

MEAT INSPECTION LAW IN FORCE NEXT WEEK

Strict Provisions Relating to Canning and Packing Houses

CANADA'S APPROVAL STAMP RULES

Trade Reports from Canada's Agents in Japan and Britain—Railway Commission Orders.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The act "respecting the inspection of meats, and canned foods," passed at the last session of parliament, goes into effect on September 3rd, and thenceforth all of the packing and canning establishments of Canada will be under the strictest possible inspection. Seventy-five thousand dollars have been appropriated to carry out the inspection, and forty men have been retained for the work. The result, it is expected, will be that after meats and provisions exported bearing the words "Canada approved," will carry the highest guarantee of purity and healthfulness, and will command the highest prices in the markets of the world. The most impressive of the new regulations for the packing of meat are those relating to cleanliness. All establishments having inspection are required to be suitably lighted and ventilated, and all appliances, such as tables, trucks, vats, machinery, containers, etc., must be kept clean and sanitary. Employees engaged in handling foods must be free from tuberculosis or other communicable diseases, and must observe every rule as to sanitation as may be deemed necessary by the inspector in charge. Inspectors are authorized to refuse inspection if sanitary conditions are not observed. The words "Canada approved" cannot be used except on packages that have been officially inspected. Offences are punishable by fines to the extent of \$500.

Alex. McLean, Canadian trade agent in Japan, reports that Japanese exports to Canada for the six months ending July 1 amounted to 1,133,479 yen, as compared with 991,335 yen in 1929. The imports from Canada, which consist chiefly of flour, were valued for the same period at 35,215 yen, as compared with 127,425 yen in 1929. The balance of trade in favor of Canada is about 50 cents of Canadian money. P. B. Macnamara, Canadian trade agent at Manchester, reports that Japanese imports for the seven months of the year ending July 1st, increased by 23,488,379 over the same period in 1929, while exports increased by 23,733,322 sterling.

Leading New York Presbyterian church is seeking to secure the services of Rev. Dr. Herridge, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Dr. Herridge is out of the city at present, but on his return the matter will go through the usual channels. The salary offered is said to be \$10,000 a year.

The railway commission has authorized the Bell Telephone Company to continue its present tariffs until November 1st. It is provided, however, that in the event of the rates being reduced, the company will have to give rebates on unexpired contracts. The order forbidding the use of lignite coal by railways will not be effective until October 1. The order of July compelling all railways to place watchmen on trestles, will not come into effect this year, except in the case of bridges or trestles 200 or more feet in length.

PREDICTS INCREASE IN TOURIST TRAFFIC

Robert Kerr, of C. P. R., Says City's Charms Will Attract Still Larger Crowds

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Robert Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Montreal, with E. E. Usher, assistant traffic manager of the same road's western lines, is in the city. The two gentlemen are on their annual tour of inspection. They have visited the Victoria and Nanaimo and Okanagan and leave today for the east via Spokane and the Crows Nest Pass.

Mr. Usher stated that business during the present summer has been very good indeed. There had been a large and noticeable increase in the tourist traffic. American tourists are learning the superiority of Canada in the way of scenic tour. They recognize that here is the finest scenery in the world. Both Banff and the Lake Louise hotels have been filled to their capacity several times this year, and the other hotels have done very good business.

The condition of the crops on the prairie is very fair. The farmers of the prairie are calling for 21,000 laborers and harvest hands from the east, and already there is a large number of men from the maritime provinces. These are distributed from Winnipeg and go as far west as Calgary and the foothills. There has so far been no demand from British Columbia.

The traffic to British Columbia has been larger than in previous years. Mr. Usher is of the opinion that it is bound to increase phenomenally. With a wider knowledge of its beautiful scenery and wonderful resources there will be a great movement thither.

The immigration to this country is larger than in other years. The percentage of increase this year over that of last was 35 per cent.

The immigration largely from Europe and are of an excellent type. There was not the increase of immigrants from the United States during the past year that was looked for, but the increase from Europe has offset this falling off.

