SHINANO MARU FROM THE ORIENT

Japanese Liner Lands Passengers and Freight from Ports of the Far East

The Shinano Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the steamer which warned Togo of the coming of Rojestvensky and his ill-fated fleet at the battle of the sea of Japan, reached the outer dock Wednesday morning bringing 40 saloon, 13 intermediate and 444 steerage. Three saloon passengers, Miss E. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Yeager, and two intermediate passengers, both Japanese, debarked here. The steerage passengers landed at the outer dock included 249 Japanese, 19 Chinese and one Hindu. For Seattle there were 174 Japanese and one Greek. The cargo of the steamer consisted of about 5,000 tons of general freight, including big shipments of new tea from Formosa and south Japan. Calls were made at Keelung and Shimizu to load tea. Other shipments included matting, curios, porcelain, rice, lobster sauce, lychee, water chesnuts, soy, bamboo shoots, ginger, Chinese wines and gin, saki Japanese beer, and other merchandize consigned to places from Victoria as far east as to Portland, Maine. Here 245 tons of general cargo, mostly Japanese merchandise, was landed. There was included in this a goodly shipment of "The Japanese saki made by a brewer near Nara, Japan.

Included among the passengers was Capt. W. Smith, of a Yangtzsekiang river steamer belonging to the Butterfield & Swire, on his way home to England after many years service on China's greatest river; F. H. Carter an engineer who has been in charge of construction work of the new electric street railway being constructed by a British corporation at Shanghai, who said the electric railway system would be established by next summer, and, although there would probably be some rioting at the inauguration as many Chinese were stirring their nationals against the innovation, he did not expect that the opposition would be long maintained, for the authorities were ready to cope with any rioting. D. F. Wilber, U. S. consul-general at Singapore, who has been transferred to Halifax, from the north of the Straits Settlements, accompanied by his wife. Rev. J. C. Davison, and Mrs. J. E. Williams, missionaries, bound to Seattle and San Francisco from Japanese and Chinese mission fields, respectively. Other arrivals were, G. A. Hirch, R. R. Spencer, C. T. Wang a native Chinese missionary, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Owens, Miss C. E. Davis, Dr. G. B. Pearl, a well known Kobe dentist, who was accompanied to the steamer by a brass band and a farewell delegation, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farmer, Dr. Owens Paget, Mr. Fournier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flury, Mr. Schuring, E. D. McCarthy and many Japanese.

As the steamer Shinano Maru was in the straits the day before arrival she sighted the British cruiser Monmouth outbound, steaming at full speed in a calm sea. The Tosa Maru, which was outbound at the same time, was signalled and stopped, while a boat from the inward Japanese liner went over to the outward boat to send mails back to Japan.

RAMMED THE EMPRESS

Steamer Charmer Collided With C. P. R. White Liner at Vancouver

When the steamer Charmer was berthing at Vancouver on arrival from this port on Tuesday night her engines failed to stop when the signal was given and she collided with the after part of the C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan. The Charmer had no great headway but when the order was given for her engines to reverse they stuck on the dead centre.

It was seen that a collision with the steamer ahead was imminent and a cork fender was lowered over the Charmer's bow; then, with a crash her steam head plowed into the steel plates of the Empress' overhanging stern, which at the same time crumpled up the flagstaffs, railings and other gear on the bows of the Charmer, almost crushing the sailor who had lowered the buffer; as it was he was pinned down, but not injured.

FREIGHT FOR DAWSON

Big Movement of Merchandise Down the Yukon River This Season

Freight from Victoria, Vancouver and Puget Sound ports consigned to Dawson and Fairbanks is rolling into White Horse at about the same rate that it is being removed from that point on the river steamers of the White Pass & Yukon. According to latest advices from White Horse there were 23,000 tons of freight lying there on June 19.

At the opening of navigation early in June there were two thousand tons of freight at White Horse awaiting transportation to downriver points, and since the steamers commenced running they have been taking all the cargo they could handle. Shipping men expect to see more freight go into White Horse this season than for several years past. There is an immense tonnage now moving in that direction.

SPOKANE RETURNS.

Was Within 300 Yards of Carroll Glacier in Glacier Bay.

The steamer Spokane, which carried a full complement of excursionists north, has returned to Seattle, and Capt. Carroll reports that he was able to steam within 300 yards of the glacier named after him in Glacier Bay. The Spokane is the first ship that has approached this glacier in fourteen years, according to the officers on the Spokane and Alaskans who have been through the country in which the glaciers are situated.

