WINNIPEG SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

FINE BUILDINGS NOW MASS OF SMOKING RUINS

The Damage Will Probably Amount to More Than Six Hundred Thousand Dollars—The Insurance.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—This morning nothing but blackened and smoking ruins were all that remained of two of Winnipeg's finest business corners, destroyed by fire last night.

The discovery was made in the new six story Bullman block, but before the firemen arrived, only from across the street, the entire interior seemed to be in a blaze. The high elevator shafts and the numerous windows gave a great draught, while the narrow lanes on two sides were little protection to adjoining blocks. At 10.20 it was seen that the block was doomed.

The flames then jumped across Bannatyne street to the Albert corner of J. H. Ashdown's magnificent retail establishment, and ate its way through to Main street. The premises had been recently refitted and stocked with valuable contents, which are a total loss, placed at $400,000.

In the meantime the fire had been working into the Duffin block to the east of the Bullman structure and despite the efforts of firemen wiped out Steele & Co.'s photo gallery, Duffin & Co.'s photo supplies, damaged Davis & Co.'s bookstore, the Woodbine hotel and Connell & Co.'s drugs.

The fire was stopped at the Rialto block adjoining Ashdown's on Main street, although it appeared as if all the structures down to the Union Bank skyscraper would go, and all occupants were carrying out office furniture and household effects. Banfield's carpets were piled up in front of the city hall square, but the work of numerous rigs were unnecessary. The falling outward of the Bullman block walls, the dropping of live wires, the discharge of thousands of cartridges in Ashdown's, added to the perils of the spectators and firemen.

Before midnight, after burning fiercely for two hours the fire was gotten under control.

Bullman Bros. lost a magnificent lithographing plant besides their new premises. Their insurance amounted to $70,000, and their loss to $140,000. The splendid stock of G. E. Ellis & Co., valued at $30,000, was wiped out, half insured. Kyle Cheesebrough's loss will be $15,000.

The loss in the Ashdown building will be in the neighborhood of $400,000, the stock alone being worth $300,000. The insurance on this was light, although it was considerably added to a few months ago. So far as could be learned, it amounted to $75,000 on the stock and $40,000 on the building. The loss in such a business is by no means confined to the dollars of value destroyed; the blow to business, the disorganization, the valuable time lost, all tend to make the loss most severe.

Mr. J. H. Ashdown, president of the company, is absent from the city, having gone south to St. Louis to meet Mrs. Ashdown on her return from the south.

The Bullman block was insured in about twenty different companies. The firm had $12,500 on the machinery, $10,000 on stones, aluminum and copper plates and $15,000 on stock. The building was covered to the extent of $25,000, making a total of $62,500. The Hingston, Smith Arms Co. carried $39,500 on stock, tools and fixtures. Hyndman & Co. had about $8,000 insurance on stock. The Woodbine is fully insured.

At 3.30 o'clock this morning, the flames burst out afresh from the ruins of Ashdown's store on Main street, and for a few minutes threatened the adjacent buildings on the north side. Several streams were turned on, and in a few minutes the flames were subdued.

The following is a preliminary estimate of the losses sustained by the leading victims of last night's fire. The list is not official, as many of the owners could do little but give an approximation, and in many cases the insurance could not be learned:

Bullman block and contents, $140,000, insured for $70,000; Ashdown store and contents, $400,000, insurance $115,000; Kyle Cheesebrough & Co. and K. Ishikawa, $15,000, insurance $10,000; H. W. Gerhardt, $2,500, partly covered; Geo. E. Ellis & Co., $25,000; W. A. Dixon, $10,000; Slater Shoe Co., $2,500; Grundy Music Co., $5,000; Duffin building, $15,000, Duffin, contents $8,000; Connell & Co., $1,000; W. T. Davis, $3,000; Woodbine hotel, $6,000; Rialto block, $4,000; Dr. Watts, $3,000; Steele & Co., $5,000; Dr. Garvin, $5,000; Hingston Smith Arms Co., $2,000; Dr. Prowse, $500; Dr. McKenty, $600; Dr. Walsh, $500; Dr. Watson, $400; Dr. McKay, $500; Mrs. Saxon's loss, which cannot be estimated, consisted of valuable paintings.