The travel this year has been handled better than in any previous year. The general facilities have been better and there will be still many more improvements next year.

"This is my third trip to Victoria

during the present year. I have always been a great admirer of your city. Everything one sees of it is delightful. There is bound to be a great tourist trade spring up, and the C. P. R. will do even more than it has in the past to encourage the development of this with the completion of the new hotel here."

WILD WOMAN IN WOODS

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Professor Macaulay, of Harvard university, is in town, having spent a few weeks in the country surrounding Blue Sea lake and Manitowish, up the Gattineau, and he brings to town with him a strange story of a wild woman. While walking in the woods, he saw a woman, scrawny in the undergrowth caused him to turn his rifle that way in the hope that game was near. To his surprise, however, a face peered at him from the shadows. She was a wild face, and he was a dark brown by the sun, but the woman seemed to be dressed in nothing but leaves. The poor creature has not a companion save a number of dogs who help her in getting food. She lives mostly on the fruits of her hunting excursions. It appears that owing to some injury done this woman some years ago she has shunned human society since.

FINDS LABOR SHORTAGE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dominion Official Says Orientals Hold Many Positions Be- longing to Whites

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 26.—E. Blake Robertson, deputy commissioner of immigration, Ottawa, who has been here since Tuesday for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Chinese and Japanese required on railway construction and other improvements in British Columbia next year, has successfully completed his mission and will leave for the east this afternoon. He will make a side trip into the Boundary and Similkameen.

"While I do not intend to anticipate my report to the minister of the interior, I have no hesitation in stating that there is a shortage of labor—white labor—on this coast," said Mr. Robertson to a Province reporter today. "I mean that many jobs which have to be done by Chinese and Japanese would be occupied by our own people if they could be secured. Now this is just what the department of the interior aims to do. The experiment of bringing out 10,000 white laborers from the British Isles last spring to engage in railway construction work on the prairies has proved successful and probably be repeated early in the new year."

Mr. Robertson carries a kodak. He secured a number of pictures of Hindus engaged at railway work as well as of Chinese and Japanese at work in the lumber camps. These views will probably be incorporated in the official report.

Mr. Borden's Tour.

Newcastle, N. B., Aug. 27.—L. Borden spoke here tonight. The crowd being too small to hold the crowd anxious to hear the speaker. The other speakers were J. G. B. Borden, M. P., Dr. Daniel, M. P., and Senator Perry.

CONSUL NOSSE'S VIEW OF JAPANESE INFUX

Attempted Restriction by Law Would Give Rise to Inter- national Question

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Hon. T. Nosse, consul-general in Canada for Japan, handed out a statement today in connection with the agitation against Japanese immigration on the Pacific coast, in which he said: "The enactment of any Japanese immigration law in Canada would give immediate rise to an international question between Great Britain and Japan, for the reason that by the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation made last year between Japan and Canada this country is bound under article 2 to give the Japanese the same freedom of entry, residence and business occupation as the Dominion extends to any European nation, to say nothing of the fact that Japan is an ally of Britain, and that any restriction on the immigration of Japanese would be tantamount to a discrimination against a friendly ally. Japan, moreover, would never entertain any idea of allowing her people to be discriminated against. As to the matter of immigration between us, you claim we are still bound, I should explain that this voluntary understanding was made eight years ago, and, as the number of Japanese coming to the Dominion is restricted to 500 a year, exclusive of merchants, students and those of our people, about 8,000 in number, who have been naturalized in this country, together with the families of the latter, and that there is no obligation on the part of the Japanese government to observe it. It is a purely voluntary restriction on the part of the Japanese government, out of sympathy for the Canadian government, for the benefit of our own people in the province, and preventing any irritation on the part of British Columbia by the flooding of the labor market. This understanding has been faithfully observed by Japan, and from on the part of the Dominion government."