Capt. Carroll manoeuvered his ship closed to the great ice bank, which loomed several hundred feet above the ship. Another feat of the Spokane was approaching to within seven miles of the Muir glacier. This is closer than any ship has reached this glacier for the last nine years.

The ship touched at twenty-four points on the run up. Leaving June 14th the steamer proceeded to Ketchikan, where messages were dispatched over the new government cable. Old Kassan was the next point touched. On June 17th she made Wrangel, and from there proceeded through the Wrangel Narrows to the Muir glacier and the Taku glacier. The passengers stated that these glaciers presented a most remarkable sight.

Prof. George Davidson, who has formerly studied the movement of the living and dead glaciers, was also in in the party. Prof. Davidson is now preparing a paper on northern glaciers, having made copious notes on them during the present trip.

JAPANESE WOMEN

Who Come by Steamers From Japan Must Wed or Go Back Home.

On the steamer Tosa Maru when she sailed outward on her return voyage to Japan was a Japanese girl who had come to wed a countryman with whom she had been in correspondence. She was deported because the man did not appear to claim her as a bride, and as a single woman she was refused landing. All Japanese coming to this side of the ocean are provided with return transportation in case they should be forced to return for any cause. Mose of the Japanese are insured by a firm in Japan, which issues insurance against their return. In many respects the company is similar to the ordinary life insurance company. The immigrants are examined and after paying their fee they are given a certificate which, in case they should be refused admittance for any reason, will insure them the return of their expenses upon their arrival back in Japan.

BROKE CUSTOMS LAWS

American Launch Trades on Queen Charlottes With Unlawful Permit

News was brought by the steamer Amur, which reached port yesterday from Skidegate and ports of the north, that the United States gasoline launch Oriel, of Ketchikan, was captured by the Canadian fishery cruiser Kestrel on that vessel's last cruise north. The Kestrel chased the gasoline launch with the intention of seizing the vessel for voyaging from place to place on the Queen Charlotte Islands landing freight and passengers. When the Oriel was overhauled, however, the master of the vessel produced a permit from the customs officer at Massett. Several prospectors and others who had traveled on the Oriel were found and fined $20 each. Then the Kestrel, with E. S. Bushby on board, went to search for the customs officer at Massett, who is stated to have given the permit. He was ordered not to give other permits to foreign vessels and a report was sent to Ottawa regarding the happening.

COLLIERS BUSIER

Fire at Comox Mine Is Blocked off and Work Has Been Resumed

The steamer Wangard, which has been waiting at Comox for nearly two months for a cargo of coal to be taken to Guayamas, Mexico, is about loaded and is expected to sail by the end of this week. Recent arrivals from Comox state that the fire in No. 4 mine has been walled off and work is being resumed. A shortage of miners is reported to be the trouble now at the mines, there being a demand for a hundred more men. More coal is reaching the bunkers at Union Bay daily. The steam collier Wellington and the tug Queen City are waiting coal. The steamers Stratheyre and Germanicus are bunkering at Brechin. At Ladysmith the steamer Tordenskjold is loading. The ship America has just cleared with a cargo of coal for Cape Nome. The Boveric is to load a full cargo for the same port at Nanaimo.

BILL BLACKBOURNE TO PITCH OPENING GAME

Local Southpaw Will Twirl Against Bremerton At Oak Bay On Saturday Afternoon

Manager Seth Armstrong of the Victoria ball team came over to the city yesterday and completed arrangements for the opening home game of the team at Oak Bay park on Saturday afternoon. The strong Bremerton team will be the opponents of the locals in the initial encounter and a good game of ball should result when the teams hook up. The Bremerton team played the Superior team of Seattle, which is practically the Victoria team, at Bremerton on Sunday and the Superiors won out after a great game by a score of 3 to 2.

Two Victoria players will figure on the team which will represent this city. Bill Blackbourne, the popular local southpaw, will be on the rubber while Robertson of the local amateur nine will play in the outfield. It is intended to introduce more Victoria players to the team as soon as they show the class.

The Oak Bay diamond has been put into good shape by Prof. Foster and the infield has been given a thorough dressing. As a result the playing surface has been vastly improved, and the infielders should have no trouble handling ground balls.