MORE REVOLUTIONS.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Oct. 13.—The revolution in the republic of Santo Domingo is extending. Azua de Compostela (near the south coast) and all the departments of the south have declared in favor of Isidoro Jimines.

The Haytien exiles have gathered near the frontier preparatory to re-entering Hayti to attempt an insurrection against President Nord in favor of Gen. Firmen. The government is very anxious, and is taking energetic measures to meet the situation.

Dresden, Saxony, Oct. 13.—There is renewed anxiety regarding the condition of King George of Saxony, whose difficulty in breathing and general weakness are marked.

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WINNIPEG NOTES.

Youth Killed by Accidental Discharge of a Gun—Hon. Clifford Sifton Nominated.

Winnipeg, Oct. 13.—Hon. Clifford Sifton was unanimously nominated at Brandon Liberal convention yesterday. W. H. Sharpe, of Manitou, was nominated by the Conservatives to oppose Hon. Thos. Greenway in Lisgar.

Sudden Death.

John A. Whitmore, the veteran postmaster at Regina, who had returned a week ago from his wedding tour in Ontario, died suddenly on Tuesday night, aged 64.

Fatal Accident.

Pattray Kilgour, 19 years of age, was accidentally killed near Stony Mountain, where he lived, by the discharge of a gun while out shooting.

Engineer Dead.

Felix Gonin, a well-known civil engineer of the West, died at his old home in Quebec.

Gone East.

Miss Eva Booth left yesterday for St. John, N. B., to cover the Maritime provinces for the Salvation Army.

MURDERED IN CHURCH.

Orthodox Priest Killed While Celebrating Mass—His Wife Burned Alive.

Athens, Oct. 12.—The following semi-official statement has been issued:

Hardly a day passes without the assassination of Greeks by Bulgarians being reported from Macedonia. This Sunday, in the village of Brot, near Monastir, an Orthodox priest was murdered while he was celebrating mass and his wife was burnt alive in her house. A Greek noble was also assassinated in the church. The object of these crimes is to terrorize Greeks in decrying themselves to be members of the Bulgarian committee, thereby seeking to make the Bulgarian element appear predominant.

STEAMER LOST—NINETEEN PERISHED

SANK IN GALE OFF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

F. W. Thompson on the Yield of Wheat—New Flour Mill at Fort William—Nominations.

Halifax, Oct. 12.—Steamer Call, newly-built, has been lost off New London, P. E. I., with crew of nineteen. Mr. Fogar, one of the owners, who had every cent he owned, amounting to $18,000, invested, received word of the disaster this morning. There was no insurance. Mr. Fogar's son was on board. The steamer sank in a gale on Saturday night, and all on board, it is believed, were drowned.

The Wheat Crop.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—"As a result of my trip through the entire wheat belt I think that I can safely say that the quality of this year's crop is so excellent that fully 98 per cent. of it will be good milling wheat, and the total will be very close to 65,000,000 bushels," was the interesting announcement made by F. W. Thompson, vice-president and general manager of the Ogilvie Mills Co., Ltd., on his arrival to-day from a trip of several weeks over the entire wheat belt. Mr. Thompson said that on Saturday morning last he was present when the first pile was driven on the new big flour mill that company was building at Fort William.

Molson's Bank.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—The annual report of Molson's Bank of Canada shows net earnings amounting to $457,290.72.

Nominations.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—The following additional nominations have been made:

Welland—Walter Upper, Independent Conservative.

St. John City—Richard O'Brien, Liberal.

St. John county—Hon. H. A. McKeown, Liberal.

Carleton, N. B.—F. H. Hale, Conservative.

Haldimand—Col. Thompson, Liberal.

Brantford—W. F. Cockshutt, Conservative.

