BRIDE GOVERNMENT

Liberal Prospects in Ymir Very Bright--F. J. Hume Certain of Election.

Rossland, Jan. 24.—The Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, and F. J. Deane, of Nelson, held a rousing meeting at Trail last evening in the interests of F. J. Hume, the Liberal candidate for Ymir district. Mr. Deane opened the meeting, speaking for half an hour. He made special reference to Mr. Hume's past legislative experience and the fact that he fathered the eight-hour law for metalliferous miners. Mr. Deane discussed clause by clause Mr. Hume's address to the electors of Ymir. Mr. Macdonald followed, speaking about one hour. He dealt with the main issues of the campaign, the principal of which he declared was the question whether the C.P.R. or the people of British Columbia should control the government of the province. He outlined in detail the acts of the McBride government, which served to prove Premier McBride simply the tool of a railroad corporation.

The meeting was entirely successful and put fresh heart into the Liberals and in what is thought to be Mr. Schofield's stronghold, Mr. Schofield was not present, neither was represented at the meeting. Trail will give Mr. Hume a good vote and there is no reason why Mr. Hume should not split the vote about even, which would mean an easy victory for the Liberal candidate.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Dr. Krieger Explains the Attitude of Germany.

Beilin, Jan. 24.—Prof. De Martens, of St. Petersburg, launched with Ambassa- dor Towers to-day, and had a second talk with him regarding the attitude of the United States to the second peace conference at the Hague.

Foreign Secretary Tschirsky and Prof. De Martens, had a meeting at the foreign office yesterday concerning Germany's wishes regarding the conference and the secretary delegated Dr. Krieger, of the international law division of the foreign office, to explain Germany's views fully, pointing out that Germany is ready to go into the conference whenever it is agreeable to the other powers.

The second peace conference is considered to be more important than the first, as it will probably begin its deliberations when the world has advanced to the point where it is realized that the relations between peoples and government can be modified and adjusted by the counsel and moral weight of their neighbors.

NO EXPLANATION FROM SWEETENHAM

THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION CONDEMNED

Incident Closed As Far as Great Britain and United States are Concerned.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 24.—President Roosevelt's assurance through Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, that the United States will pay no heed to the Kingston incident, coupled with the press dispatches stating that the American officials consider the incident closed, elicit some appreciative expressions of satisfaction from the officials and public here who do not desire to prolong the painful controversy. However, the closing of the incident is considered to apply to the international aspect only, as there remains a considerable reckoning between Great Britain and Governor Sweetenham.

Several circumstances quite independent of the incident in which Rear Admiral Davis was connected and not coming through American channels are combining to create prejudice against Sweetenham's cause.

A special dispatch from Kingston announces that a number of ships are arriving there in the nick of time as the local supplies of food were running short. The dispatch, however, adds "in view of the governor's action in refusing American assistance and gifts the disposition of the latest consignments are uncertain."

A dispatch to the Times says concerning Governor Sweetenham's action in depriving thousands of women and children of food and shelter, "prominent English officials, clergymen and judges join in condemning the governor's course. It is also considered significant that the chief organ of the government, the London Tribune, is so severely critical of his conduct because the governor refused its offer of relief and supplies from England. The merchants here have been aroused by the passage in the governor's letter stating that they would be glad of the free help of the marines in clearing their stores."

The Daily Telegraph in an article on Governor Sweetenham says: "We would be unfaithful to our duties as an exponent of public opinion if we failed to call attention to the extraordinary conduct of His Excellency in the present crisis. His general behaviour at a moment of peril and difficulty was unworthy a responsible British official and even an uncultured Englishman. His offer to Rear-Admiral Davis was a production of which he ought to be ashamed; of which the Jamaicans are ashamed. The United States is a friendly nation; their home is British and their flesh is British, and no one but a blinded bigot would have refused to admit the American's landing party, speaker of the Alberta Legislature, forecasted the construction by the provincial government not only of long distance lines all over the province, but of rural service exchanges in all parts of Alberta. Their exchange means that Alberta is going into the telephone business on a more extensive scale than before attempted by any other government in the world."

SNOW SLIDES AT COAL CREEK

PEOPLE ADVISED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES

Work at Standstill in Mines--Men Employed Clearing Entrances and Tracks.

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 23.—The mild weather of the last two days had a serious effect at Coal Creek in causing heavy snows down the mountain sides.

On Monday evening a large slide occurred over No. 3 and No. 5 mines, and as a consequence the mines are not working and a large number of men are employed in clearing entrances and tracks.

The slide nearly caused a fatality, burying an Italian for two hours, and it was with much difficulty that he was revived.

Residents in the danger zone have been warned to leave their homes for the present, as there is grave danger that slides may occur at any moment with disastrous results.

M'INNES SPEAKS AT KAMLOOPS

SWANSON'S ELECTION IS NOW CONCEDED

Liberal Orator Made Powerful At- tack Upon McBride Government --Applauded to Echo.