The batting order of the team will be as follows:

Victoria—Robertson, right field; Nist, second base; Standridge, centre field; Weinholt, catcher; Paddock, left field; Blackbourne, pitcher; Miller, short stop; McNamara, third base; McQuade, substitute.

Bremerton—Tetley, second base; Olsen, right field; Duff, catcher; Black, short stop; Bradley, first base; Granger, centre field; Doyle, third base; Gibson, left field; Gordon, Pitcher.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

International Cricket Dates Will Be August 5, 6, 7.

Toronto, June 26—The new officers of the Canadian Cricket association are:

Hon. President—His Excellency the Governor-General.

President—D. W. Saunders.

Vice-Presidents—J. W. Woods, Toronto; Dr. Beemer, Mimico; Dr. G. B. Smith, Toronto; A. B. Wood, Montreal; R. B. Ferris, Hamilton; L. Rawlinson, Toronto; A. F. R. Martin, Victoria.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—A. Godfrey Robertson.

Selection Committee—D. W. Saunders, W. H. Garrett, Dr. Beemer, L. Rawlinson, W. C. Barber, A. Gillespie, and J. E. Hall.

In case of resignation of any one of the above, R. B. Ferrie, of Hamilton, will be elected to fill the vacancy.

It was decided that, in view of the fact that Philadelphia is sending an eleven to Ottawa on Aug. 1, 2 and 3, the dates for the International be Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

LOCAL CRICKETERS TO JOURNEY OUT OF TOWN

Oak Bay Club Will Go To Tacoma Tomorrow and Victoria Club Visits Vancouver

Both the big local cricket clubs will be away from home on Saturday next, having arranged fixtures out of town. The Victoria Club will go over to Vancouver tonight for a three days' sojourn playing two games in the Terminal City. They will take on the Burrard team on Saturday in an all day match, and on Monday will meet the Vancouver team in an all day game. The Oak Bay eleven will journey to Tacoma to play a return match with the Country Club team. This game will be an all day affair taking place on Saturday, and the Oak Bay club members will leave tonight also. Strong elevens will represent both the Victoria clubs and they are confident of being returning winners.

There will be no cricket at all in the city on Dominion Day, none of the clubs having arranged any fixtures locally.

Cricket Match Today.

The University College school cricket team will play the Garrison C. C. this afternoon on the Jubilee hospital grounds starting at 2 o'clock. The following will represent the school. Rev. A. H. Collison, J. C. Barnacle, Esq., C. E. Falkner, Esq., and Messrs. A. B. Irving, S. Gillespie, E. P. Gillespie, R. F. Winch, W. J. Bowser, W. J. Pearse, A. J. Collison and F. A. Pauline.

GREAT WEEK OF CRICKET

Tournament at Vancouver Will Be a Memorable One

Vancouver, June 26.—Local cricketers will make tournament week something to be remembered. Teams from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Nelson, New Westminster and Victoria have entered, and it is expected Los Angeles will also be represented.

LACROSSE DOUBLE HEADER AT VANCOUVER MONDAY

New Westminster Plays Maple Leafs and Victoria Team Meets Vancouver Intermediates

Vancouver, June 26.—Next Monday the most important match of the season, in view of the standing of the seniors in the league, will be played at Brockton Point when New Westminster and the Maple Leafs will meet for the second time this season. Vancouver followers are taking considerable interest in the match, more so than is their custom because it means much to the Vancouver team. New Westminster so far has won two games and has yet to suffer defeat. Maple Leafs have been defeated twice while Vancouver won one from Maple Leafs and lost one to New Westminster. Alex. Turnbull will likely be on the home division of New Westminster again in the Dominion Day game, and this fact will more than give strength to Westminster.

Lovers of the game say that the players on the different teams are just about striking their gait now, and that with constant practice they should get in the finest shape and make the remaining games to be played between Vancouver, Maple Leafs and New Westminster the most exciting witnessed in this section in years.

There will be a double header on the holiday, an intermediate match having also been arranged between the Victoria team and the Vancouver club intermediates. This will be put on as a preliminary to the big match. The game should be a good one and the Vancouver team won at Victoria on Victoria day by a single goal after a hotly contested game and they will likely have their troubles to repeat.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Competition for People's Shield will Be Held Next Month.

