

CONCESSIONS TO AMERICAN SHIPS

Free Toll Provision Qualified By Senate NAVAL AUXILIARIES American Craft Engaged in Foreign Trade Must Be Sold to Government in Time of War in Order to Share Canal Benefits.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Further important concessions to American shipping were made by the senate today through amendment to the Panama Canal Bill. The free toll provision to American coastwise ships endorsed by the senate last night was supplemented today by a qualified free toll provision for foreign vessels engaged in the foreign trade.

One important restriction was placed upon the Williams' free ship amendment adopted today. This provides that foreign built ships admitted to American registry should be allowed to participate in coastwise trade only if they were constructed with particular reference to speedy and economical conversion into an auxiliary war cruiser.

A somewhat similar restriction was made upon the granting of the free toll privilege to American vessels engaged in foreign trade. The provision adopted by the senate specifies that owners of vessels engaged in foreign trade must agree to sell their ships to the United States in time of war or other emergencies in order to be exempt from the payment of tolls when passing through the canal.

The subject of railroad controlled ships brought out a defense of the house bill by Senators Clapp, Folsom and others. Chairman Clapp, president of the Interstate Commerce Commission said some regulation must be enacted to separate definitely the railroads and the steamship lines.

ROCKEFELLER TAKES HAND

Conducts Investigation and Acquires Information in Underworld Bearing on Rosenthal Case—Valuable Information

New York, Aug. 8.—By far the most interesting development in the many sited investigation into the murder of the gambler, Rosenthal, and its surrounding muck of police graft, is the news of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s quiet complimentary inquiry into conditions in the underworld, particularly as to the so-called "white slave traffic."

While Mr. Rockefeller and his agents decline to discuss the matter and Mr. Whitman, the district attorney, will furnish details, it is generally credited that through the establishment of what purported to be a disorderly house in the tenor, agents for Mr. Rockefeller have gathered a great deal of valuable material which was gathered primarily for representations to congress and the legislature as a basis for corrective legislation dealing with the traffic in girls.

HUNDRED KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN GERMAN COAL MINE

Forty Bodies Recovered But Rescue Parties, Unable to Penetrate Remote Gallery—Many Badly Injured.

Bochum, Germany, Aug. 8.—An explosion of black damp and coal dust this morning in the Lorraine shaft of the coal field in the village of Gerthe four miles from Bochum, cost the lives of 103 miners, according to the official report. Two others were severely and 20 slightly injured.

PASSES WERE SIGNED WITH ROBBER STAMP

Elmer Ferguson States Dr. Murray Stamped on Countersign.

Is Arrested for Perjury on Conclusion of Session of Enquiry—Important Evidence Heard Yesterday.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Aug. 8.—The I. C. R. pass investigation was resumed this afternoon and the examination of Elmer W. Ferguson was continued, lasting all the afternoon. Before proceeding Mr. Freeze who was conducting the examination, stated that he wished to call the attention of the commissioner to the fact that certain parties who had been very interested spectators at the morning proceedings had tried to annoy the witness by gesticulating and making threats of arrest in tones loud enough to be heard by the witness.

He said the witnesses were government witnesses and as such would be protected and that a witness coming from any outside point could be allowed to return without molestation and it was a serious matter for any person to interfere. Ferguson on being called said he wished to retract the statement he made at the morning session that he had obtained certain passes from Dr. Murray. He said that in a conversation with Raymond Vye then an I. C. R. employe, Vye stated that he had no passes and that the passes were about three days later he received the passes through the mail in a plain envelope with the address typewritten. There was nothing in the envelope except the passes.

FIREMAN KILLED SEVERAL INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Cobalt, Ont., Aug. 8.—The Cobalt Special which left Toronto at 8:30 last night, crashed head-on into a freight train 25 miles north of North Bay at 7 o'clock this morning, killing Fireman Carlschmidt of the special, who jumped, and injuring several others. More details only can be heard of the accident.

Engineer Smith, of the passenger train, was injured while Express Messenger James Casey had his leg broken. No passengers were injured. from paying tolls on the Panama Canal unless Great Britain chooses to make specific inquiry on that point. It is scarcely expected that it will do so, satisfying itself by taking notice of the proceedings in congress as was done at an earlier stage of the legislation.

ENGINE AND TWO CARS DERAILED

Fatal Train Wreck Near Boston Yesterday

THREE DEATHS Locomotive Half Buried in Marsh Land With Two Passenger Coaches Piled Mass—Forty People Hurt.

Boston, Aug. 8.—Two engines and a passenger were killed, a spectator dropped dead and forty or more passengers were injured shortly before noon today by the derailing of an inbound train on the Plymouth division of the N. Y. N. H. and H. R. R. in Dorchester.

