

## ANOTHER LINER FOR PACIFIC

Announcement that Larger and Costlier Steamer than Empress of China Will be Secured Creates Interest

Much interest is being displayed on the waterfront regarding the announcement made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., at Montreal, that a steamer twice as large and costlier as the wrecked Empress of China is to be provided at the expense of the C.P.R. to replace the lost liner in the trans-Pacific trade. It is taken to mean that another steamer other than the Empress of China, the Empress of Asia and Empress of Russia, now under construction at the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering company in Glasgow, will be secured. It was reported some time ago, but the report could not be confirmed, that negotiations were being made for the purchase of the liner Minnesota, it is well known that this steamer, the only remaining liner operated across the North Pacific under the United States flag, has not been a money maker under her United States register. For the present the place of the Empress of China is being filled by the Montevideo, the four-masted vessel formerly in service for the Elder- Dempster line which was used as an intermediate steamer with the three Empresses. The Montevideo arrived at Hong Kong was held back there and will leave that port on October 14th taking up the schedule of the Empress of China.

The next Oriental liner expected at the outer wharf is the Suverio of the Vicer line, which is due from Manila and the usual ports of call in the far east tomorrow or Sunday. The Suverio is bringing a cargo of general freight of which about 200 tons will be discharged here. She has a saloon and 55 stateroom passengers.

The Inaba Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line which left Yokohama on September 27th, is due at the outer wharf on Wednesday next, and the Empress of Japan, which left the Japanese coast on Sunday is due here on Thursday next. The Mexico Maru of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is also en route across the Pacific, having sailed from Yokohama on Monday and she is due here on October 19th.

**Demand for Flour**  
The Kamakura Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line will leave the outer wharf tomorrow for the Orient, taking a full cargo, including large shipments of flour. The failure of the crops in the Yangtze valley has resulted in an immense demand for flour from North Pacific ports in China this year. The United States consul-general at Hong Kong says the imports of flour will exceed five million bags this year, which is not reached since 1908. Consul-General Anderson, writing from Hong Kong, says:

"Reports from the Yangtze valley and North China, whence has come the competition that in recent years has resulted in Hong Kong's trade and into its imports of flour from the United States show that there has been too much damp weather and that the wheat is short. Under the Chinese method of raising and caring for it, a large portion of the wheat is so damaged that its use for flour of any grade is doubtful. On the other hand, the price at which farmers on the Pacific Coast of the United States sell their wheat is so low that it is being sold in great quantities to the Chinese mills, which must have some such wheat for mixing purposes. On the whole, the Chinese mills are believed to be so handicapped by their situation that when the wheat supply fails, competition from them, at least in the South China coast field, is not seriously apprehended."

After pointing to the competition with Australian flour, which he says has become of considerable moment, Consul-General Anderson remarks: "In no market in the world does a difference of a few cents per bag in the price make so great a difference in consumption as in Hong Kong, where flour is sold for Chinese consumption upon a most delicate balancing of the comparative values of wheat, rice, millet and other food products. What a slight difference in price means may be illustrated by the manner in which a rickshaw coolie deals with a vendor of wheat cakes which are a standard article of diet for lower class Chinese and are sold by street vendors at a standard price of one cent a cake. When a coolie is to make a purchase of one or more cakes he picks one from the vendor's tray, weighs it in his hand, and if in his judgment it is up to weight, he pays the purchase price and takes the goods. If it is not up to weight he will promptly refuse it, hence the vendor must have his cakes up to weight size. The food is sold on so narrow a margin that his profit will be only a few cents upon the product of a sack of flour. If flour goes up in price so as to eliminate that profit, the vendor makes up the difference by substitution of inferior flour or of adulterants. This same principle runs through all Chinese retail trade and explains why a difference of a few cents in price will reduce consumption in this flour trade by half."

### PRINCE RUPERT ON VOYAGE NORTH

and Trunk Pacific Steamer Left Yesterday Morning—Dr. Bryce Is Among Passengers.