More Interest in Daigrying

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 26.—"The good prices now paid for dairy products is creating a renewed interest in the dairy business of B. C.," said F. M. Logan, dairy commissioner for the province, who returned yesterday from an inspection trip to Alberta and Sumas districts. Mr. Logan left for the line last Tuesday, and during his stay he visited the different dairies in the upper country farming districts. He states that a new creamery has just been built at Abbotsford, and another one recently opened at Mission Junction. The latter is owned by Mr. DesBrisay, of Vancouver, and is one of the most modern and up-to-date factories in the province. He left yesterday for Vernon to inspect the dairies in the Okanagan districts.

STORMS BRING DEATH TO PEOPLE IN STATES

Districts in Wisconsin and Ohio Swept by Fierce Tor- nadoes

SEVERAL CHILDREN ARE KILLED

Houses Lifted Up and Carried for
Some Distance—Much Property
Damage.

Milwaukee, Aug. 26.—A belated special from Ladysmith, Wis., says: A tornado struck the home of L. V. Moore, four miles north of the city, Saturday, and demolished it. Harry Moore, two years of age, had his head so badly crushed that he died three hours later. Mrs. Moore and her little daughter, Ida, were seriously injured. The storm also hit the home of Geo. E. Warren, picking up the log house and landing it several rods away in the woods. The family of five were left seated on the floor uninjured except a slight cut from flying glass sustained by one of the children.

A special from Whitehall, Wis., says a tornado swept through the country north and east of there last Saturday afternoon, and many lives were lost. Clementson, living near Strun, were killed and Mrs. Clementson and a boy named Hume badly injured.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 26.—A tornado struck the towns of Woodstock and Newcastle, Ohio, today, wrecking a number of buildings and doing much damage. The home of Samuel Bartelme, near Woodstock, was destroyed and his two-year-old child was killed. The child was torn from its mother's arms and carried nearly a quarter of a mile.

PREPARING TO MOVE

New England Fish Company Will
Change Base

Vancouver, Aug. 27.—The New England Fish company at present operating three steamers out of Vancouver in the northern halibut fisheries, is in the market for a waterfront site at Bellingham. The manager of the company one week ago today wrote to A. L. Black, president of the Fairhaven Land company, at Bellingham, announcing that blue prints and offers of leases had been forwarded to the headquarters of the company at Boston.

This information means that the New England Fish company is preparing to remove from Vancouver to Bellingham at the end of 1930, when its fish-bonding privileges through Canada expire. The sites offered are those occupied by the Hackett Cold Storage company, the Ocean dock, and a strip north of the Pacific American Fisheries cannery. No rental is to be charged for the first year, and subsequently the rental will amount to interest at 6 per cent. on the valuation of the property occupied.

PACIFIC MAIL BOAT SINKS AT HER DOCK

Acapulco Turns Turtle on Eve of Sailing—No Lives Lost

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—The Pacific Mail steamship company's steamer Acapulco, today turned turtle and sank at the company's docks in the city. All the passengers and crew escaped, but it is believed that the cargo, consisting of general merchandise, will be almost a total loss. The vessel lies in about 15 feet of water. The vessel was scheduled to sail for Panama and way ports at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and was taking on her last supply of coal when the accident occurred. It is supposed to have been caused by the listing of the vessel as the coal was being loaded on one side.

She went down slowly, and all those on board had time to clamber on to the wharf. One man, who was asleep at the time, was rescued and he succeeded in saving himself.

The Acapulco is an ocean steamer 280 feet long, 48 feet wide, 20 feet deep, with a gross tonnage of 2,572. She was built in 1873 by the Harlan and Hollingsworth company, of Wilmington, Del.

Fire started this afternoon in the hold of the steamer Christian Brothers while it was moored alongside the wharf at Oakland. The first was extinguished and the loss was not heavy.