North Middlesex—J. D. Drummond, Conservative.

Norfolk—Col. D. Tisdale, Conservative.

L'Islet, Que.—Dr. F. Paquet, Conservative.

FARMER'S DEATH.

Killed in a Runaway Accident at Ladner This Morning.

New Westminster, Oct. 12.—A fatal accident occurred at Ladner this morning. Louis Monkman, his wife and child and a neighbor's daughter were in a wagon opposite a store when the horses bolted. The frightened children tried to jump out, but were caught by the mother and both slid to the bottom of the wagon. Monkman was thus left on the end of the board seat, which tipped at the first jolt, throwing him beneath the rear wheel. His jaw and neck were crushed, and he only lived a few minutes. Deceased was a young farmer, aged thirty-five years. He came recently from the Northwest. The coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

The Duke of Connaught Thrown From a Car and Slightly Injured.

Edinburgh, Oct. 13.—The Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward, while driving in a motor car from Edinburgh to Gosford House to-night, was thrown out and sustained injuries on his head which are reported to be slight. He returned to Edinburgh, where he is attended by two physicians.

CHARGED MOB WITH FIXED BAYONETS

EVICTION LED TO SERIOUS FIGHTING

Crowd Attacked Police With Red Hot Irons, Boiling Water and Stones—Thirty Arrests Made.

London, Oct. 13.—At Felzport, near Cork, an attempt yesterday to evict a tenant named Edmund Murphy for unpaid rent of six years led to serious fighting.

Fifty police arriving early in the morning found the place barricaded. A crowd assembled and assisted Murphy, assailing the police with red hot irons, boiling water and stones, compelling them to desist. The conflict continued all day.

With the arrival of reinforcements, the police charged the mob with fixed bayonets, and many on both sides were injured.

Later in the evening, through the mediation of the parish priest, Murphy was induced to surrender.

Altogether thirty arrests were made. One policeman had all of his front teeth knocked out.

MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

Negro Sorcerer Killed a Child and Cut Up Body.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Oct. 12.—Barbarous superstition which prevails among a portion of the people of West Indian Islands is the basis of a ghastly and extraordinary crime that has come to light in the island of St. Luci. The finding of heart and hands of a white child in the possession of an Obiman (a negro sorcerer) led to the discovery that the child had been murdered and the body mutilated in order that the superstitious natives might, through possession of portions of the body, be able to work spells.

PERSONAL.

W. A. Potts, of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, is visiting Victoria. He has been here several days and is much impressed with the scenic beauties and other attractions of the city. The Tolchester Company, of which Mr. Potts is a director, operates four steamers between Baltimore and the well known tourist resort of Tolchester. He says that an enormous passenger business is done during the summer months. Being thus connected with the building up of tourist travel, Mr. Potts is specially interested in the efforts of the local association in that direction. He thinks that Victoria should become most popular among the pleasure seekers of the Pacific Coast. While here Mr. Potts is a personal guest of Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel.

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Dr. D. McLeod, of Grand Forks, Y. T., is visiting Dr. George Duncan, of 79 Fort street, after an extended tour of Great Britain, France and Germany. During his absence Dr. McLeod visited the principal hospitals in the large centres of Europe. He will not return to the Yukon until the spring.

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Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, of Toronto, president of the Dominion W. C. T. U., arrived here last evening, after having attended the Territorial W. C. T. U. convention at Calgary.

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L. S. Eaton, Mrs. Eaton and two daughters arrived from Nova Scotia last evening, and have taken up their residence at 20 Oresby street. Mr. Eaton is a brother of J. H. Eaton, superintendent of the Victoria public schools.

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F. P. Stewart, of Seattle, is registered at the Dominion. Mr. Stewart recently sold out his interest in the Stewart mine, a property located at the head of Portland canal. He will leave for Naas Harbor by the next steamer.

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Detective Geo. Perdue has returned from an enjoyable visit to the Kootenay country. He visited Halcyon Springs, Nelson, and other points, and returned to the Coast by way of Spokane.

