

EVENTFUL VOYAGE OF BRITISH BARQUE DON

Officers Accuse Sailors of Mutiny, Attempted Murder and Broaching the Cargo—Statement by the Men.

(From Thursday's Daily) If the log books and accounts of the captain and officers are correct it is not often that a vessel has such an adventurous voyage as that of the London barque Don, which, after eight months' sailing, has reached her destination and is safely tied up at the outer wharf.

In more ways than one the trip of the Don has been an eventful one, for, following the collision that forced the captain to put back when a few days out at sea, the skipper was taken ill and landed at Skpper Video, where the last reported state that his life was despaired of. The first mate, Captain Roach, took charge of the vessel at that point upon the cable command of the owners, and for the next 135 days the Don fought the elements, the vicissitudes of a drunken and mutinous crew and pure fate in his long voyage around Cape Horn to his port of destination on the 4th of August, when the Don was tossing about in the stormy seas off Cape Horn, the crew was found to be nearly all under the influence of liquor. Chief Officer Mills called them to their places to reef the main topails and prepare to 'bout ship. They came reluctantly to their work and the officer at once saw that they had obtained access to the cargo of liquor which was consigned to a Victoria firm.

One of the seamen was helplessly drunk and two of his companions dragged him to the bosun's locker. The orders of the officers were obeyed in a careless manner, and all, except two of them, named Gray and Hopio, the latter a Spaniard, displayed a mutinous disposition. Capt. Roach instituted an examination of the forward hatch and found that the men had forced the planks in the bulkhead, which separated the chain locker from the 'tween decks, and had been drinking beer. Several cases of beer had been opened and many bottles were missing. From this on it was a case of constant watchfulness on the part of the officers, sleepless nights and continual anxiety for the safety of the vessel, which, pitching and tossing in a heavy sea, amid pack ice, and off a dangerous coast, needed all their vigilance and attention. The night watches were covered with ice and the stiffened canvas of the sails cracked and swung at the bidding of a cold northwester. Chief Officer Mills was driven to throw his bunk for a couple of days, and, in the meantime, Capt. Roach, the bosun and two sober and loyal seamen worked and watched. In the forenoon the drunken carousers made merry, seemingly caring little for their own safety or that of the ship. On the 8th an attempt on the life of Hopio, the Spaniard, was made by several members of the crew. After forcing him to drink some of the liquor the men molested him and, in a fit of defiance, he drew a knife. Force of numbers prevailed, however, and, after submitting him to assault and other indignities, the drink-maddened sailors decided to throw him overboard. Dragging him along the deck they made him to the lee scuppers, when Captain Roach, hearing his cries for help, came to his assistance and persuaded the men from adding murder to their crimes.

The entry in the log-book on this day tells how the captain called the men to reef topails at 8 a.m. and in answer the drunken seamen staggered up to him, and, in defiance of the captain's command, "was a great impediment to the safe navigation of the ship. W. Thornley and A. Tuft, both able seamen, assaulted T. Hopio, A.B., and later an attempt was made to throw him overboard, which was prevented. Upon examining the cargo of liquor forward I found that several cases of porter and beer had been broken open and some of the contents missing. Later, I entered the forecastle and discovered several bottles, some of them full, which I took charge of."

On the following day the trouble increased and the murderous spirit of the mutineers took the form of threats against the chief officer. About this time the Don had a very narrow escape from being blown ashore, a change in the wind averting the threatened catastrophe. Another danger then presented itself. In the general cargo there was a consignment of rifles and ammunition, and the crew, evidently contemplating a mutiny, searched amid this dangerous consignment for arms, using wax matches, which they had stolen from the hold. When the officers saw the charred matches lying amid the stores of the broken cases they thanked Providence that a fire had not been started and did what they could to make the place secure against the men. The carpenter put in several hours replacing broken locks and sealing up the breaches in the bulkheads, and, after that attempts were made to pacify the men. Eventually they sobered up and all went well until on the 16th of September their taste for strong drink got the better of them and the cargo was again broached. Near the equator, in the comparatively smooth waters of the Pacific, the vessel again became practically helpless and the nine drunken seamen caroused once more in the fore-cabin.