CANADIAN PACIFIC TO BUILD FROM KAMLOOPS

Reported That Company Will Run Line Through to Edmonton

Kamloops, B. C., Aug. 27.—Private word from Montreal via Winnipeg conveys information fraught with significance to Kamloops. The directorate of the Canadian Pacific railway company, it is stated, has definitely decided upon the immediate construction of the road via the North Thompson from Kamloops to Edmonton. The matter, we are told, is now in the hands of the board of directors, and executive assistant, and he is preparing the necessary information and data to be placed before Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and some of the directors, who will secondarily be a general manager on a trip west within the next few weeks. The officials will be here some time.

about the middle of September. If the plan is made, are not interfered with by unforeseen circumstances. This decision has been forced upon the board by the movements of other lines who are casting eyes upon this natural route for a connecting link between the transcontinental routes and the southern part of British Columbia.

The company now owns a charter covering this branch, and as the surveys made some years ago, when the intention was to run the main line through the Yellowhead Pass and down the North Thompson are in the hands of the Canadian Pacific engineers, the company has a very material start over rival railways who wish to reach the north via Kamloops.

The route as surveyed follows the east bank of the North River to the east of the Clearwater, where it crosses to the west bank. On the west side it still follows the general course of the river until the Albretha river is reached, where it again crosses and follows the course of the Albretha on the west and north side for some distance, and then on the south and east side of that river. The principal streams to Tete Jaune Cache, where it would meet the road from Edmonton.

ONE DOZEN ENTRIES ARE NOW REPORTED

Prospects Are That There Will Be Big Bunch of Cowboys at Fair

The cowboy rough-riding competition, which will be a big feature of the fair, will likely have a big turnout. There are over half that number listed with J. E. Smart, the secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association, and he has been receiving that there are more on the way.

The latest entry was received yesterday. Edgar M. Allison, of Chilliwack, was the entrant. He is reputed to be an expert performer and able to ride anything that comes his way.

The horses which will be used in the competition will be fresh from the ranges. They will be shipped here next week and turned out so as to be in prime condition by September 24, when the provincial exhibition will open. Secretary Smart has completed arrangements for the shipment of the bronchos.

PECULIAR CASE OF LOSS OF MEMORY

Following Car Accident Man Can- not Recall Secret Worth Millions

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 26.—Seeking health and strength after a stroke of brain fever resulting from a fall from the steps of a street car, Richard Wells, a New York stenographer, arrived in Vancouver yesterday. He is accompanied by a trained nurse and valet and a private secretary. If he recovers his mental health, his relatives are hoping he will be a potent force in the world of New York capitalists, expect that he will be able to remember an idea which is worth exactly \$1,000,000 to them, and which would bring him a tremendous fortune. He planned along new lines, by which he asserted that he could compress a column of news into four words, which could be read in the mind, and then, by reversing the code process and working on expanding lines, he could reproduce the original text in full. For ten years he toiled, and he succeeded. He planned along new lines, by which he asserted that he could compress a column of news into four words, which could be read in the mind, and then, by reversing the code process and working on expanding lines, he could reproduce the original text in full. For ten years he toiled, and he succeeded.

In New York he began a series of tests with interested agents, representing men who always have a million or two for "sounding good." One of these, acting under his instructions, was initiated into the idea of compressing two thousand odd words into four words. At the time, he took a passage from Gibbons' History of Rome, it is said. When his work had been done, Wells, by whom the code was taken, reproduced the original text in full. The investigators were amazed that the thing could be done. They were still in doubt as to whether it was a trick or a genuine feat, and they were unable to ensure secrecy, were made time and again, until they were convinced that the thing was a genuine feat. He had made a mistake, he said, but he was not a cheat.

One of them, however, desiring to snatch a fortune, tried to steal Wells' code containing the method which was able to compress a column of news into four words. He failed, but the stenographer, fearing the loss of his years of toil, changed his system so that any one who did it and ungarded would be unable to make use of it. He brooded over the affair continually, and took a trip to San Francisco, seeking a change of scene for a few weeks. While in that city during the street car strike, he was pushed or fell from a car, striking his head on the asphalt. His friends were told of his accident after he had been unconscious for several hours. They hurried west and nursed him through the brain fever which followed.

