

STEAMER THEMIS CRASHES ON ROCKS

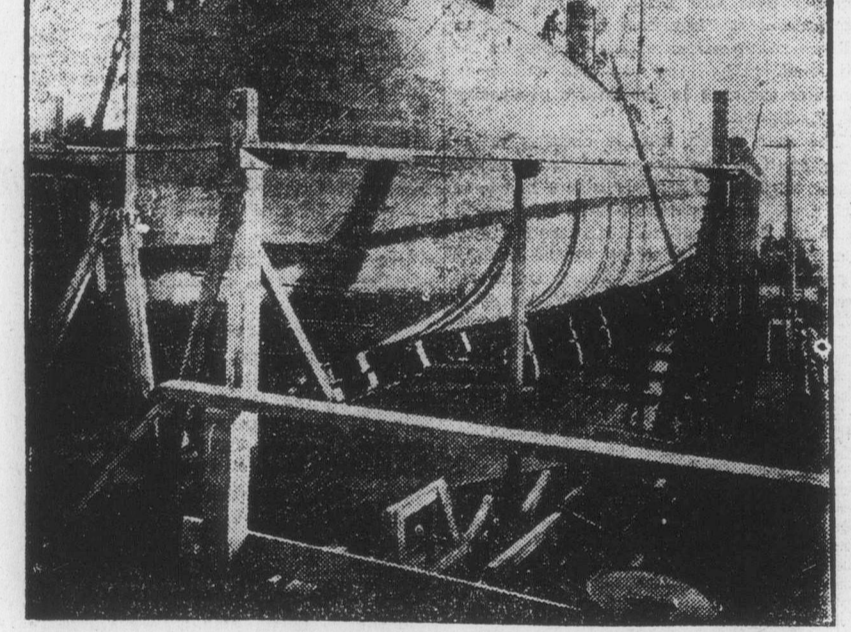
Big Freighter Strikes Submerged Reef in Queen Charlotte Sound—Crew Rescued After Terrible Experience.

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—The steamship Themis, Captain Kruger, lies a wreck, probably a total loss, on a submerged reef about three-quarters of a mile off the shore on Balclava Island, near the southern entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound. She lies two miles west of the lighthouse on Scarlet point.

There was no loss of life and not a man of the crew of twenty-five was injured, although every person on board the steamer on Friday night passed through a terrible experience, none knowing but that at any moment the craft might go to pieces.

Had the Themis stood off the reef, or had she begun to break up, the loss of life would doubtless have been great, as a terrifically high sea was running.

The Themis was en route to Vancouver from Northern British Columbia ports and Prince of Wales Island. The vessel was under a time charter with Captain McKenzie and was scheduled to sail with a cargo of railroad ties from Millside, British Columbia, for Mexico.



THE STEAMER THEMIS. Jones, Esquimalt. From Photo Taken When the Vessel Was on the Ways of the Victoria Machinery Dept.

run through Queen Charlotte Sound was made in the face of a southeasterly gale, which was blowing with great velocity. The night was inky black, but the skipper expected to have no difficulty in picking up the light on Scarlet point. His bearing then taken from the light to run through the pass would have been comparatively easy.

When two miles west of the light, which could not be seen, and with the tremendous seas driving over her port bow, the Themis, without warning, struck the submerged reef.

She went on at full speed, bumped, lifted and struck again. For a minute she seemed to recover, but almost immediately commenced to pound heavier. It was 9 o'clock on Friday night when she struck. Captain Kruger and two of his officers were on the bridge at the time. They were waiting for what might happen, momentarily expecting that the Themis might go to pieces, in which event all hands stood ready to launch the starboard lifeboats, and take their chances of life in the storm-tossed waters.

The greatest danger menacing the craft during the first few minutes after she struck was that the water rushing into the fire-room would cause the boilers to blow up.

NINE BRITISH SAILORS DROWNED THROUGH CAPSIZING OF CUTTER AT PORTSMOUTH

Men Were Returning to the Battleship Hindustan When Their Boat Was Upset.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 17.—Nine sailors belonging to the crew of the battleship Hindustan were drowned today owing to the upsetting of a cutter in which they were returning to the warship.

There were forty men in the cutter, and all were thrown into the water. Owing to a heavy fog the boats in the vicinity had difficulty in rescuing 31 of the sailors. Many of the latter were unconscious when picked up.

IS JAPAN ANXIOUS FOR ANOTHER WAR?