The following extract from the captain's log tells of this recurrence of mutiny and intoxication: "Sept. 17.—Mr. Mills, chief officer, called his watch to order, and they refused. They were under the influence of liquor. He reported the matter to me. I went to the fore-cabin at 9 a.m. and considered the finest in Britain. She is also an accomplished contralto vocalist. R. Morrison, the gold metallist, 1905-1906, of the northern counties of Scotland, willing a solo and take part in one of the mixed voice quartets that will surely prove a musical treat. Jas. H. Gordon, of this city, who is on holiday from his studies in Germany, has been secured for a violin solo. The choir will contribute three part songs. These are always acceptable with the large audiences that assemble at these concerts. Miss Underhill, the well-known elocutionist, will contribute two numbers. Others who will be heard will be Mrs. G. J. Burnett, the favorite soprano; Miss Wilkerson, another young singer new to Victorians; Peter Gordon, the well-known tenor soloist; W. D. Kincaid, the lyric tenor, and J. G. Brown in humorous Scotch songs. The programme would be hard to equal anywhere, and should make those desirous of attending secure their tickets in advance."

(From Thursday's Daily) Late last evening John Kinsman, one of the pioneers of this city and a man known to nearly every resident of the city and respected by all for his high qualities and unrighteousness of character, passed away very suddenly at his home. For some weeks past Mr. Kinsman has been considered in rather a precarious condition, and it was a cold which threatened to develop into pneumonia. For a week or two he had therefore been obliged to remain at home for the greater part of his time. Last week he was in a fair way to recovery. About nine o'clock last evening he was seized with a fit of coughing and although stimulants were administered he quickly succumbed, heart failure being the immediate cause of his death.

The funeral is to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence, 94 Pembroke street, for Ross Bay cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church.

The late John Kinsman was very well known in Victoria. A residence in the city approaching half a century in duration, he was prominent in many of the municipal politics of the place, brought him prominently before the public. During eleven years tenure of office as alderman he was one of the ablest and most successful. In all difference of opinion which might arise as to matters of policy affecting the city it was never hinted that the late John Kinsman was actuated by any but honest intentions. He was a native of England, having been born in 1824 in the parish of Week St. Mary, Cornwall. At an early age he entered the building trade, the vocation he followed in Canada. In 1855 he came to Canada with his father's family and settled in Bowmanville on Lake Ontario. After completing his business training he married Miss Clara Hunter. In 1860 he moved west, coming to Victoria. In 1860 in company with two other pioneers who survive him, J. E. McMillan, ex-sheriff, and Jonathan Bullen. He followed the business in the Victoria city firm of Kinsman & Styles. This contracting firm built among others the penitentiary buildings in New Westminster, and in Victoria the Odd Fellows' hall, the Southgate block, the workshop building at the naval yard, Maplehurst, the residence of Hon. G. A. Walker, and the Hudson's Bay Company warehouse at Esquimalt.

Over twenty years ago Mr. Kinsman retired from the firm and from active contracting. He continued in business, however, as superintendent of work on various large undertakings. Among others he supervised the construction of the Jubilee hospital buildings, the Finlayson block, the Union club and the Orphans' Home. About ten years ago he retired absolutely from business. Although he had reached the advanced age of 72 years Mr. Kinsman retained all his faculties to a remarkable degree, and was a familiar figure on the streets up to a week or two ago, when he contracted his last illness.

Early after taking up his residence here he entered municipal politics, and was elected an alderman. Of his eleven years' service in that capacity eight years were spent in the office of alderman. He was also a member of the Victoria Board of Trade, and was a member of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kinsman survives his wife, Mrs. Kinsman, and three daughters living. These are John Edward, William H., Mrs. (Dr.) G. L. G. Leach, Mrs. J. A. Leach, and Mrs. Allen Ashwell. In addition to the sons and daughters there are a number of grandchildren. Among the latter are Capt. Frank Ferris, of the C. P. R. steamship service, and Mrs. W. Upton Runnell.

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TWO MORE SEALERS HAVE RETURNED

EVA MARIE AND VERA ARRIVED LAST NIGHT

Schooners Lingered in Behring Sea for Seals to Leave the Rookeries.

(From Thursday's Daily) Daylight this morning saw two more of the sealing fleet riding safely at anchor in the harbor. Both returned from Behring Sea last evening, the Eva Marie, Capt. Victor Jacobson, one of the two having taken up mooring quarters at the entrance to the harbor opposite the officers' residence. The Vera, Capt. Sinclair, came in to a point near Jones' boat house in the bay.