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Mrs. W. H. Spofford, who was the local delegate to the annual meeting of the National Council of Women at Winnipeg recently, has returned from the Prairie City and Minneapolis.

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D. E. Campbell returned on Sunday night from Lillooet district, where he spent a fortnight shooting with Dr. Sanson. He reports game as being fairly plentiful.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow and Mrs. Tatlow, and A. W. Donaldson, Rhodes scholar for British Columbia, arrived at Liverpool on the Allan liner Ionian last Saturday.

Reginald B. Anderson, of the government office, Atlin, who has been on a holiday visit to his relatives and friends in Victoria, left Tuesday night by the Amur to resume the duties of his office.

H. A. Marks, who has been touring the province in the interests of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, left Tuesday night on the Whatcom en route to Nelson, B. C.

Miss Gertrude and Katherine Curry, of Tacoma, are visiting Victoria, the guest of their aunt, Mrs. J. J. Whiteley, 44 Vancouver street.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Oct. 11.—A very enthusiastic meeting of Ralph Smith's supporters was held last night in the committee rooms. A large working committee was formed and everything is going ahead most harmoniously.

The two foreigners who amused themselves last Thursday by disturbing the Salvation Army meeting on First avenue were last night fined $5 each by Government Agent Thompson for the offence.

Mrs. M. Campbell who was suddenly taken ill on Sunday night in the Roman Catholic church and yesterday afternoon was reported very low, is to-day much better, and it is expected will recover.

Tug Lorne, which has just towed a Russian ship from sea to port Townsend, is in port for bunker coal to-day.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Boy Instantly Killed and His Brother Seriously Injured.

Seattle, Oct. 11.—Frank Dubigk, aged 15 years, of Ravensdale, was killed and his brother, Richard Dubigk, aged 13 years, seriously injured by the accidental discharge of a shotgun near Ravensdale yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock.

With Charles Mattaini and Henry Schlotman the Dubigk boys were out hunting. After tramping about the woods all morning the young boys sat down on the railroad track near Covington, a small station just west of Ravensdale. A shotgun was resting on Mattaini's lap, and Richard Dubigk, who was seated next to him, grasped the gun by the muzzle and pulled it toward him. The trigger caught in Mattini's watch chain and the gun exploded.

Frank Dubigk, who was seated next to Richard, was instantly killed. The shot struck in the head and shoulders, almost decapitating him. Part of the contents of the cartridge struck Richard in the arm near the left shoulder. He may lose the arm.

Coroner Hoye made a thorough investigation of the accident and has decided that no inquest is necessary.

MANY CANDIDATES YET TO BE CHOSEN

BY CONSERVATIVES FOR QUEBEC CONSTITUENCIES

Only Three Ridings Where Liberals Have Not Been Selected—Solicitor-General Will Run in One.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, who is here to-day, says that there are thirty constituencies in Quebec in which there are no Conservative candidates, and only three waiting Liberal nominations. One of these is Nicolet, where Solicitor-General Lemieux will run in addition to contesting Quebec.

Going to Manitoba.

Sir Richard Cartwright leaves on Friday for Winnipeg to take part in the political campaign. Sir Richard speaks in Winnipeg on Tuesday next.

Telephone Contracts.

Before the railway commission in the case of the municipalities of Port Arthur and Fort William against the exclusive contract between the Bell Telephone Company and the C. P. R., which forbids any other company than the Bell having connection with railway stations, evidence was given yesterday showing that the contracts were worth half a million a year to the Bell people. The board some time ago gave authority for the telephones of Fort William and Port Arthur to connect, and the question is the compensation which the Bell company was to receive for the loss under their contracts.

RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.