Winnipeg, June 26—For the People's Shield, the handsome football trophy emblematic of the championship of Canada in association football, now held by the Toronto Thistles the draws for the eastern district of the Manitoba Football association were made last night with six teams entered viz: Rutanner, Celters, United Shamrocks, Scottish and Lyceum. The final game will be played July 5. The winners of the final will then be in the grand final series against outside teams. The Toronto Thistles, holders of the trophy donated by the "People" newspaper, of England, will come west to defend it against western aspirants.

CORNELL WINS AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE BOAT RACE

Closest Finish Between the Seven Crews Contesting Ever Seen on Poughkeepsie Course.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 26.—Cornell won the annual boat race today with Columbia second, navy third. Official time, Cornell, 20.02 2-5, Columbia, 20,04, navy 20.16 4-5, Penna 20.33 2-5. No time taken for Wisconsin, Georgetown and Syracuse. It was the closest finish ever seen on this course.

NEW HEAVYWEIGHT ASPIRANT.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 26.—Charles Fox, who fought under the name of "Jack Kelly" against Joe Rogers before the National Sporting Club in New York city last week and was defeated, is generally known here as a graduate of the academic department of Yale, son of Charles Fox, a prominent business man and extensive property owner.

Fox's entrance in the ring for pugilistic honors created a sensation here. He is prominent in local politics. He ran for county sheriff on the Democratic ticket last fall and was defeated by a small margin. He sits in the councils of his party on all important matters and has been a very liberal contributor to every campaign for the past six years.

Fox is the sole heir to his father's estate, which is valued at about $250,000. His friends say that he has an ambition to be the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world. For his first last week he secretly trained for four months and only a very few of his closest friends knew of his plans.

Fox has been an athlete since his college days and is the proud possessor of the Yale "Y." He is 31 years old, is married and has a family and lives in a fine residence in Fairfield. His defeat was a surprise to his Bridgeport and New Haven friends, who had wagered that he would put Rogers out before the termination of the ten-round bout. Fox says he will try again and is not dismayed at his defeat. He weighs 220 pounds when in fighting trim.

Play Nelson on Monday

Vancouver, June 26.—The Vancouver Lacrosse club yesterday received word from the Nelson club. The latter club has accepted the terms of the locals, and as a result the locals will journey to the interior town for two games. The first will be played on Dominion day and the final match on July 2. The local team will leave here on Saturday next.

Preparing For Motorists.

Nanaimo, June 26.—It is evident that the Victoria Motor Club, which makes the run to Alberni and return commencing on Saturday, will have quite a number in their party. The club has written the Wilson and Windsor hotels to reserve all the hotel accommodation possible for their convenience. The Wilson house alone has received an order to reserve thirty rooms.

The whole party will be in Nanaimo for dinner on Saturday breakfast and dinner Sunday, some possibly for lunch Sunday, and the majority of the party for breakfast on Monday. Several dozen tins of "motor oil" have been forwarded to the city for their use.

PRINCE IS WINNER IN STRAIGHT HEATS

Chapelle's Horse Beats B. C. King in Easy Fashion at Ladner's Races

Vancouver, B. C., June 26.—There was splendid weather and an attendance of about one thousand at the Ladner races today, including many persons from Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. There was some exciting racing, most interest being shown in the pony race, probably because all were local ponies. Following is a summary of the races:

B. C. Futurity Stakes; half mile heats, for two-year-olds—Ruby Patchen, 1; Pet Palestine, 2; Sceptin, 3.

Mile trot or pace, 2.25 class, best three in five—The Prince, owned by Mr. Chapelle, Victoria, 1; B. C. King, 2. The Prince won every heat with B. C. King a close second.

Trot or pace, mile heats, 2.40 class—Baby L, 1; Winnie G, 2; Allomont, 3. There was a great deal of pulling in this race and the stewards refused to grant second and third money.

Green trot or pace, half mile heats—Victoria, 1; May W, 2.

Pony race, half mile heats, best two in three heats—Mayflower, 1; Show Me, 2; Dick, 3.

COMPLETE ENTRIES FOR ASSOCIATION REGATTA

Many Oarsmen Will Take Part in Big Meet at Lake Washington Next Week

E. P. Johnson, secretary of the James Bay Athletic association, last night received the official list of entries for the sixteenth annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen, to be held on Lake Washington, Seattle, July 3 and 4, 1907.

The colors of the various clubs are:

James Bay Athletic Association, Victoria, B. C.—Navy blue and white.