The Vera left the Behring Sea on the 11th with the Carrie C. W. and Victoria. The first few days out the Victoria was lost to view, but the Carrie C. W. kept the Vera company for the greater part of the voyage home. A schooner taken from the home ward heading for Nootka two or three days ago, and as the vessel has to land her Indian crew it will probably be some days yet before she arrives here. On the following day, after these schooners spread canvas for the homeward run, the Markland and the Ida Etta were intending to start, the Markland with a catch of 600 and the Ida Etta with 200 skins.

The schooners named are about the only vessels of the sealing fleet spoken in recent weeks by the Vera. Of the Japanese fleet Capt. Sinclair thinks only one will head for Victoria, she being the Kinshui Maru. She is in command of Capt. Richie, who was here a year or so ago in the Seifu Maru. He is coming here to land his skins, and will then return to Japan. Capt. Sinclair reports that the catches made by the Japanese were small in consideration of the special privileges which they enjoyed over the Canadians. But there are few Europeans on the vessels, he states, and the native Japanese, who do the hunting, are very poor marksmen. Consequently, though they employed guns and got within three miles of the Rookery islands, they did not fare so well as the vessels from the coast which by reason of the modus vivendi regulations had to keep off sixty miles from shore and do all their hunting by means of the primitive weapon, the spear. When the Vera left the Behring Sea Capt. Sinclair says the weather was stormy. Many of the schooners had waited late in the sea expecting to take advantage of the fine weather which usually comes in October, and also to secure some of the seal which annually leaves the islands in the early part of this month. It is the practice of the animals to desert their young about this time of the year. A number leave the rookeries and then return to their young again for a short time. And it was for the purpose of intercepting these seal that the Indian schooners, particularly, lingered to add to their catches.

Capt. Sinclair considers that the catches made in the Behring Sea this year have been fair in view of the stormy weather which prevailed during the greater part of the season. The schooner Eva Marie was one of the luckiest of the fleet. She obtained a total catch of over 900 for the year, of which number over 700 were taken in Behring Sea, which leaves her catch next to that of the Umbrina, the top liner of the fleet.

It is expected that other vessels will follow the arrival of these two schooners in quick succession. It is anticipated that they are reaching the west coast of this island, a dispatch to the Times from Clayoquot last evening says: "After a smart run home from English Bay the sealing schooner, the Victoria, namely, 371 skins. He reports the Markland with about 700, Otto 533, Zillah May 207, Umbrina 880, Libbie about 500. Nothing of any importance occurred during the cruise." The Carrie C. W. has 450 skins and the Victoria something over 300.

DEBENTURES SOLD. The Lieut.-Governor Acquired the Latest Issue at Par Value. Yesterday afternoon the local improvement debentures to cover the cost of the work done on the streets under the local improvement scheme yesterday when Thomas Harvey, a coal miner, dashed through a plate-glass window in a fit of insanity, cutting his neck severely. He was bound up and sent off to Maeland jail, and on the way attempted in several ways to finish his life. For some time his actions had created suspicion on the part of the doctors, who sent for the Mounted Police at Pincher creek. They got there just in time to see him going through the window.

TORONTO MAN'S SUICIDE. W. S. Stewart Shot Himself After Returning to Hotel From Theatre. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 24.—William S. Stewart, 35 years of age, whose home was at 26 Wilcox street, Toronto, Ont., committed suicide last night by shooting himself at the Saratoga hotel. Mr. Stewart had been away on a tour of the West with Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Cloud, of Rochester, N. Y. Last evening he accompanied his companions to a theatre and when he returned he seemed to be extremely nervous. Shortly after Stewart had retired, Cloud heard a shot and ran to Mr. Stewart's room. Finding to find him there he called her husband, who found him in an adjoining bathroom. He was dead when found. Cloud and his wife will remain here to testify at the inquest. Stewart was the only son of a wealthy Canadian who died several years ago.

GANS AND NELSON. Will Fight For Lightweight Championship and Best Purse Offered. (Associated Press.) Kansas City, Oct. 24.—Batling Nelson to-night accepted the proposition of Joe Gans, now in Milwaukee, to fight for the lightweight championship and the best purse offered, the winner to take 65 per cent, the loser 35.

RETURNING WEST. Rev. Father Morice, Missionary to Babine and Carrier Indians, interviewed at Winnipeg. Rev. Father Morice, O. M. I., for many years missionary to the Babine and Carrier Indians of northern British Columbia, passed through Winnipeg a few days ago en route West from Quebec, where he attended the annual meeting of the International Congress of Americanists, made up of scientists of many nationalities, who are interested in the various questions connected with the investigation of all matters relating to the aboriginal inhabitants of the American continent.