Kamloops, Jan. 23.—W. W. B. McInnes captured a Conservative mass meeting at Kamloops this evening. Martin Durrell and A. S. Goodvee, two of the most brilliant government speakers of the district, were holding a meeting on behalf of Hon. F. J. Fullerton. The Liberal candidate succeeded in getting a short allotment of time at the expense of the Conservatives. The gentleman was wired to and promptly accepted the gauntlet. When Mr. McInnes came to speak he promptly made such a powerful attack upon the McBride government, and proceeded to present such a clear case for the Liberal party that in a short time the entire audience was testifying by frequent bursts of applause to the fact that they were heartily in accord with the speaker. It was a signal triumph for Mr. McInnes, and the certainty of Mr. Swanson's election has been freely conceded on all sides since the meeting.

COLD SNAP.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—Not since February 5th, 1888, has the thermometer registered such a low point as it did at 5 o'clock to-day, the mercury falling to 10 below zero. From about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon it grew steadily colder and the prospects are that the frigid weather will hold out during the day. Reports from all parts of the state show that the present cold snap is the most severe known in many years and as a result a great ice crop is expected to be harvested.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Following is the latest and final draft of the programme of performances, etc. for the week of His Excellency's musical and theatrical trophy competition being held next Monday, January 23th: Monday, Ottawa minstrel performance "Gringoire"; Tuesday, 29th, Quebec symphony concert, Hallifax, Captain Swift; January 30th, His Excellency's reception; January 31st, Hamilton, "The Deacon" and "Kitty Chive"; St. Johns, Nfld., boys' brigade band, February 1st, Montreal choral society, Toronto "The Stoops to Conquer"; February 2nd, Winnipeg, "The Release of Allan Danvers," Montreal, "Arms and the Man."

ANCIENT CITY DESTROYED.

Polotsk, Russia, Has Been Wiped Out by Fire.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—The central part of the city of Polotsk, in the province of Vitsebsk, one of the most ancient cities of the empire, has been destroyed by fire. The damage done is very heavy.

GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

EXTENSIVE SCHEME OUTLINED FOR ALBERTA

Long Distance Lines and Rural Ser- vice Exchanges Will Be Con- structed in Province.

(Associated Press.)

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 24.—Speaking at a convention last night Attorney-General Cross and J. B. Boyd, deputy speaker of the Alberta Legislature, forecasted the construction by the provincial government not only of long distance lines all over the province, but of rural service exchanges in all parts of Alberta. Their exchange means that Alberta is going into the telephone business on a more extensive scale than before attempted by any other government in the world.

WARM WEATHER.

Calgary, Jan. 23.—Calgary was visited yesterday by the most acceptable and delightful chinook weather that it has received during the year. The warm weather arrived early in the morning, and by 8 o'clock work started in the building line, as though it had been discontinued the day before, and just as it is carried on the year round in an ordinary winter. Stone-masons, carpenters and other building trades are in active work. This was not so agreeable to the hospital which began yesterday morning.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Vancouver, Jan. 23.—Adelaide Tourgeon, a registrar stationed in Vancouver, has disappeared. He was last seen on New Year's night and foul play is feared.

Important discoveries were made in the mineral survey of Ceylon. The most important mineral was an ore of thorium, which contained 70 or 80 per cent. of thorium. The ore is very extensively in making gas mantles.

PACIFIC COAST SERVICE TO MEXICO

General Manager of the New Steamship Line Speaks Glowingly of the Prospects of Trade.

Captain T. H. Worsnop, the general manager of the Canadian-Mexican Pacific steamship line, which will shortly operate between Vancouver, Victoria and Mexican ports, is now in the city making final arrangements in connection with G. F. Symons. These London concerns own 21 steamships, which ply all over the world, and the partners of these firms, who are the prime movers in the enterprise, have subscribed the capital for the Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship Company.

Captain Worsnop is very optimistic in connection with the new enterprise, and gave some interesting details this morning.

"Victoria will be our headquarters on the Pacific," he said. "J. H. Greer has been appointed freight and passenger agent for British Columbia. To him is due the suggestion of this scheme, which is now rapidly approaching completion.

"We will start into business during the first week in April. The steamship Georgia, which is now on her way here, will sail from Salina Cruz on the 1st of April, we hope, and then the project will have been inaugurated.

"The ports of call in British Columbia will be Victoria and Vancouver, and on the Mexican coast, Mazatlan, Manzanilla, Acapulco, and Salina Cruz. The latter port is the terminus of the new Tehuantepec National Railway, which was formally inaugurated yesterday. Over this line we hope to do a very large trade.

"We will start the line with the steamships Georgia and Lonsdale. They are clipper built, three-masted, capable of steaming twelve or thirteen knots an hour, and are thus well in excess of the government requirements, which ask for ten knots. They are both about 4,500 tons dead weight.