The ruri-decanal conference held its eighth meeting at St. Barnabas schoolhouse Wednesday, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet presiding. There was a good attendance of the clergy and laity of the various parishes. The rural dean's address is as follows:

"Once more it has fallen to my lot to welcome you to our rural-decanal conference. This is the second conference to which you have been summoned this year, and in consequence you will not expect from me any lengthened address on the present occasion. At the same time, I cannot forbear reiterating my conviction, expressed, perhaps, more than once, that these conferences are calculated, under the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to awaken in us all a deep and abiding interest in the things appertaining to the well-being and spiritual edification of the church to which, in the providence of God, we have the great privilege to belong. The members of this conference, whether clergy or laymen, may well be looked upon as standard-bearers of the church in this deanery, and you meet together, as on the present occasion, to take into consideration and to consult together upon matters which may conduce to the church's welfare. And, if you will permit me to say so, the conferences which we have hitherto held have, one and all, been characterized by that soberness of judgment and restraint in argument which indicates more than aught else, that though we may differ upon matters under consideration, while we are all anxious to arrive at that conclusion which shall best advance the interest of the church in our rural deanery, the interchange of different opinions upon the matters brought before the conference is to be commended, and will, I trust, always be indulged. There are many members of this conference who are not members of our diocesan synod, and whose voice and opinions, valuable as they undoubtedly are, cannot be heard in that representative body of the diocese. This conference is, therefore, called together every year before the session of the annual synod in order that those of us who are members of that body may have the privilege and advantage of obtaining the opinions of others on some at least of the matters which are to be discussed in the synod. You will, therefore, be asked to express your opinion, if you so desire, on these matters."

Rev. Mr. Sweet paid a hearty tribute to the splendid services rendered by Rev. W. D. Barber, late rector of St. Saviour's, and concluded by drawing attention to the apportionment which each parish is expected to raise in connection with the Missionary Society of the Canadian church. The conference shortly afterwards adjourned.

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JAPANESE LINERS WILL RESUME RUN

THEY ARE RELEASED FROM WAR SERVICE

Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company is to Put on Fortnightly Service Again.

Advices received by Ken Burns, local agent of the Great Northern, state that the regular fortnightly trans-Pacific service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship line will be resumed December 13th.

In view of the fact that all the vessels of this line were taken into the Japanese government service at the outset of the war, their release is regarded as significant. Other Japanese boats are likewise, it is understood, to be restored to the merchant trade.

Schedules for the N. Y. K. liners will be issued in a few days and furnished the agents of the company. The vessels which will be put on the run are the Iyo Maru, Aki Maru, Kaga Maru, Kanagawa Maru, Shinano Maru and Tosa Maru. The addition of this fleet to the Pacific business will greatly stimulate the business, which has suffered severely since the war broke out.

The Kanagawa is now on the run, and is due to arrive here on the 19th of this month. The five which will be added to the service are those which were formerly on the run. The place of the Riojun Maru has been taken by the Kanagawa.

The withdrawal of the liners referred to from the transport service would seem to indicate that the Japanese are about to go into winter quarters in Manchuria, and that there will be less aggressiveness shown in the conduct of the war for some months. The need of transports must still continue, and it is difficult to understand what the intention of the government can be in the matter.

Flying the flag of Japan the N. Y. K. liners would be legitimate prey for the Russian cruisers. It is quite apparent that the owners of the vessels fear nothing from that quarter. The putting of the steamers on the run indicates that Japan considers her foe so crippled on the sea as to afford no menace to the merchant trade.

SHIPPING TORPEDO BOATS.

Among the freight which the Kanagawa Maru is expected to take back to Yokohama will be two knocked down torpedo boats. The steamer is due here on the 19th. The torpedo boats arrived at Seattle by way of the Great Northern railway, and it is believed will be shipped on the Kanagawa Maru. On the way out one of the boats came very nearly being destroyed.

A dispatch from Minot, N. D., describes it as follows:

"Two knocked down torpedo boats en route over the Great Northern to Seattle have been wrecked near Towner through the breaking of the forward journal on the truck containing part of one of the boats. The train passed through Rugby at an early hour on a special schedule following the Great Northern flyer.