When he was again strong enough to renew negotiations with the representatives of a \$5,000,000 syndicate, which had been formed while he was in the hospital, he found that he could not recall the key to his expansion process. He sought his records, but they had been altered to negative the efforts of possession. He found that this time the idea is still a fugitive.

The syndicate resolved to use every means to restore the lost thought of the unfortunate young man. They advanced a large sum of money. The officers announced that they would, if needful, pay his way around the world. He was told that the plan was to come millions. The first stage of the journey is now begun.

Should the idea come back at any time, Wells will hurry to New York and receive his long-hoped-for fortune. Ask for Amherst solid leather footwear.

CANADIAN TRADE HURT BY AUSTRALIAN TARIFF

Commonwealth Government Re- fuses to Accept Goods in Transit

A NEW CABINET ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Sifton Refuses Portfolio and Mr.
Graham to Be Minister of
Public Works.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Canadian manufacturers who export their products to Australia, have been badly hit by the new Australian tariff, as have British exporters. In response to a request from the Canadian Manufacturers' association, a cable was sent to Melbourne by the Dominion government, asking that Canadian goods in transit at the time the new tariff went into effect should enter at the old rates of duty. A reply was received today as follows: "Regret to inform you that such a departure from our established practice would cause confusion and inconvenience, and it has been found impossible to accede to your desires."

There was another turn of the political wheel today. Mr. Sifton has declined to re-enter the cabinet unless his conditions are acceded to, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier cannot see his way at present to do so. Therefore, Mr. Sifton will remain on the outside, at any rate at present.

It is an open secret that Mr. Sifton, realizing the weakness of the present administration, stipulated for a clean sweep. He wanted to have the old sweepers, Sir Richard Cartwright, Senator Scott and others, retired and new blood introduced. Mr. Sifton holds that if the premier appeals to the country next year simply with the present following the Liberal party will go down and out. For this reason a complete re-organization, in his judgment, is essential. The premier, however, cannot get up his courage to the point of breaking with his old colleagues, and accordingly the ultimatum of Mr. Sifton having been refused, that gentleman remains on the outside.

George P. Graham accordingly becomes a cabinet possibility once more. It is said he is slated for public works. Mr. P. Pugsley takes railways and canals. Mr. Graham's translation from the provincial to the federal arena, especially as a minister and an untired man, will be bitterly resented by oldtimers in the party.

It is reported that at today's meeting of the cabinet it was decided to give the vacant senatorship to Belmont, M. P. for Ottawa.

Hon. William Pugsley will be sworn in as a member of the federal government on Friday next. He will succeed Hon. Mr. Emmerson as minister of railways. On the same day it is almost certain that Hon. George Graham will take the oath of office as minister of the crown. The choice for the Ontario vacancy has been definitely made between Mr. Graham and Mr. Pardee.

AERIAL NAVIGATION SUCCESSFUL IN GERMANY

Dirigible Balloon and Airship Pass Severe Tests Satis- factorily

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The military dirigible balloon and the Parsival airship spent practically the whole of the day in the air, and the aeroplanes are highly satisfied with the actions of the two ships. Both displayed noteworthy maneuvering qualities. The military airship made a number of short voyages, including a trip to Shandau and return, and executed complicated flights in every direction over the parade grounds. This airship then descended in order to take up the chief inspector of the transportation of troops, who decided to personally test the capacity of the balloon. In the meanwhile the Parsival airship had undertaken a journey which lasted more than two hours, directly against a strong wind. She made excellent progress, the motor working well and without any hitch. She landed at a short distance before they came to a ground, they presented a good appearance.

Halifax, Aug. 27.—The strike of the longshoremen this evening was settled by the company discharging the objectionable non-union men.