The steamer Prince Rupert, of the G. P. Co., left yesterday morning for the north coast. Among the passengers was Dr. P. H. Bryce, of the Dept. of Immigration from Ottawa, who has been in Victoria for some days past, with Mr. J. M. Fortier, arranging for the transfer of the Chinese immigration business from the customs to his department. He is bound to Prince Rupert to look into immigration matters there

## ROCK CRUSHER STARTS

Roberts Vessel Moved Out to Dragger Rock After Undergoing Tests in the Upper Harbor.

After working for some time on tests in the upper harbor, the new Lobnitz rock crusher was towed out to start work on Dragger rock, the first obstruction set down for removal in the programme mapped out for the new rock crusher by the officials of the public works department.

### THETIS IN STORM

Severely Outrigger Damaged in Gale Is Ordered South From Alaska for Repairs.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 5.—The revenue cutter Thetis, which was detailed to carry the court of officers of Alaska to various points in the North Pacific, was ordered to Puget Sound for repairs and will leave Unalaska in a day or two for Seattle.

On September 25, while en route to Unalaska, the Thetis encountered a severe gale in which she had her jibboom and foretopmast rigged and gear carried away. The storm was of unusual violence and for more than twelve hours she battled with the elements and succeeded in reaching Unalaska on September 27 in a crippled condition.

### DUTCH STEAMER BURNED

IXION Lost by Fire Off Coast of Sumatra—Crew Took to the Boats—Not Reported.

BATAVIA, Dutch East Indies, Oct. 5.—The Dutch steamer Ixion, bound from this port for Liverpool has been burned near Engano, an island off the west coast of Sumatra. The steamer's crew, of about twenty-five, took to the boats, but has not yet been reported as having landed on the Sumatra coast.

### HARPALION'S BIG CARGO

Freighter Now Coaling at Comox Took Record Load of Grain From Puget Sound.

The British steamer Harpalion, which is loading bunker coal at Union Bay and will pass out to sea today, is carrying the largest grain cargo sent from the Sound to the United Kingdom. The Harpalion's cargo, according to her manifest, contains 319,723 bushels of wheat, valued at \$263,240. Shipping men say this is the largest single cargo of wheat ever dispatched from Puget Sound and one of the largest ever put afloat on the high seas. The steamer Algon, of the Pacific mail line, some years ago loaded 312,000 bushels of wheat. The British steamer Franklin, a season or two ago carried over 7,000 tons (the Harpalion's tonnage is 8,544), but no shipping man could be found last night with a record of wheat cargo from here before that of the steamer now coaling at the Vancouver Island port.

### Auto at Hazelton

HAZELTON, B. C., Oct. 5.—H. G. Smith and party of four, driving farthest north first to Hazelton, in auto, arrived here at 10 o'clock last night from Seattle, thereby winning the Challenger & Mitchell trophy and other prizes offered to the first motorist to drive the first car under its own power overland through the wilds of British Columbia to Hazelton. Almost unsurmountable difficulties were encountered and overcome by the plucky motorists. The whole town, with the local Italian brass band of 20 pieces, turned out to welcome the travelers, who will be tendered a banquet by the business men this evening.

### Accused of Offering Bribes.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 5.—S. A. MacMahon of Portland, was held under \$1,000 bonds today to answer to a charge of offering bribes to Mayor F. T. Sanderson and Councilmen Banks and Alford in connection with a paving contract. The preliminary of James Hughes, a former resident of Klamath Falls, on a charge of being a party to the alleged bribery, will be heard tomorrow. MacMahon was released on furnishing the bonds.

### MR. HILL'S NEW ROAD

Magnate Drives Golden Spike Which Marks Completion of Oregon Trunk Line Railway

BEND, Ore., Oct. 5.—Surrounded by hundreds of people, many of whom had come long distances to be present at the ceremony, James J. Hill, head of the Great Northern railroad, this afternoon drove the golden spike that officially marked the completion of the Oregon Trunk line railroad from the Columbia river to Bend. Mr. Hill arrived here early in the day with his party, which included a number of railroad officials both of the Hill and Harriman systems, and a large delegation of business men from Portland, Spokane and other cities.