Vancouver Rowing Club, Vancouver, B.C. —Scarlet and white.

Portland Rowing Club, Portland, Ore. Navy, sky blue and white.

Nelson Boat Club, Nelson, B. C.—Green and white.

Seattle Rowing and Canoe Club, Seattle, Wash.—Colors not given.

All association races are one and one-half miles straight away.

The entries are:

Senior Fours

J. B. A. A.—K. T. Hughes, stroke; W. W. Laing, 3; F. Baylis, 2; W. H. Jesse, bow.

V. R. C.—N. C. Sawers, stroke; J. R. R. A. Moore, 3; C. G. Laing, 2; T. Patterson, bow.

P. R. C.—B. E. Loomis, stroke; A. C. McMicken, 3; J. A. Dillabough, 2; A. A. Allen, bow.

Junior Fours

J. B. A. A.—R. Hiscocks, stroke; C. H. Thompson, 3; C. Jenkinson, 2; V. Gray, bow.

P. R. C.—V. Dent, stroke; E. G. Wendling, 3; C. W. Ganzemiller, 2; J. D. Boost, bow.

V. R. C.—S. C. Sweeny, stroke; F. H. Godfrey, 3; E. MacGachen, 2; A. B. Fraser, bow.

S. R. and C. Club—Lovejoy, stroke; Sagler, 3; Cooper, 2; Beck, bow.

N. R. C.—C. Lee, stroke; N. McIntosh, 3; A. H. Ferguson, 2; A. Bishop, bow.

V. R. C.—G. Y. Simpson, stroke; G. M. Stacey, 3; N. B. Boddington, 2; W. G. Power, bow.

Senior Double

J. B. A. A.—W. W. Laing, stroke; W. H. Jesse, bow.

N. B. C.—T. DesBrisay, stroke; A. Pool, bow.

V. R. C.—J. R. R. A. Moore, bow; T. Pattison, bow.

P. R. C.—E. O. Gloss, stroke; Geo. C. Luders, bow.

Junior Doubles

S. R. and C. Club—Barton, stroke; Kelley, bow.

N. B. C.—A. Pool, stroke; F. Nott, bow.

V. R. C.—A. D. King, stroke; C. C. Morgan, bow.

J. B. A. A.—G. H. Thompson, stroke; J. C. Bendrot, bow.

P. R. C.—R. Conant, stroke; Chas. A. Quitzow, bow.

Senior Singles

N. B. C.—T. DesBrisay.

P. R. C.—E. O. Gloss.

V. R. C.—N. C Sawers

Junior Singles

J. B. A. A.—W. N. Kennedy

V. R. C.—C. G. Laing.

S. R. and C. Club—Kelley, Barton.

P. R. C.—Chas. A. Quitzow.

Sir Donald Currie has offered £10,000 towards a new recreation ground for the Queen's university, Belfast, for which a grand bazaar is to be held.

ADVISES WESTMINSTER NOT TO PLAY IN EAST

Jack Kearns, One of Miller's Ontario Tourists for Australia, Writes His Impressions

In a letter to the sporting editor of the Toronto Star, J. M. Kearn, one of the players with Miller's misfits from the Ontario backwoods who will tour Australia, has this to say of the team's experience at New Westminster:

Vancouver, B. C., June 15th, 1907.

Sporting Editor Star: The All-Canadians, as Jack Miller's tourists are now called, have arrived at the coast, and have gone down to defeat at the hands of the New Westminster lacrosse team.

The tourists got in here Friday, the 14th, having played at Regina on Monday, Moose Jaw on Tuesday, and Medicine Hat on Wednesday, taking the train from the latter place Wednesday night. Regina administered the first defeat to the All-Canadians, defeating them by 9-2. The game was hard and rather rough, and Regina man in good shape, and played fast lacrosse. They had strengthened up considerably for the match, having got in one player from Winnipeg, two from Souris, and two from Battleford. They played a hard, fast game, and went at the tourists in earnest.

At Moose Jaw and the Hat, the All-Canadians had rather an easy time, the score in each case being 4-1, in their favor. At the Hat, our old friends, Bill Hatcher of Orangeville and Eddie Curliss of Fergus played with the local team, while at Moose Jaw, Jack Martin of Mt. Forest and Eddie Power of Elorca played.

