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FIRE ON SHIP; 125 ABOARD

Wireless Call Brings Help To Steamer and All Are Saved

A HARD BATTLE

S. S. Queen, in Pacific Service Took Fire at Sea and Almost a Panic Ensued—Third Eventful Experience in the Vessel's Career

(Canadian Press) San Francisco, Jan. 25.—With a fierce fire burning in her hold and 125 passengers in a state bordering on panic, the steamer Queen, of the Pacific S. S. Co., arrived in port this morning, bringing the news of a fierce conflict with flames that had lasted for more than twelve hours, and threatened to destroy the vessel and passengers. The fifty-five members of the crew were exhausted from fighting the flames and controlling the terror-stricken passengers.

The vessel was conveyed by the steamer President, of the same line, which had hurried to the rescue in response to frantic calls sent out by the wireless operator aboard the Queen.

The fire broke out yesterday afternoon, when the vessel was off Point Reyes, sixty miles north of the city, a few hours after the steamer had left for Puget Sound ports. While the fire drill was being set in motion the wireless operator began sending messages for help. The operator at this port picked up the distress call and the message sent word that rescue would be sent immediately and to keep up hope.

Those on board the Queen told thrilling stories of the battle with the fire. The wind was so high and the sea so rough that it was almost impossible to keep foothold upon the decks, which were wet and slippery from spray.

A DRY DOCK PLANNED FOR AMHERSTBURG

Shipbuilding and Repair Plant Also—Intend to be Able to Accommodate Largest Canadian Vessels on Great Lakes

(Canadian Press) Toronto, Jan. 25.—A six hundred foot dry dock capable of accommodating the largest Canadian vessels on the Great Lakes, together with complete machine shops equipped for any sort of repairs and probably a shipbuilding plant, are to be built very soon at Amherstburg by a stock company now in process of formation.

A deal has been closed for practically enough acre front property and no difficulty is anticipated in securing all the land needed. Toronto, Amherstburg and Windsor capital is behind the enterprise, the present subscription amounting to \$250,000 with daily additions. The capital stock of the company is not stated. Among the stockholders are A. H. Clarke, M. P., for South Essex; D. H. Leary and Alfred Woods, Amherstburg.

ALL AGOG IN OTTAWA

Crowded House to Hear Mr. Fielding's Announcement This Afternoon—Minister Looks Well After His Hard Work

(Special to Times) Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25.—The capital is agog today over the announcement as to the result of the reciprocity negotiations, which is to be announced in the commons this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is possible, if the preliminary business is disposed of quickly, that Mr. Fielding may commence to speak a little before that time.

The scene in the house promises to be memorable on the attendance of members will be large, and the galleries will be crowded with a throng anxious to hear what Mr. Fielding has to say. Many will be there as a matter of curiosity only, while others, including a number of manufacturers who are in the city, will be eager to know how the agreement is likely to affect their business interests.

This morning Mr. Fielding met his colleagues in council and imparted to them the details of the agreement which at the time of writing are known only by the ministers and the experts who took part in the deliberations.

BOY BANDITS ARE CAPTURED

Car Held up and Twenty-Two People Robbed—A Canadian Case Also

(Canadian Press) Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 25.—Yelling like Indian warriors and firing promiscuously from revolvers in both hands, two masked bandits boarded an in-bound beach motor car on the outskirts of Santa Monica last night, robbed twenty-two passengers, seriously wounding one of them and were forced to flee by a single shot fired through the doorway by a passenger.

This shot wounded one of the robbers, and later the injured bandit was captured when he attempted to board a car to re-enter the city for treatment. He gave the name of Roy Fox, 18 years old.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 25.—An Indian, the young Harrow desperado, who a month ago demanded \$5,000 from his uncle, William Wright, paid an instant death, was arrested yesterday on the charge of threatening bodily harm and demanding money by threats.

FIREMAN OF S. S. YARMOUTH IS MISSING

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He charged that the differential rates formed a discrimination between the two ports. The agreement which caused the rates complained of was ratified by parliament with the tacit understanding that the difference in rates to and from the two ports would be counteracted by the steamship companies allowing a lower freight to Halifax than to St. John.

