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INVESTIGATORS' REPORT RAISES CIVIC BOARD OF WORKS HARD

FIRST EMPRESS OF SEASON IS DOCKED

Passengers on Britain Number More Than Five Hundred

CLERGYMAN NOT THERE

Officers and Passengers Say Rev. Mr. Farrar Was Not on Board—Off Newfoundland a Bit—Rough Weather a Test For Travelers

The S. S. Empress of Britain, the first C. P. R. steamer of the winterport season of 1911-12, arrived in port last evening and docked at No. 2 and 3 berths at Sand Point about half-past one o'clock this morning.

Commander J. A. Murray, who was on the steamer last season, is again in command. He has been running this port for several seasons, and has many friends here who will heartily welcome him.

The Empress brought off forty-five first-class passengers, 120 second-class and 347 steerage. The majority of the first and second cabin passengers were sent away early this morning, but the steerage passengers will not get away until late this afternoon.

The officers on the Empress this year were: Captain A. E. P. Farrar, chief engineer, G. D. Fisher, P. N. R. Purser, W. P. Gale, M.D., C. M. Surgeon, B. Coyle, chief steward. The following is the list of passengers.

Saloon passengers:—Duncan Bell, Dwight Brainerd, Montreal; R. E. Burns, London; Chas. Condon, London; Eugene Coste, Mrs. Coste, Miss G. Coste, Miss I. Coste, Toronto; Miss N. Dodd, Quebec; A. E. Ellis, Windsor; W. F. H. Hill, Wood, Oakland; Mrs. M. F. Francis, Master D. B. Francis, Blandford; and Miss W. A. L. Goldsmith, London; Mrs. E. Hall, W. Grasset, London; Ernest A. W. Hager, Manchester; F. W. Jones, Victoria, B.C.; Col. D. C. Lamb, London; Mrs. E. Hall, McCormick, Miss McCormick, Chicago; V. G. Matterson, Liverick; J. J. Morson, Zurich; C. R. J. Mosher, London; C. H. Nicholson, Vancouver; Miss M. O. Neill, Toronto; Miss Nina Pennington, Minneapolis; H. L. Perchard, Montreal; Miss K. R. C. Pipes, Halifax; S. I. Pitts, Miss Maria Pitts, Miss Gladys Pitts, Victoria; B. C. G. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Rhodes, Pointe-à-la-Croix; A. E. Rykert, Montreal; S. M. Sawyer, Zurich; J. D. A. Scott, London; Mrs. J. J. ... (Continued on page 3, fifth column).

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Max, Min, Dir, Vel. Rows include Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Chatham, Halifax, Sydney, Sable Island, St. John's, New York.

Forecast—Gales, northeast to west, decreasing tonight, local snow falls or frosts and much colder; Sunday, fresh southwest to west winds, fair and cold at first, then rising temperature.

Saint John Observatory. The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50, and drops at 1 p. m. standard time of the 69th Meridian, equivalent to five hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1911. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 48; lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 24; temperature at noon ...

Bankers Approve of It. New Orleans, Nov. 25.—With but one dissenting vote the American Bankers Association yesterday gave its unqualified approval of the proposed Aldrich plan for the reform of the monetary system of the United States. Congress was urged to deal with the proposition as an economic question outside the domain of party politics.

Director Murdoch and Ald. McGoldrick and Smith on The Griddle

SPENCER IS GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Miss Blackstone Shows No Emotion On Hearing Verdict

FATHER IS CONVICTED

Manlaughter Verdict Against Philadelphia Man—Shot One He Accused of Battering Daughter—Rev. Mr. Richeson's Resignation Has Been Accepted By Church

There have been so many hints and half truths in regard to the coming report of the sub-committee appointed to investigate the civic board of works and its doings, that The Times, in the public interest, presents herewith, the complete report of the investigating committee, together with its somewhat drastic recommendations.

Among these recommendations, which will be found in full at the end of this article, are several dealing with the conduct of certain aldermen and with the manner in which the director has discharged his duties.

The report is to be submitted at Tuesday night's meeting, and will go to the council for discussion.

Director Murdoch, Alderman McGoldrick Alderman Smith, and several other gentlemen, in addition to the general public, are likely to read the detailed report with a rising pulse.

Notwithstanding this, quite extensive work has been carried out this year on Elliott row, Charles street, and on the west side of the harbor without being authorized by the board. Mr. Winchell, in his evidence, page 11, fourth session, said that a new piece of asphalt 160 feet in length, was in process of making, and that the director had told him to go ahead and do it. Ald. McGoldrick, when asked if he had anything to do with directing the work on Charles street, in his evidence on page 3 of the seventh session, said: "No, the engineer took it on himself."

How Time is Lost. Mr. Thompson, in his evidence of page 18 of the fifth session, says that when buying materials for the wharves, the engineer gives orders for \$48 or \$50 worth of lumber and he repeats the order a number of times, instead of reporting the required amount to the board beforehand and having an order for the quantity required.

Accordingly much time is lost by men being changed from one job to another, until another \$48 worth of lumber can be bought. Mr. Thompson says: "If I want some deals I get an order for \$48 worth, and if I want more, I get two orders." When asked if the lumber did not cost more on account of being bought in this way, he said: "It costs \$14 in large quantities and \$16 in small."

He also admits that an order for about the required quantity could be made to the board at its monthly meetings.