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enson, of the provincial police force at Nanaimo. Constable Cox, of the local provincial force, met them at the station and proceeded to the provincial jail with them. The prisoner maintains the cool demeanor which has characterized him since the hour of his arrest. He manifests no special concern in his situation. According to the Nanaimo Free Press, among the first things he did on being removed from the court room after his conviction was to dance a jig and tell the guards that he had only to the 13th of December to live, and for "goodness sake" to bring him a good supper. The strain under which he has lived during the past few weeks has not impaired his appetite in the least, the heartiness of which is the wonder of those who have to deal with him. Immediately after the decision, Col. Gregory, Featherstone's counsel, hurried to the telegraph office and wired the prisoner's father in Paris, Oct.: "It's all over. You have our sympathy."

Featherstone has every kind of praise for his counsel, Col. Gregory and Mr. Russell Simpson, and for the crown prosecutor, Deputy Attorney-General Maclean, that he is a very bright man. From now on at the provincial jail Featherstone will be under a guard day and night until the time of his execution on December 12th.

REVOLUTION OVER. Tranquility Now Prevails in Santo Domingo—Rebel Leaders Leave Island. Washington, Oct. 24.—The following cablegram, dated October 22nd, from Commander Sutherland, was made public to-day: "We have succeeded in Santo Domingo and in all the provinces. All the revolutionary leaders have quitted the island. Amnesty has been granted to all parties concerned in the revolution, and last advice shows that tranquillity prevails all over the country. The Dominican national forces will be withdrawn from the recently disturbed districts as soon as possible."

DEATH COMES TO MARCUS BANTLY HE PASSED AWAY AT HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT Well Known Citizen of Victoria After a Brief Illness Crosses the Divide. (From Thursday's Daily.) In the death of Marcus Bantly last evening Victoria loses a most esteemed citizen. Mr. Bantly has been a resident of the city since 1888. Upon his arrival here he began the business of cigar making, establishing the factory which was still operated by him at the time of his death. Unostentatious in manner, Mr. Bantly had qualities which made him many warm friends in the city. He has always taken a deep interest in music, being a musician of considerable ability himself. He was a clarinet and violin player, and in the earlier days of the city took a prominent part at local concerts. He also was a singer and up to a very few years ago continued a member of the choir of St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral.

For about two months Mr. Bantly has been suffering from a fatal disease. Two weeks ago he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital and a few days later an operation decided upon. The latter proved unsuccessful and after a week's time he passed away last evening.

Mr. Bantly was born in Inslingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1848. As a young man he left his native land and came to America. He arrived in San Francisco in 1870 and shortly afterwards went into the manufacture of cigars. In 1883 he was attracted to British Columbia, and took up his residence in Victoria, continuing in the same line of business. He has ever since been a citizen of this city.

He is survived by Mrs. Bantly and two sons and a daughter, all of whom are residents of the city. His sons inherit the musical tastes of their father and are both prominently identified with the musical profession. S. A. Bantly, the elder, is the leader of the Victoria theatre orchestra, and the younger son, Benedict, is the well known artist and instructor who has recently returned from an advanced course in Germany. His only daughter is Mrs. J. W. Mellor.

The deceased has three brothers in America—one in Washington state, one in St. Paul and a third in California. Another brother and a sister reside in Germany. Mr. Bantly was prominently identified with the Roman Catholic church. He was one of the early members of the Young Men's Institute, and up to the time of his death retained his membership in that organization. He was also a member of the local lodge of the A. O. U. W.

The funeral is to take place on Saturday from his late residence on Fort street to the St. Andrew's cathedral, when at 9 o'clock requiem high mass will be sung.

LONDON ELECTION CASE. Toronto, Oct. 24.—In the London bribery election case this morning John E. McCalpin, a painter, swore to receiving \$5 in the general elections and \$10 in the bye-elections to vote for Constable Lane, but did not vote at all the second time, but still he got his money. McCay, who was returning officer, said he did not remember paying any money.

TRADES DISPUTE BILL. London, Oct. 24.—It is announced that the government has met the views of the Labor members of the House of Commons on the trades dispute bill. The attorney-general had drafted an amendment to clause four of this bill which will leave no loophole for any other Taff Vale decision and which places union funds beyond the reach of attack.