But the real defeat came this afternoon, when New Westminster defeated the tourists by the nice score of 17-0. To use a common phrase, the score does not indicate the play. The All-Canadians had just as much, and probably more, of the ball than the winners, but the home of the visitors could not penetrate the local's defence. Time and again the ball was brought up to the All-Canadian home and the home players would handle it in expert fashion—out from the goals. They could not break through the great defence. On the other hand, the locals' home would come down the field three abreast on the dead run, and every time they came near the goal they shot. It was a game between an intermediate team who had traveled 2,900 miles and played six games in twelve days against a senior team who were in the pink of condition, and who were playing on their own grounds.

The conditions were hardly fair, but the victory was quite decisive.

The Westminsters played fast, clean lacrosse and were on the jump the whole time. They took advantage of every opportunity they got, while the tourists, over and over again, held the ball when a shot should have been made.

There is some talk of New Westminster going East this fall, but I should not think it wise for them to do so. By the time they travel over there, and meet teams which are in good shape, they will find that there are eastern teams which can play. The team they have now is not nearly as good as the one that went East some years ago, although some of the old players are still at it yet. I think the Tecumsehs or Torontos, if they were in good shape and well rested—could beat the Westminsters right at their own grounds. But we have found the travelling and the games we played rather too strenuous, and we are in no shape for a hard game.

J. M. KEARNS.

PREMIER WHITNEY'S BROTHER.

Grenville Liberals Objected to Him as President.

Prescott, Ont., June 26.—At a largely attended convention of the Liberal Association of the county of Grenville, Dr. W. C. Brown, of Prescott, was elected president over Albert Whitney, former president of the association, and brother of Hon. J. P. Whitney.

In addressing the convention, Mr. Whitney deprecated the attacks made on himself because of the relationship, saying: "My brother does not want my help, would not take it, and does not need it."

The vote was: Brown, 241; Whitney, 232.

Other officers elected were: S. L. Martin, Kemptville, vice-president; Dr. C. F. McPherson, Prescott, secretary, and J. E. Dubrule, Prescott, treasurer.

RACES WILL BE ROWED WITH TURN AT CANADIAN HENLEY

Every Event on Programme but Eight Will be Conducted in This Fashion

St. Catharines, June 26.—The committee appointed last year by the Canadian Henley to make arrangements to move the present grandstand farther up the course from its original position, have decided not to go on with the work this year. The grandstand was to be moved so as to make the races more interesting to the spectators, as by having the start and finish close together the people on the grandstand would be enabled to see both the start and finish of the various events. The expense of moving the grandstand to a place up beside the club house would naturally be very heavy, so a plan to get around the expense this year and yet bring about the desired results has been adopted.

The people on the grandstand will see the start and finish of all the races because the different events will be rowed with a turn. The oarsmen will be started in front of the grandstand and they will race halfway up the course, then turn round and race back again. The manoeuvring for positions and the get-away besides the skill necessary to be displayed in turning around, no easy matter in a scull or shell, will lend added interest to the races. Hitherto the only thing the spectators could see, practically, was the finish of the races, and it was pretty slow waiting in between.

Accordingly every race at this year's Canadian Henley will have a turn with the exception of the eighths, which could not turn around on the course, as it is too narrow. In any event it is next thing to impossible to turn an eight shell around under the most favorable auspices.

Taken altogether the Canadian Henley of 1907 should eclipse all others in interest, judging by the prospects as they appear already. A good many of the "big fellows" have already promised to be here.

ROUGH ON MARK TWAIN

Had to Bear Oxford Students' Chaff in Silence

Oxford, Eng., June 26.—With thirty men, distinguished in politics, religion, art, science or letters, including Premier Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Chancellor Leyburn, Mr. Lowther, the speaker of the house of commons, General Wm. Booth, of the Salvation Army, Rudyard Kipling and the Archbishop of Armagh, Most Rev. Wm. Alexander, Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) received a university degree here today.

Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, chancellor of the university, presided.

When Ingram Bywater, Regius professor of Greek, presented Mark Twain to the convocation, the students started a fire of chaff about his books and their heroes, mixed with frequent questions, such as: "Where is your white suit?"

Mark Twain said afterwards that he wanted to reply but was determined to observe the etiquette demanding that a recipient of degrees be silent.

Port Hope, June 26.—James Baxter, a weaver, aged 64, committed suicide here last night by drinking carbolic acid. Ill health is said to have been the cause of the act. A wife, three sons and a daughter survive him.