OFFER TO PURCHASE INDIAN RESERVE LAND

Canadian Northern Said to Be Seeking Terminus at Port Simpson

Vancouver, Aug. 26.—Frank Boyd, of Port Simpson, is in the city, and states that parties from Winnipeg have been there recently negotiating with the Indians for the sale of their reserve land. It is said that the parties are acting for the Canadian Northern railway, who wish to seek an outlet at the coast. The Indians will hold a conference at the close of the fishing season and the chief, Chief Dunder, is going to Winnipeg to close the deal.

Petersburg, Ind., Aug. 27.—Relatives here today received word that Charles Leask, the editor of the Republican at Kersey, Col., had been shot and instantly killed by a citizen of that place, who claimed that an article Leask published reflected on his wife.

IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

Kamloops, Aug. 27.—The irrigation commission, consisting of Hon. P. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of the P. J. works; Professor L. G. Carpenter, state engineer of Colorado, and Rex P. Childs as secretary, just appointed by the provincial government, reached this city Sunday evening from Ashcroft. They left Monday morning for Kamloops, taking in Fruitlands en route, and Tuesday visited Campbell Creek district.

The commission will visit the various portions of the province where irrigation is practiced or where its practice is desirable, and will report to the government. This is preliminary to the adoption of a comprehensive scheme with regard to irrigation by the government, and the amendment in all probability of the existing laws.

The water clauses act does not provide for the conservation of head waters, which in all countries where irrigation is a science, one of the primary considerations, and it is likely that any new legislation on the subject will provide for this phase of the question. The estimates last year provided \$5,000 for the purpose of the commission. Vernon will be the next center visited, Kelowna, Penticton, Keremeos and Princeton following.

LION ATTACKS WOMAN AT SUMMER RESORT

Many Shots Fired at Beast— Victim Now in Precarious Condition

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Anna A. Huckle, 55 years old, of this city, lies at her home tonight in a precarious condition as a result of an attack by a lion at Luna park, a summer resort in this city, late today. Mrs. Huckle was rescued almost from the jaws of death while she lay on the ground, where the animal had thrown a fusillade of bullets into the blood-crazed beast, who meanwhile was biting and clawing at the woman's body.

Without warning, the lion appeared from behind one of the buildings and with a roar sprang for Mrs. Huckle, who was nearest to him. The woman screamed and attracted the attention of the crowd. W. A. Downing, chief of the park police, who came to the rescue, found the lion tearing away at the woman's clothing, and having drawn his revolver, immediately emptied all the cartridges into the beast. Repeatedly the lion raised his gun and fired, but with little effect.

Other rescuers secured rifles from the shooting galleries and revolvers from the concessionaires, and soon a volley of bullets was being poured into the lion. Still standing over the prostrate woman, the lion stood with the ground around him literally ploughed up by the hundreds of shots that were being fired at him. Soon the noise of firearms and the shouts of the woman's rescuers the lion turned and walked a few feet away, and sinking down on the ground, he turned over on his back and with one kick and a gasp he died. His skin was completely riddled with the small calibre bullets that had been fired at him and took effect.

FORMER VICTORIAN IS SHOT AND KILLED

Mining Engineer Met Death at Hands of Drunken Officer at Goldfields

R. E. H. Maunsell, a mining engineer, formerly well known in Victoria, was shot and instantly killed at Goldfield, Nev., by a drunken deputy sheriff, George Gibson, on the morning of Sunday, August 18.

News of the tragedy has just been received in this city. The circumstances of the shooting are related somewhat in mystery, but from the evidence adduced at the inquest it appears to have been entirely unprovoked. Gibson has been arrested and charged with murder. Bail has been refused.

Maunsell, with two friends, S. Powell and T. Tobish, encountered the deputy sheriff with two women outside a resort known as the Sunset restaurant. The three men were "doing the town" and inquired the way to a "dope joint" from the officer. The latter answered them somewhat shortly and used foul language to the trio. An altercation occurred, and then Gibson, drawing a revolver, was seized by the three men, who were unarmed but who endeavored to take his weapon away from him. He shot and instantly killed Maunsell.