The train, made up of a locomotive, three passenger coaches and a baggage car, was rushing along at a speed of 35 miles an hour through Dorchester and had reached a sharp curve opposite the Crescent Avenue station when the locomotive jumped the rails.

STEAM PIPE BLOWS BUT TWO MEN ARE BADLY INJURED

Accident on Steam Yacht May Have Fatal Ending—Engineer and Fireman Painfully Scalded.

Quebec, Aug. 8.—A serious accident occurred this afternoon whereby two men were severely, if not fatally scalded, on board the steam yacht Semiramis lying at the Cornwall Landing dock.

PRESIDENT OF MAY 1 KILLED

National Palace Wrecked By Discharge of Powder Magazine.

General Leconte Victim, But Family Escape—Neighboring Buildings Shattered and Fire Breaks Out.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 8.—General Cincinnatus Leconte, president of the Republic of Hayti, perished today in a fire which destroyed the National Palace. It was caused by an explosion of the powder magazine which had blown up. A few minutes afterwards the palace itself, which was built of wood, and had been badly shattered by the shock, caught fire and was destroyed in less than an hour.

Both the Chamber and Senate have been called together in National Assembly, and will probably nominate a successor to President Leconte tomorrow. The cause of the explosion of the powder magazine has not been ascertained.

COASTAL DREDGING CO. GETS CONTRACT FOR WORK AT BOURGEOIS

Council Passes Upon Accumulated Business of the Various Departments—Bear River Wharf to be Purchased.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 8.—The council sat this afternoon and passed upon a number of matters which have been accumulating in the various departments.

BLAME EMPRESS FOR COLLISION

MOTOR BOAT IN SPEEDERS SAULT

Turns Completely Over, Dropping Passengers, Then Continues Mad Race—Pursuers Had a Stiff Chase.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 8.—A most unusual accident occurred here this morning during the motor boat races at the beach. It was in the race for the speedy aquaplanes when the Helvetia, owned by W. H. Gooderham, and when passing the buoy at station No. 10, she got too close and struck the buoy. The impact caused the boat to turn a complete somersault, which threw Mr. Gooderham and his mechanic, J. Foster, out into the water of the bay. The boat, strange to say, righted itself and raced away round the course.

MILL OPERATIVES WERE IMPORTED TO BREAK STRIKE

U. S. Immigration Authorities Arrest Alleged Employee of English Company for Violating Alien Labor Law.

BANK OF N. S. TO ISSUE MILLION DOLLARS STOCK

Paid Up Capital to be Increased to \$5,000,000 Limit—New Stock Issued at \$240—Less than Market Price.

NAVIGATION RULES MAY BE DISCUSSED IN UNITED STATES

International Maritime Conference at Washington Next Year Proposed—Some Matters to be Considered.

CHINA WANTED HELP OF UNITED STATES

London, Aug. 8.—A Tien Tsin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company on the Russo-Japanese treaty, says it is reported that China appealed to the United States to intervene in her behalf but that the government at Washington refused to do so.

PRIOR TO ACCIDENT

CAPT. MURRAY PRAISED Handled Ship in Capable Manner After Striking Helvetia and Took Prompt Measures to Rescue Her Crew.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—That the Empress of Britain was to blame for the collision with the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Helvetia, which resulted in the sinking of the latter vessel in the Gulf two weeks ago, is the substance of an investigation handed down this morning by Captain H. St. G. Lindsay, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, following an investigation held at Quebec into the circumstances surrounding the accident. In his judgment, however, the court commends the skillful manner in which Captain Murray, of the Empress, handled his vessel, after the impact and the sufficient way in which steps were taken to rescue the crew of the Helvetia.

In the finding of the wreck commission, the judgment says, "the court having carefully weighed the evidence adduced, which was given in a perfectly straight forward manner by both sides, found that the Empress of Britain is alone to blame for the collision, inasmuch as the speed at which that vessel was proceeding prior to the accident was excessive, considering the state of the weather at the time."

Exception was made at the investigation to the action taken by the master of the Helvetia when the Empress was sighted, but in view of the close proximity of the two vessels and the speed of the Empress, the master of the Helvetia was held to be open to him under the circumstances. "The court, therefore censures the master of the Empress of Britain, but on account of his previous good record, the skillful manner in which he handled his vessel after the impact, and the efficient way in which steps were taken to rescue the crew of the Helvetia, does not deal with his certificate."

FIND USE AT LAST FOR BLUEJACKETS OF CANADIAN NAVY

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 8.—A pinnaque crew consisting of bluejackets under Lieutenant Moore from the Canadian cruiser Rainbow, has been detailed to guard the salmon fishing traps on the southern end of Vancouver Island, which have recently been the prey of American pirates.

MONTENEGRO FRONTIER QUIET

Saloniki, European Turkey, Aug. 8.—It is reported that the Montenegrins have evacuated the Mokraza frontier and that the fighting has ceased. Albania is quiet.