"It is presumed that the journal was tampered with at Rugby. During the summer a number of Russians have been employed on the section crew at Towner. Some of them, it is said, have disappeared. It is known that the Russian and Japanese governments have had spies in this country, with a view of watching suspicious shipments to the Orient.

"The wreck did not materially injure the steel work on the boats, but practically destroyed the woodwork located over the front trucks of the car so that it will have to be reconstructed. The steel material has been piled up to one side."

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, Capt. H. Pybus, arrived Tuesday evening from the Orient with about 3,000 tons of freight. There was little or none of it consigned to Victoria, so that the stay in this port was a very short one, not over 20 minutes.

There was a large number of passengers aboard. The saloon list included the following: J. Ambler, B. Banno, Capt. E. G. Barton, R. N., Mrs. E. Bickersteth, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bourns, J. J. Burns, Capt. W. Coleman, R. N., Mrs. J. H. Correll and son, Rev. W. J. Cuthbert, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, Mrs. E. C. A. Dunn, J. Fox, jr., J. J. Fuller, A. M. Grantham, W. Greener, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Gunther, Lieut. F. G. Haddy, R. N., G. Heinen, R. Hirota, H. R. Hunt, Mrs. Johnston, Capt. Y. Kumakura, I. J. N., Mr. and Miss Lee Lum, L. O. Leisching, Miss L. O. Leisching, Geo. Lynch, O. Matsukata, Miss L. H. McCully, Mr. Nam Ow Yang, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Palmer, Capt. H. S. Pennell, V. C., Major J. W. Peters, Major and Mrs. H. A. Pratt, E. Quakenbush, J. Rampley, Miss E. Ransome, Sir Geo. Scott, K. C. I. E., Miss S. E. Smally, Lieut. M. Snee, Capt. H. So, I. J. N., L. A. Summerhays, Geo. Syme, Thomson, Fraser Thomson, E. F. Knight, A. M. Timke, Rev. A. B. Turner, Miss J. K. Waller, A. F. R. Wollaston, Rev. E. A. Wicher, Mrs. E. A. Wicher, S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Witt and H. Zurrer.

There were also 37 intermediate and 223 steerage passengers.

The trip across the Pacific was marked by nothing unusual, and the voyage was a very pleasant one.

ALTERING THE SPOKANE.

From Seattle it is announced that the steamer Spokane, owned by the Pacific Coast Company, will be out of commission this winter. The vessel was withdrawn from the Alaska run after the close of the excursion season and is now tied up. Before she goes into commission again she will be thoroughly overhauled and marked changes will be made in her. The water tube boilers in the Spokane are to be taken out and Scotch marine boilers substituted. Plans for this change are now being made and bids will be called for soon.

While the company says it believes in the general principal of water tube boilers, it is not satisfied that boilers have been satisfactory in the Spokane. Ultimately, it is believed, water tube boilers will be developed to a point where they will hold a marked advantage over Scotch marine boilers, but in the meantime Pacific Coast Steamship Company steamers are likely to use the old style of steam generators.

The water tube boilers in the Spokane are practically new and have not been affected materially by their use during the summer excursion season. But for economic, as well as operating, reasons they are to be changed.

In the changes made in the Spokane the company will have spent between $60,000 and $70,000 in their experiment with water tube boilers.

TO SEARCH FOR LINER.

"The Neptune Salvage Company, of Seattle, the manager of which, Capt. Fred Finch, successfully searched for the steamer Islander, off Douglas Island, Alaska, will now attempt to find the wreck of the Oriental liner Rio de Janeiro, which went down in the Golden Gate several years ago," says the Seattle Star. "Capt. Finch, accompanied by Capt. Smith, the inventor of the cage, with the aid of which the Islander was found, and a party of workmen will leave for San Francisco as soon as the cage, which is now in the north, with the company's barges reaches Seattle.

"From this city the cage will be shipped direct to San Francisco, after which Capt. Finch will commence a search for the lost vessel.