Following the driving home of the last spike by the great railroad builder, Mr. Hill made an extensive speech in which he urged the co-operation between the people of central Oregon and the railroads. He declared the central Oregon is a great country, and that he had backed his belief by building a road through it that had cost between \$11,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

Mr. Hill said that he is a believer in the whole Pacific Northwest, and that his confidence in it is growing, as was evidenced by the recent building of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad down the north coast of the Columbia at a cost of from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

**Princess Alice on Her Way.**  
MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—A cablegram received at the Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters announces that the new Pacific coast steamer Princess Alice arrived at St. Vincent on its way to Vancouver on Tuesday.

## ITALIAN FLAG OVER TRIPOLI

Fortifications are Demolished by Heavy Gun Fire and Landing Parties Secure Possession of Place

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Italian flag floats over the Sultana fort at Tripoli, which is occupied by landing parties. Part of the fleet is anchored in the harbor, and the blowing up of the fort is a short distance from the dismantled fortifications.

According to a Constantinople report the Italian warships bombarded Benghazi and Derna today.

Rumors of a naval engagement in Turkish waters, of an attack against Mitylene and of the blowing up of the Italian battleship Conte di Cavour at Tripoli have not been confirmed from any quarter.

A report is current from Constantinople that while Germany favors the adoption of the Italian ultimatum as the basis of peace negotiations, Great Britain proposes that Tripoli shall become a privileged tributary Turkish vilayet under joint Turkish-Italian administration, thus retaining the suzerainty of the sultan.

ROME, Oct. 5.—Advices received here state that the most serious damage and loss of life during the bombardment of Tripoli occurred in the vicinity of the French fort, which dominates the northwest side of the city and at the docks.

The new Spanish fort, near the hospital, severely resisted and crumbled at the first shells. Some casualties resulted. The defenders hurriedly retired to the Pasha's castle.

The so-called English fort at the left of the harbor entrance offered a greater resistance, and its guns had a longer range. The fortification was reinforced by sandbags. It was necessary for the warships to attack with guns of larger caliber, and two battleships were brought into play before the fort was silenced. The Turks behaved bravely, resisting to the last.

The general feeling in the town is shown by the many white flags waving from the tops of the houses, especially over buildings occupied by Arabs.

NAPLES, Oct. 5.—Nine military aviators, eight monoplane and two biplanes, will be sent to Tripoli. The aviators will be commanded by Captain Piazza, who won the air race from Boulogne to Venice.

**Fleet at Constantinople.**  
LONDON, Oct. 5.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the greater part of the Turkish fleet has arrived there. It is unknown whether the fleet was summoned in order to comply with the demands of the Italian ultimatum, or whether it was sent to protect the union and progress to persuade parliament that it would not be wise to refuse a vote of confidence in the new cabinet.

A Salonika dispatch to the Times says that the committee of union and progress has drawn up a long proclamation to Europe protesting against "Italy's criminal and unjustifiable aggression."

The Chronicle's Constantinople dispatch says that Italian warships are bombarding Benghazi and Derna, and that the former is vigorously returning the fire.

ATHENS, Oct. 5.—Delegates of the reservists in Epirus on October 3, the government proposed to mobilize part of the reserves in Thessaly, in order to protect the frontier against any attempted coup on the part of Turkish revolutionaries.

**Italians Landing.**  
MALTA, Oct. 5.—Fugitives from Tripoli who arrived tonight say small parties of Italians are landing all along the coast from Tripoli to Benghazi. It is believed, however, that the main expedition arrived until the main expedition arrives. Small bodies of Arabs skirmished with the landing parties.

**Threat is Withdrawn.**  
CORFU, Oct. 5.—The ultimatum of Vice Admiral the Duke of the Abruzzi, threatening to bombard Preveza, has been withdrawn.

## PROGRAMME OF THE ROYAL TOUR

Delhi Durbar and the Varied Ceremonies Which His Majesty Will Attend During Visit to India

An official outline of the Royal tour in India has not yet been published, and the precise dates of some of the Calcutta functions are not definitely fixed. But the subjoined programme may be regarded as complete, though some of the later dates are liable to revision:

**November 9**  
Embarkation of their Majesties and suite at Southampton in the new P. and O. steamship Medina, with escort of battleships.

**To December 1**  
Voyage to Bombay, their Majesties landing at Malta and Aden en route.

**December 2**  
Their Majesties land at the Apollo Bunder, being received there by the Governor of Bombay. Presentation of Municipal Address. Procession through the fort and native city, with school-children massed at various points, followed by visit to Government House. The streets decorated and illuminated at night.