ELABORATE PLANS TO IMPROVE HOTEL

Dominion Will Be Enlarged and Made Thoroughly Modern Throughout

The Dominion hotel, which has already earned for itself commendable recognition as an important agency in encouraging tourist travel to Victoria, is to be remodelled and enlarged. Preparatory work on this undertaking has been commenced and by Nov. 1, in time for the winter trade, Steve Jones, the enterprising proprietor, intends to have his house converted into one of the finest and most modern on the Pacific coast.

A fourth story is to be added to the Dominion, allowing for 35 new rooms, which will make in all 127. Complete arrangements for the installation of every up-to-date convenience to be found in first class hotels have been made, and when the contemplated transformation has been effected guests will be able to enjoy the best of comforts and luxury known to the traveler. While the plans of the proposed accommodations allow for homelike privacy, at the same time each room is to be equipped so that the occupant will find within handy reach the facility to summon instantaneously any attention that may be desired. A telephone system, for instance, which is to be installed throughout the house, will permit the guest of any room to communicate with the office, any other room in the house, any place in the city, or any place in any city on the long distance telephone system in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

The new guest rooms will be of an average size of 16x17 feet, while the side rooms will be 14x17. There will be a number of suites and these will have double doors to ensure privacy. Every room in the house will have an outside room, to which the sunshine will have access. Forty rooms will be equipped with private baths, while hot and cold running water will be supplied to all. The bathrooms and lavatories will have tile floors and tile wainscotting.

The rotunda, in which the office is located, is to be enlarged so that it will have a frontage of 40 feet on Yates street, and extend back 55 feet. Twenty-eight feet of space is to be added to the dining room, making it 30x25 and giving it a seating capacity of 120. The entrance will be from the centre of the rotunda, and over the large doorway there will be a messaline floor for the accommodation of an orchestra, which can be heard to advantage in the dining room and rotunda.

The barroom is to be removed to the west side of the building, where it will occupy a space of 48x16 feet. The barber shop will be located in the rear of the lounge, off the rotunda, and adjacent to this will be a bootblack stand with the lavatory convenient.

An entirely new system of steam heating will be installed throughout the hotel and electricity for lighting purposes will be generated on the premises. A 45 horsepower, three cycle, engine, capable of 400 revolutions per minute, with a 25 per kilowat hour generator and a capacity for five hundred 16 candle power lamps will be set up in the basement.

The new elevator will be six feet square, with a carrying capacity of 2,000 pounds, and a speed of 200 feet to the minute. The shaft will be located where the telephone booth now is, and the openings on each floor will be immediately in front of the main stairway.

Particular attention will be paid to the kitchen furnishings in order that the culinary service may be of the cleanest and fastest known in the hotel business. The space will be 35x40 feet. Two large cooking ranges, broilers, and all the up to date steam accessories of modern kitchens will be part of the equipment.

Hooper & Watkins are the architects in charge of the work, and portions of the large contracts have already been let. George J. Jones, brother of the proprietor, has the contract for the wood work, while the mill work and lumber will be supplied by Lemon, Gonnason & Co.

The plans also include a grand illumination scheme for the outside of the building, which will cause it to attract attention from all parts of the city. On the tops of the walls on the Yates and Blanchard streets there will be rows of large lights similar to those on the causeway, Government street.

Arrangements for the building of the additional story and the numerous alterations to the present structure have been so made that the work will be carried on from the Blanchard street side, and while it is in progress the guests of the house will in no way be disturbed or inconvenienced.

The cost of the undertaking is estimated at $50,000.

Montreal, June 25.—C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending June 21, were $1,619,000. For the same week last year they were $1,288,000.

CHINA ON EVE OF GREAT UPHEAVAL

That Is Opinion of British Captain On His Way Home

China is on the eve of an upheaval that will be much worse than the Taiping rebellion, said Capt. W. Smith, master of a Butterfield & Swire river steamer on the Yangtzse river in Central China, who arrived by the steamer Shinano Maru yesterday. He said the southern revolution was well organized and well planned, but had been launched before the leaders wished. Probably about the end of next year the big movement which will threaten China's throne will begin. The leaders are educated men and have been preparing for nearly twenty years. Great quantities of arms have been smuggled in, despite all efforts of the government to put down this traffic.