"The officials of the Neptune Salvage Company announced this morning that the search for the Rio de Janeiro would be commenced before the end of the present month. They say that the finding of the Rio de Janeiro will be an easy task as compared with that of the steamer Islander. The spot where the Rio de Janeiro went down is definitely known."

SUSPECTED POACHERS.

"Two large gasoline launches hailing from Anacortes were held up in Hecate Strait on October 1st by the Dominion government fisheries cruiser Kestrel, Capt. Newcome," says the Vancouver Province.

"The launches were together when sighted by the Kestrel, and their movements were so suspicious that they were overhauled and searched.

"Both launches were searched on the suspicion that they were halibut poachers, but as no proof was secured in the overhauling of the craft that either had been fishing, both were allowed to go with a warning to get out of Canadian waters without delay.

"The Kestrel has been cruising in the North for the past month. According to information which was gathered by Capt. Newcombe on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, there is a great deal of poaching being done by Americans on the fising banks there."

TEXAN'S FREIGHT.

The steamer Texan, one of the American-Hawaiian freighters, which company also owns the Nevadan, which was overhauled here last week, is loading cargo at Puget Sound ports for Japan. The chartering of the Texan by the Boston Towboat Company has been referred to previously by the Times. There seems, however, to be some mystery connected with the loading of the steamer, and reports are to the effect that after taking on general freight at Tacoma she will load a large consignment of steel plates at Seattle. The shipment, it is said, will consist of 50 cars of steel plates. These plates are to be used in the building of torpedo boats and cruisers for the Japanese navy. The steamer Texan is one of the finest freighters in the world. It is the general opinion that a handsome price must have been offered by the charter parties to secure the vessel for this mission to the Orient.

SCHOONER VERA IN.

The sealing schooner Vera, Capt. Sinclair, one of the Copper Island fleet belonging to the Victoria Sealing Company, returned on Thursday from her cruise. The Vera has had a very similar catch to that of the other schooners which have returned. Her entire take numbers 848 skins. The Vera reports that the weather in Behring Sea has been extremely rough of late, and that for days before leaving it was impossible to do any hunting. The schooner made a direct run to Victoria passing out of the sea on September 27th. She is a phenomenally swift sailer, having been built for speed. She was originally the Halycon before being acquired by the sealing company, and rigged for carrying a large area of sail, she was regarded as one of the swiftest sailers on the coast. She, therefore, came from the sea at a very fast rate. A little time before leaving the Vera spoke some of the remaining schooners. The catches of these were reported then to be about as follows: Casca, 600 skins; Victoria, 400; Director, 450; Allie I. Alger, 450, and Libbie, 300.

WILL CARRY ORE.

The steamer Tampico, which it will be remembered almost collided with the Princess Victoria a week ago while the latter vessel was passing out of Seattle, is going to make a trip north. More than 3,000 tons of copper ore will be shipped from the Gladaugh mine at Ellamar in Alaska to the Tacoma smelter on the Tampico.

SALMON SHIPMENT.

The Blue Funnel liner Telemachus from Liverpool is due here. On her return trip the Telemachus will carry a large shipment of canned salmon. She is to take on 65,000 cases, which is awaiting her at Vancouver. This will be the largest cargo of salmon ever sent by steamer to the United Kingdom.

SELKIRK ON WAYS.

The steamer Selkirk was hauled out Wednesday on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot. The vessel is in the ore carrying trade between Texada Island and Tacoma. She will be on the ways only a few days, undergoing a general overhauling and being scraped.

Many burglaries have been committed in Berlin by a monkey which escaped from the zoological gardens.

When washing greasy dishes or pots and pans, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder), will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES ARE SEEKING REFUGE

Further Reports of Uprisings in China—Russia Sends Troops to Protect Subjects in Chili.

Shanghai, Oct. 11.—The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, has notified the Chinese minister of foreign affairs of an uprising in Tamingsu and Chantefu, on the border of Shan Tung Chili and Honan provinces. The uprising has 10,000 adherents. The foreign missionaries are seeking refuge.