"These vessels will each carry 200 saloon and about 200 steerage passengers. We expect that the passenger traffic will be nearly altogether of a commercial nature. If either the passenger or the freight traffic warrants it, we shall at once add other vessels to the line.

"On the Mexican coast we shall commence by calling at the ports named. The merchandise will be shipped or entrained from these to smaller ports, and if we find that the trade grows very fast, as we have every reason to believe it will, we will make several other ports of call along the Mexican coast.

"On the first voyage between British Columbia and Mexico, and vice versa,

we will carry samples of general merchandise, free of charge. This is in order to show what Canada and Mexico have to offer to each other. We will carry merchandise of every description, and expect to bring shipments from Eastern Canada for the Mexican Pacific coast.

"Our freight rates will be regulated to compete with those already in existence between San Francisco and Mexico. The passenger rates have not yet been decided, but they will be arranged to compete with those that have been established between Vancouver, Victoria and Mexican ports.

"Already several inquiries have been received for the shipment from British Columbia of ore, hardwoods, fruit, coffee and salt. All indications point to an enormous and ever extending trade. The general chartering, brokerage and time being done at the head office of the company in London.

Captain Worsnop is very enthusiastic over the project, and considers that there are few finer fields for commercial and shipping enterprise than that along the Pacific coast. Within two years he considers it will be necessary to put on three or four more ships, as he says every indication points to the birth of a great enterprise. "We are breaking virgin ground," he said, in conclusion. "and are giving the impetus to the future of British Columbia, which I have often heard, and have every reason to believe has the greatest natural resources of any equally large tract of country in the world."

Captain Worsnop will remain in the city until Saturday, when he will leave for the Mexican ports where the new steamship line will call. There he will make all arrangements at that end, and will enter into negotiations with large commercial interests with which he is already in touch. In the meantime during his brief stay here he will confer with J. H. Greer, the local agent, and discuss all the ramifications of the scheme.

F. E. Dixon will only remain on the coast for a few days, during which time he will pay a visit to Seattle. He will then return to London. Captain Worsnop, when he has completed his business arrangements at Mexican ports, will come back to Victoria, and will remain between here and Vancouver until the new line is successfully started, a very short time an office will be opened at Vancouver.

The Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship Company has chosen a very favorable time for its enterprise. In view of the fact that the Tehuantepec National railway has just been formally inaugurated. Already the American Hawaiian Steamship company has made connections with the Pacific terminus of this railway at Salina Cruz and with the Atlantic terminus at Coahuaco.

LIBERAL RALLY AT OAK BAY SCHOOL

MEETING TO-NIGHT FOR CITY AND SAANICH

Big Meeting in Esquimalt on Satur- day Night--W. W. B. McInnes to Speak.

There will be a political meeting held in the Oak Bay school house this evening to be addressed by the Liberal candidates for the city, and John Piercy, the Liberal standard bearer for Saanich. Fred Peters is also expected to address the meeting.

The gathering will be a joint one in the interests of the local and the Saanich associations. There is expected to be a large attendance, not only of those within the city riding, but also from the Saanich constituency.

The Esquimalt Meeting.

In Esquimalt constituency a series of meetings covering all next week has been arranged for. The big gathering will be in Esquimalt on Saturday night, when W. W. B. McInnes will be present and address the meeting. The other speakers are John Jardine, the Liberal candidate; R. L. Drury, one of the candidates for Victoria, and A. W. McCurdy.

Following the Saturday night's meeting, which will be held in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt, there will be public gatherings in the interests of John Jardine in the Colwood hall on Monday evening; in the Carleton Hotel, on Wednesday; in Victoria's Bridge hotel Thursday and the Lampson street school house at Esquimalt on Friday night.

The Liberal candidates in the city will hold a meeting to-morrow evening in Cramer's hall.

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COUNTRY AFFAIRS

Government's Con- cate Regarde

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The announcement of the scandal unearthed in the Works Department, which was published in yesterday's Times, is a topic of conversation in this city.

It is felt that while the government has endeavored to make Mr. Macdonald, the last vestige of a few of its partisans retain for it, have been swayed and its doom on February 1st ready sealed.

The mere fact that the members of the government have late minister's connection will dictate from May of last year the date of the election, makes every man with him in the odium.

Numerous rumors have been around the city with regard to Green's resignation ever since the disclosure of the scandal, and the final disclosure of the scandal has made many other incidents and events of the past year seem to have been with him in the odium.

A prominent Conservative when he remarked:

"Taken in conjunction with the scandal, the Kiam Maru deal and several other transactions which the present government is concerned, this last revelation is ample and unhampered in the Lands and Works Department. This is why it is necessary that it should support Mr. Macdonald's approaching election."

As it may readily be supposed, McBride's government's fastidiousness with favor towards a continental exploration syndicate is not the only scandal which has been revealed. Ever since last May, when Mr. Macdonald was elected, the facts of the arrangement outlined in last evening's Times have been a sore to the eyes of the devoted McBride et al.

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