The steamship companies had not acted as expected with the result that it cost more to send freight through Halifax than it did through St. John police department. The hearing of the case was continued.

STORM'S TOLL IS 20 VESSELS; 120 LIVES

(Canadian Press) Seattle, Wn., Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—News that a number of Japanese fishing vessels were lost in a heavy storm which prevailed near Owarri Bay on January 8, has arrived here. Twenty vessels were wrecked and 120 men drowned.

HALIFAX PROTEST IS TAKEN UP

Case Before Railway Commission Relative to Freight Rates—Charges Through St. John Are Lower

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FORESTERS HAVE A GREAT NIGHT

Installation Marked by Large Gathering in Temple Hall, Speeches and Programme

JEWEL THEFT IN THAW HOUSEHOLD

Gems Valued at \$35,000 Taken From Home of Mrs. William, Junior

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—It has leaked out that while the family of William Thaw Jr. was at dinner one night this week the residence was robbed of jewels to the value of \$35,000, including the valuable pearl necklace worth \$17,000 the property of Mrs. Thaw.

She had been the closet where her jewels were kept half an hour before dinner with a view to selecting those she would wear. Only her maid was in the room, and after locking the door as usual Mrs. Thaw joined the family in the dining room.

She was absent perhaps thirty minutes and upon her return went to the closet for the pearl necklace. The door was locked, but when she opened for the necklace it was gone. Hastily opening the other cases she discovered that had been emptied of their contents.

When the detective reached the house each servant was taken separately and examined, but no information concerning the robbery was given. There was no evidence that the house had been entered, yet Mrs. Thaw is a sister-in-law of Harry Thaw who was tried for shooting Stanford White, the New York architect.

RAID AND SEIZURE OF OPIUM

New York Police Arrest Four Chinese, Make \$10,000 Haul and Find Letters From Officials Acknowledging Gifts

(Canadian Press) New York, Jan. 25.—Customs agents and the city police raided two "opium stores" in the heart of the tenderloin last night and seized 600 two-pound cans of prepared opium, enough raw opium to bring the value of the seizure to an estimated total of \$10,000, and a quantity of wires, lamps and other paraphernalia of the opium smoker's layout.

NOTED MAN IN POLITICS DIED TODAY

Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke Passes Away In England

(Canadian Press) London, Jan. 25.—Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, died today. The immediate cause of death was heart trouble, though he had been in an enfeebled condition since the recent election, the strain of the campaign having affected him severely.

He went to the south of France to recuperate, returning home last November. After reaching home he took to his bed. Sir Charles had represented the House of Commons since 1862. He was recognized as one of the most brilliant statesmen in politics, particularly in the domain of foreign affairs, and but for an old divorce matter, probably would have held the highest office in the gift of his country.

He was born in 1845 and was educated at Cambridge and admitted to the bar in 1865. He was a member of the House of Commons for foreign affairs in 1880-89, and was one of the local government members in 1885. Subsequently, he was a member of several royal commissions, and was extensively of national and international political affairs.

His first wife, Katherine, daughter of Captain Arthur Gore Shill, died in 1874, and in 1887 Sir Charles married Emily Francis, daughter of Major Henry Strong, the widow of Mark Pattison, rector of Lincoln College, Oxford. It was during their engagement that scandal resulting in the separation of Donald Crawford and his wife occurred. Lady Dilke, who was a beautiful and talented woman, remained loyal to her husband throughout their marriage. She died on October 24, 1904.

MOTHER GIVES HER LIFE IN VAIN TO SAVE DAUGHTER

Caught in Machinery in Cotton Mill—Baby is Killed Also

(Canadian Press) Reidsville, Ga., Jan. 25.—Trying in vain to save the life of her daughter, whose clothing caught in the abiding of cotton gin, Mrs. J. D. Wilkins lost her own life and that of her baby yesterday.