Yuen Shan Kai, viceroy of the province of Chili, has given orders for the suppression of the uprising. Dangers are apprehended in the province of Honan, where the officials are presumed to be ultra conservative.

General Ma, military governor of the province of Chili, reports that the Mohammedans are showing symptoms of rebellion, and the Russians are attempting to complicate the situation by dispatching troops for the protection of Russian subjects. The minister of foreign affairs has entered a protest, requesting that the Russian troops be recalled.

CANADIAN HEAD OF THE WHITE RIBBONERS

Dominion President Will Address W. C. T. U. Workers in Metropolitan Church—Her Work.

This evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church a rally of W. C. T. U. workers will be held, which will be addressed by Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, the president of the W. C. T. U. in Canada. Since the death of Mrs. Yeomans, her predecessor as head of the W. C. T. U. movement in Canada, no white ribbon worker is so widely known in this country as Mrs. Rutherford. Her work has not been confined to Canada, but she has been a prominent figure at all the great international gatherings of temperance workers on this continent and in the Old Land.

Beginning as a girl in the old Bands of Hope in Brantford, Ontario, she has steadily advanced to her present position through all the subordinate offices of the great organization to which she belongs.

She is an effective platform speaker, and her address this evening should be heard by all interested in the movement to which she has dedicated her energies.

Mrs. Rutherford's present visit to the West (she was in Victoria two years ago) was primarily for the purpose of organizing a territorial organization at Calgary. The accomplishment of that task leaves the W. C. T. U. with a completed chain of organization across Canada from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island. If the present head of the movement has one specialty, perhaps it is the faculty of organization, and she brings to her work an executive ability and capacity for administration rarely met with among that of the gentler sex.

Since coming to Victoria she has met the W. C. T. U. members in their home, and yesterday addressed the members of the Y. W. C. T. U., an organization she established on the occasion of her last visit. This evening will probably be the last opportunity of hearing her, as she leaves this week on a six weeks' tour of British Columbia and the Territories. The plan of campaign for the former has been arranged in collaboration with Mrs. Gordon Grant, of Victoria, the provincial president.

BOUND TO A TREE.

Successful Suitor Carried Away and Left Helpless in a Dense Wood.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 11.—Out of spite, it is thought, and evidently in order to put M. Kelley, of Keslo, Wash., out of the way so as to prevent his marrying Miss Lulu Ward, of Catlin, who had refused the attentions of a less successful suitor, Kelley was seized, gagged and bound by wire to a tree in a dense wood and abandoned to die for a period of four days, from Monday until Friday last, when he was discovered and released. On Saturday the young woman whose preferment for Kelley nearly caused his death, procured a marriage license and late the same day the couple were married.

Kelley is almost a physical wreck, but from the scraps of story which he has given in intervals of consciousness it would appear that last Monday he started from the home of a friend to go to Kelso en route to Kalama, the county seat, to procure a marriage license. On the way he was seized, bound and blindfolded by two persons, one of whom was disguised as a woman. He was then strapped to the back of a horse and taken into the woods, where he was bound to the tree and compelled to suffer unmentionable cruelties.

Thursday a note was found on the doorpost of one of Kelley's friends, stating the man's predicament and whereabouts, and his friend at once proceeded to the place and released him.

The perpetrator of the crime is said to be a man who has for several months endeavored to force his attentions upon the young woman.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

According to the understanding at St. Petersburg, the mail on board the steamer Calchas was released under order of the prize court.

Col. James P. Averill, jr., vice-commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died suddenly at his home at Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday.

Israel Zangwill, the critic and author, is on his way to New York. It is his purpose to seek to enlist the sympathy of wealthy New York Jews in establishing a Jewish colony in West Africa.

Prince Charles Anton Von Hohenzollern, a son of Prince Leopold, of Nuremburg, and a major in the Prussian army, who is going to the front as the representative of Emperor William with the Japanese army, sailed on the steamship Shinbashi from Tokio on Wednesday.