**December 3**  
Sunday. Divine service at the Cathedral, attended by their Majesties.

**December 4 and 5**  
Their Majesties remain in Bombay and visit the Exhibition of Old Bombay.

**Arrival (6th) of the Governor-General and Lady Hardinge at Delhi.**

**December 6**  
Departure of their Majesties for Delhi.

**December 7**  
Public holiday throughout India (Government offices closed as far as prac-

## FISHING PLANTS IN THE NORTH

Seven Storey Structure will be Ready at Seal Cove in Spring Other Stations Being Made Ready

Arrivals from Prince Rupert report that great preparations are being made for the development of the deep-sea fisheries of the northern coast waters. At Seal Cove, near Prince Rupert, the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage company is completing a great plant, which will start in operation next spring.

The main building rises to a height of seven stories, the wall and floors throughout being of reinforced concrete, with supporting pillars running from the rock foundation below to the very top of the building.

Provision is made for the loading of the fish into cars from the lowest floor directly to the cars.

The arrangement of the plant, fish that are to be shipped in a fresh condition will be landed on the wharf there and then put directly into the cars from the rows of doors which open from the lowest floor directly to the cars.

This plant is most complete and will be one of the largest on the continent.

At Claxton on the Skeena there is another large plant, which has facilities for the handling of an immense stock of frozen fish, either fresh or mild cured. This plant has changed hands recently, the new owners being closely identified with the Mackenzie & Mann interests. The plant will be materially increased.

Henry Doyle, at Mill bay, on the Skeena, is establishing a cold storage plant to handle fish, and on the Queen Charlotte Islands fish curing is being actively prosecuted in lines other than canning. At Paeon the company, under Mr. Alford, is steadily shipping its products overseas. The completion of the G. T. P. will mean that the output from there will find its outlet over that road. Fresh fish will be brought direct to Prince Rupert in the vessels which go out stocked with ice and will be re-iced and sent direct in ice cars to their destination.

## ATTENDANCE HAS GROWN LARGELY

Returns from Schools Show Greatest Increase in Number of Pupils in History of City

If anything were required to demonstrate the growth of population in Victoria it is furnished by the figures which Superintendent of Public Schools Mr. E. B. Paul, M. A., has compiled, showing a comparison between the number of pupils enrolled for September, the first month of the present school term, with that for the corresponding month a year ago. The increase in attendance, 454 pupils, is the largest ever recorded in the history of the city, and in fact is greater than the total yearly increases for some years past. This great increase again brings to the attention of the school trustees that ever present problem, the furnishing of adequate accommodation for the rapidly growing population.

In September last year a total of 3,226 children were enrolled. In September this year the total had increased to 3,780.

The figures given below indicate the increases or otherwise in the various schools of the city. The small apparent increase in the High School attendance is explained by the fact that last year there were no less than 200 pupils passed from the first divisions of the public schools to the High School, practically emptying the first division.

Usually the number to pass into the High School is about forty. Consequently this year the increase is practically nil. The reductions set forth in the attendance at the Boys' and Girls' Central schools and at the South Park school is due to the opening of the Bank Street and Moss Street schools.

At which many of the pupils attending the other institutions have been transferred. But this decrease is welcomed as the attendance heretofore has been far too great and the accommodation at the other schools was wholly inadequate.

**Need of Accommodation**  
The attendance at the North Ward school is put at ninety-two. That school is the only one at which the pressure has not yet been relieved. But the school trustees hope that the crowded conditions there may be relieved either by the erection of a temporary school or by renting quarters until such time as a new building can be erected in the northern section where the growth of school population has been great.

The record of school attendance as shown by the September returns, is given below:

1910 1911 Inc. Dec.  
High School 342 241 1  
Boys' School 542 481 61  
Girls' School 441 388 53  
N. Ward School 523 615 92  
S. Park School 329 304 25  
Geo. Jay School 222 263 41  
V. West School 276 293 17  
Moss St. School 261 261  
Kingston St. 269 275 6  
Bank Street 152 152  
Spring Ridge 168 184 16  
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