BRILLIANT MIND

Had Been Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and But for One Incident Might Have Been to Highest Office in Country

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TORONTO TO RAISE LOAN OF MILLION DOLLARS

Chinese Relief Fund is Now \$2,300—The Ontario Legislature

(Canadian Press) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 25.—The City of Toronto will soon raise a loan of \$1,000,000 to meet the cost of installing the hydro electric system in the city.

The relief fund being raised in Toronto for Chinese famine sufferers now stands at \$2,300.

JURY DEADLOCKED

Cannot Agree in Case of Mrs. Schenk—Said to Stand 11 to 1 for Acquittal

(Canadian Press) Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 25.—The jury in a dead-lock over the question of guilt or innocence of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, accused of trying to poison her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk. The jury reported to Judge Jordan this morning that they had failed to arrive at a verdict and were sent back for further deliberation. When the foreman reported that the twelve men had not reached a verdict Judge Heyman arose and told the court that he was in doubt and would like to ask a question.

"Put it in writing," said Judge Jordan. It was reported about the court house that the jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal, and that Judge Heyman was the man that was holding out against Mrs. Schenk. Heyman wrote something on a piece of paper and it was passed up to the court. Mrs. Schenk arrived in court haggard and pale. After the jury had reported that they were unable to agree, the defendant was asked what she intended to do if she were freed.

BANK CLEARINGS

AGAIN SHOW GAIN

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,450,017, corresponding week last year, \$1,380,381.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE

Quebec, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—In the lower house the budget speech was under criticism at both the afternoon and evening sessions, and at midnight when adjournment was agreed to, neither the leader of opposition, Mr. Teller, nor Premier had been heard. The debate will be continued today.

The colonization methods, the distribution of school funds in a way which gave election patronage to the government and the way the liabilities and assets were figured up in the budget were attacked from the opposition side.

NEITHER ONE DOWN

Wrestling Match Lasts More Than 3-1/2 Hours Without a Fall

Salt Lake City, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—Mike Yokel and Henry Chapman, both claiming the middleweight championship of the United States, wrestled three hours and eight minutes last night without a fall. The crowd refused a draw and the wrestlers returned to the mat at 12:30 this morning.

By agreement the match was decided to draw another half hour's struggle with neither man down.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

Rear Admiral Edward B. Barry

Commander-in-chief of the United States Pacific fleet, who has been forced to resign. The charges are sensational and cannot be procured.

FURS TUMBLE IN LONDON MARKET

Fredericton Hears of a Drop—St. John Creditors Take Action in Capital

(Special to Times) Fredericton, Jan. 25.—Another sharp drop in the price of raw furs on the London market is reported here. Market skins have declined fifty-two per cent. will eat fifty, other twenty and mink twenty.

Gregory & Winslow acting for St. John creditors, this morning closed up the dry goods store of the Golden Pines, Limited. The concern has not been in a very prosperous condition for some time.

FAIL TO AGREE ON MATTER OF WAGES

ANOTHER TO TEMPT FATE AT NIAGARA

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—William Hill, who last summer navigated the lower rapids in Robert Leach's barrel, to win a grilling bet, announces that he has ordered a barrel of his own design for a trip over the falls next summer.

BLACKHAND ONCE MORE

CONGO BETTER UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION

Brussels, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—Introducing the budget relating to Congo, independent states in the chamber of deputies today, M. Benkin, minister of colonies, declared that the first year's administration of the new colony fully justified expectations. No difficulty had been found in obtaining voluntary labor.

FORBES SCORES KNOCK-OUT

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—Harry Forbes, last night knocked out Mike Bartley in a fight that lasted five rounds. The fighting was fast. In the fifth Forbes landed a hard blow on Bartley's chin sending him to the floor for the count.

THE WEATHER

Honor for Artist

Manila, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—General Pershing, commander of the department of Mindanao, has ended the native campaign in the Davao district, having killed or captured all the murderers and dispersed the lawless Manobo.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

REAR ADMIRAL EDWARD B. BARRY

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HARRIMAN HAD PLANNED A RAILROAD ROUND THE WORLD