In this connection the Shanghai Gazette reports that it has been well known in shipping circles that a great shipment of arms, believed to comprise at least 200,000 rifles, has been arranged to be carried by various German steamers at Tientsin, Shanghai, or Hong Kong, and the customs have been alert to intercept the contraband. One cargo was captured at Tientsin.

The Shanghai Gazette says: "The Chinese authorities, with the co-operation of the powers will be successful, we hope, in suppressing the wholesale importation of firearms by unscrupulous foreigners into China, which has been so prevalent of late. It is quite clear from the recent exposures the importation of arms in a large way at Tientsin, as well as the traffic which has been done on a smaller scale locally around Shanghai, that Germans and Japanese are the principal culprits, indeed the sole competitors for this disreputable business. The trade is a menace not only to China herself, but to all foreigners and people of orderly and lawful intentions residing in the empire.

"The enormous nature of the transactions in this illicit arms trade has been frequently the subject of unofficial comment recently, but as a rule nothing openly transpires until we get such exposures that have recently taken place in Tientsin, where arms have been imported by thousands, and ammunition in correspondingly huge quantities. When the culprits are caught red handed in the act, as was the case with a Japanese firm in Tientsin a few days ago, one would imagine that some sort of punishment would follow, but such is not the case, for we are told the Japanese authorities have in that case had the effrontery to ask the Chinese government to regularize the business by buying the smuggled arms which were of course intended for that government's enemies."

"The revolution is not aimed against foreigners," said Capt. Smith, who while traveling between Changsha and Hankow on the big Chinese rivers, has had great opportunity to acquaint himself with the situation. "The leaders know full well that any move against foreigners will bring the powers into the field and are anxious to avoid interference, but it is not considered that they will be able to hold their followers. Mobs in China are not better than mobs elsewhere, if they are not worse, and when towns are captured the rabble will plunder. As the best plunder is at the houses of the rich merchants and foreigners their places will be pillaged.

"Whether the movement begun near Swatow, where the rebels seem to be returning toward the interior, will reach great proportions remains to be seen, but by next year, if not before, I expect to see a widespread rebellion throughout Central China. The rice harvests expected next month will have much to do with the rebellion. Rice is dear, about twice its price and a great shortage is expected. If the harvest fails rebellion is certain."

Capt. Smith was at Changsha when the rising of last year took place, following the massacre of the missionaries near there. Rev. Mr. Kingham, his wife and child, and some other Protestant missionaries were killed in a riot which followed the killing of the local Chinese magistrate at Poyang lake by a Chinese Catholic priest named Wong.

He says the killing of these missionaries is an example of Chinese ideas of justice. The missionaries who were killed had nothing to do with the killing of the magistrate, but the mob attacked their houses and killed them. An incident of injustice which came under the notice of the shipmaster at Hankow was the execution of Han, a Chinese youth who was educated in Japan. It seems that he came from Tokio to visit his brother, who was a petty official, but shortly before he arrived his brother had released some youths from prison and fled to escape the consequences of so doing. Han was executed by the Taotal because he happened to be the runaway's brother. He was tortured, the torturers insisting that he confess that he was an anti-monarchist emissary from Tokio. Finally, to avoid further torture, he did so, and was then brought before the Taotl, who lectured him concerning the error of his ways and told him he would send him home in an official chair, warning him to eschew evil ways.

The youth never reached home. He left the Taotal's yamen in a chair borne by coolies at 5 a. m., and the chair stopped at the execution ground where his head was whipped off with a sword.

Hankow, which lies about 800 miles up the Yangtzse river, is growing rapidly and is to China what Chicago is to the United States. The railway connecting Hankow with Peking is patronized extensively and the river trade is immense. Daily steamers run from Shanghai to Hankow and vice versa. The foreign bund is now 4 1-2 miles long. As elsewhere in China, western methods are being adopted, electric lighting and other modern conveniences; in fact China is becoming rapidly "westernized."

Fire in Springfield, Ont.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 26.—The village of Springfield on the Michigan Central, sixteen miles east of St. Thomas, suffered serious losses through fire, one side of the main street being wiped out. Chambers' departmental and hardware store, the Ferris barber shop and residence, Lamb's general store, and Postmaster Chandler's house, store and barn were destroyed. The total loss is $20,000. The origin of the fire is not known. One man was caught under fallen timbers, but was extricated. Aylmer's fire brigade was called and rendered valuable assistance.