Gibson claims that the shooting occurred in self defense; that he was attacked by Maunsell and his companions and received a number of wounds upon the head and body, and then, finding that he could not beat the men off, he drew his revolver and shot.

The evidence of all the witnesses goes to show that Gibson had received his wounds earlier in the evening while intoxicated, and that the rash act was altogether unprovoked.

The deceased, Maunsell, was 35 years of age and a graduate of the Cameron School of Mines, England. He had spent three years in Nevada, prior to which he had been engaged in mining in this province. He is said to have five sisters living in Penzance, Cornwall, and an uncle, "Lord" Maunsell, who resides in Halifax.

A determined effort will be made to convict the murderer on the part of the friends of the deceased, who are of considerable influence, political and otherwise, in the state of Nevada.

Standard Oil's Case.

New York, Aug. 27.—It is quite possible that the government's investigation into the affairs of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, which will be completed in a few days, will be carried on without John D. Rockefeller or Henry H. Rogers being called on to testify. Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government, admitted tonight that there was a possibility that the investigation might be confined to the records and books of the company.

PLANNING FOR FLEET'S VOYAGE TO THE PACIFIC

No Definite Arrangements for Return Route of Battle- ships

PERMANENT FLEET FOR COAST

House Committee on Navy Contem-
plates Building of Four More
Big Battleships.

New York, Aug. 27.—Congressman E. W. Roberts, of Massachusetts, a member of the committee on naval affairs, who is here with his fellow members of the committee investigating the needs of the Brooklyn navy yard, and the trip of the battleship fleet through the straits of Magellan is for practical reasons alone.

"We have all read with interest the discussion of the two routes," said Representative Roberts. "Now there is not one of us who does not believe that the route to the Pacific is cheaper, but the route is both easier and work out some tactical problems. We are at peace, problems that of war. It is best that we should go by the hard route, if we are to be tried out on the long run, but the voyage will determine some of our needs in the Pacific. I have not the slightest doubt that \$10,000,000 will be used up, but as the naval tacticians wish to determine certain things, now is the time."

Representative Foss, of Illinois, chairman of the committee, made an announcement that the committee would probably ask for four more battleships at the next session of congress. He said: "We want to make up our minds now that it is necessary to maintain a large fleet in the Pacific. The Pacific is a great ocean, and it is probable that the committee will ask for four battleships, to be of more than 10,000 tons, and 25,000 tons if practicable. Of course, the number of the 400 members of the committee is yet conjectural, but we feel that \$10,000,000 great ships will be built."

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JAPAN IS AFFLICTED BY FIRE AND FLOOD

Hakodate Nearly Destroyed— Damage From Rain in Central Japan

Hakodate, Japan, Aug. 27.—Fire broke out yesterday in the flimsy native structures of this seaport, and before it could be got under control nearly 50 per cent. of the city was in ashes. The flames spread with such rapidity that all the efforts of the firemen were useless. With the exception of the American, all of the consulates were burned. Great distress prevails among the people.

Yokohama, Aug. 27.—The conflagration which yesterday destroyed 70 per cent. of Hakodate caused much suffering among those who resided in the burned district. All the Americans at Hakodate are safe, including the consular general at Yokohama, who is there on an official visit. Consular King immediately made requisition for supplies, which were promptly forwarded. It is understood that Mr. King is caring for all foreigners who have been displaced by the fire.

Tokyo, Aug. 27.—The heavy rains in central Japan have caused damage to private property, estimated at several millions of yen. The railroads are a great sufferers.

Yokohama, Aug. 27.—The flood caused by torrential rains is supposed to have caused several millions of yen in damage in central Japan. The ships furnishing the water supply of Yokohama were seriously damaged, and a water famine, which continued ten days.

New Ontario Geography

Toronto, Aug. 27.—Land Surveyor Sprague, who is extending a boundary line through Ontario for a proposed government, has reached the Kewagamogon river. He reports that the great clay belt extends even farther than was supposed. He has discovered a lake having a surface of fifty miles not recorded on any existing maps of the new district.

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