Miss Sherman of New York Will Wed Lord Camoys This Afternoon. Columbia, B. C., Nov. 25.—A masked white man late last night robbed the mail car of Atlantic coast line train No. 25, between Boyers and this city, took the registered letters, stopped the train and jumped just before the train reached the city limits. The value of the registered mail stolen is not known, but the letters were said to contain several thousands dollars.

SUFFRAGISTS' NEW METHODS TO WIN THE VOTE FOR WOMEN. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—To prove to ridiculing men that suffragists can raise money as one of their main purposes, members of the Illinois equal suffrage association have planned a "county fair," at which the main feature will be a baby show. The women who would vote are also desirous of showing the stronger sex that they are not far astray, when it comes to a question of cooking, and a cooking contest has been arranged for.

MONGTON NEWS; AN AWARD TO THE I. C. R. Moncton, N. B., Nov. 25.—(Special)—The Intercolonial railway has been awarded a gold medal by the directors of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, for a fine display made last September when the Ocean Limited was ingeniously featured in an illuminated motion picture that attracted much attention.

It looks as though the province will have a professional hockey league after all. Word comes today that New Glasgow has planned a "county fair," with a four-team organization, with Moncton and two teams from Halifax.

The marriage of Miss Ella Florence Mitchell, of Moncton, to James Walter McKay, of Fredericton, took place on Wednesday in Dorchester, Mass., where the bride's sister Mrs. W. H. MacGowan, resides. The bride was a teacher in Moncton for some years.

Pharmacy Course Still One Year. Toronto, Nov. 25.—The council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy has decided against adopting the recommendation of Dean C. F. Haesler, that the prescribed course be two years instead of one as at present.

Committee's Recommendations, Given Here in Full, Are Based on Evidence Which is Quoted—Some Queer Light on Civic Methods as Interpreted by the Men With the Probe

REPORT DENIED.

A rumor was current today that the steamer Elaine had been purchased by D. J. Purdy from Dr. L. A. Curry. Both strongly denied knowledge of any such transaction.

Quebec, Nov. 25.—Chief Justice Lemieux and Judge Doying rendered judgment yesterday afternoon, in the contested election case of Quebec West. As all contestants in the case were present, Mr. Power, M. P., agreed to accept the judgment without costs against the petitioner, the court dismissed the petition, each party paying its own costs.

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Soon after the death of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, only a few days subsequent to his release on parole, it is known the effort to secure a pardon for Morse was renewed. The president in disposing of the first pardon proposition last May had mentioned January 15, 1913, as the date on which Morse would be permitted again to seek executive clemency. He will not be eligible for parole until 1915.

COMMEMORATE WORK OF FRENCH MISSIONARIES OF LONG AGO IN CANADA. Quebec, Nov. 25.—Work has been commenced on the installation of two new statues in their places on the face of the parliament house. The statues are those of Fathers Brebeuf and Marquette, the early French missionaries to Canada. The bronzes, which are eight feet high, are the work of La Liberté, a young Canadian artist.

NEW TRIAL FOR WILSON. Halifax, Nov. 25.—(Special)—The full court this morning gave unanimous judgment granting a new trial for Harry Wilson convicted of murdering his brother-in-law, Digby.

QUEBEC ELECTION CASE PETITION IS DISCUSSED. Quebec, Nov. 25.—Should Italy attempt to force the Dardanelles the Porte has arranged to sink a number of Turkish ships with a purpose of obstructing the fairway. Turkish military officials are awaiting developments with composure. They declare that an Italian fleet would suffer such losses in forcing the straits that the numerously weak Turkish squadron would be able further to reduce the enemy's effectiveness to such an extent that if it reached Constantinople it would be at the mercy of the Turkish forts.

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SWEPT BY CANADA AT THE HORSE SHOW

SOLDIERS BEAT PIRATE FORCES

MR. SIFTON PROMINENT

His Three Horses Capture Prize for Best Team of Hunters—United States Has Much To Learn From England and Dominion

(Canadian Press) * Hong Kong, Nov. 25.—A gang of Chinese pirates, yesterday attempted to raid Wu Chow, a treaty port in the province of Kwang Si, but were badly whipped and many killed. The remainder had to flee for their lives.

The pirates were completely routed, more than 100 of their number being killed. Seventy-five others who were captured, were immediately beheaded.

The soldiers also suffered severely. Many of them were killed and the hospitals are full of wounded. Piracy is rampant and numbers of craft of all types have been looted, while robbers are murdering and pillaging ashore.

Peiking, Nov. 25.—The position of Premier Yuan Shi Kai is becoming more intolerable daily. Neither the Manchus nor the Chinese trust him and the Manchus are becoming more suspicious all the time.

The moderates do not hesitate to say that if Yuan had remained at Shang Te Pe the world would now be at Jehol and the rebellion ended. Many Chinese believe that while Yuan is reassuring foreigners with a view to obtaining a loan and placating the moderates with pretended pacific measures, he is really intent upon crushing the rebellion with force.

The imperialists after an attack upon Hankow that lasted for thirty-six hours were repulsed last Thursday and driven back across the Han river with great loss.

CARPENTERS MUST UNITE OR ELSE WILL LOSE THEIR CHARTER. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25.—The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners must merge with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America by July next, or lose their charter in the American Federation of Labor. The federation of these two organizations, which has a membership of about 200,000 members and the Amalgamated Society, which is a branch of the British organization, has about \$100,000.

After President Gompers had answered an attack made on labor leaders by Detective Burns at the bankers convention in New Orleans the convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday adopted resolutions condemning the expression of confidence in Burns by the state secretary's section of the bankers' convention.

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