German Officers Discussed the Possibility of Conflict With the United States.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The relations between the United States and Japan excites extraordinary interest, both in government and diplomatic circles here. Emperor William discussed the question with several persons recently, and it is thought that the subject. It is believed that Russia's more resolute attitude against Japan's requests for trade and colonization rights on the Amur river and in Siberia and for other privileges on the adjacent Russian coasts is purely due to the discussion of the California school question between the United States and Japan.

THE SCARCITY OF FUEL AT BRANDON CITIES ARE FORCED TO BURN OLD FENCES

Brandon, Man., Dec. 15.—The fuel situation here is hourly growing worse and unless aid soon comes conditions will be very critical. Beyond six cars of anthracite coal for the C. P. R. and two cars of local coal yesterday dealers this morning, no fuel whatever has reached the city for three days past.

Winnipeg Sensation. Action Against Candidates For Board of Control—Attempt to Unseat Mayor-Elect.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—A bombshell was thrown into civic circles this afternoon when action was entered in the County court by a well-known firm of lawyers, for their clients, against five candidates who ran for the board of control, three of whom were elected, and against the city assessor.

Conversion of Bonaventure. The Cruiser is Being Transformed Into a Ship For Submarines.

Advertisement for Fruit-a-lives, a fruit juice product. Text: 'You know the action of fruit. Apples, on the kidneys—oranges, for stomach and appetite—prunes and figs for the bowels. But fresh fruit won't cure these organs when diseased: they can only HELP to keep them well. Fruit-a-lives or Fruit Liver Tablets can—and DO—cure. They are fruit juices—but changed chemically and medicinally by our secret process. So remarkable is this conversion, that "Fruit-a-lives" cure all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Skin Diseases, where the fresh fruit would have no effect on the trouble. Get a box. At all druggists. FRUIT-A-LIVES, Limited, OTTAWA.'

ATTEMPT TO KILL RUSSIAN ADMIRAL DOUBASSOFF HAD A REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Terrorists Fired at Him With Revolvers and Afterwards Threw Bombs—Assailants Arrested.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—Another attempt on the life of Admiral Douboassoff, ex-Governor-General of Moscow, was made today, but he escaped with slight injuries.

The DIX Disaster. License of Capt. Lermond Revoked—Captain of the Jeanie Exonerated.

Rossland Ore Shipments. Continue to Increase—Northport Smelter Will Be Blown in To-Day.

Commissioners Cancel. Action Taken As Result of the Recent Hotel Outrage at Niagara.

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T. W. PATERSON HAS CONSENTED TO RUN

Well Known Citizen Has Been Prevailed Upon to Become Candidate For the Office of Mayor.

(From Monday's Daily.) As announced in the Times on Saturday evening T. W. Paterson, M. P., P. has acceded to the wish of a large number of influential citizens, and will offer himself as a candidate for the position of mayor of Victoria at the approaching election.

Mr. Paterson has not sought the position, and on the contrary has expressed an unwillingness to enter the municipal arena. He was only after considerable effort on the part of the committee, representing the petitioners, that Mr. Paterson yielded to the request and agreed to become a candidate.

A petition has been in circulation for a little time requesting Mr. Paterson to run. It was set out that a strong man is required at the present time to fill the office of mayor. The signers of the petition were very representative of the business and other interests of the city.

On Saturday afternoon Simon Leiser and H. G. Wilson waited on Mr. Paterson, and on behalf of the petitioners asked him to comply with the request to become a candidate. The petition was as follows: Victoria, B. C., Nov. 27th, 1906. T. W. Paterson, Esq., City.

Dear Sir—We, the undersigned ratepayers of the City of Victoria, respectfully ask you to allow your name to be put in for nomination as mayor of the city of Victoria at the next coming election, and pledge ourselves to give you every support in our power to secure your election.

We are at the present time in need of a strong man to represent the city's interests and feel satisfied in your choice. We will have the right man at the head of affairs of the city of Victoria.

These are things which must be done by the council. Mr. Paterson, in common with his colleagues, advocates the taking of a very practical step that can be taken to induce industries to locate here.

In conjunction with the aldermen who may be elected to work with him, should he be successful, Mr. Paterson believes that various questions which may come up may be satisfactorily handled without friction being provoked, and with all looking to the city's interests a progressive policy should mark the coming year.

Mayor Morley will be a candidate again. He intends to prepare a statement of the business done last year, and outline what he thinks should receive attention next year. This will not be ready for the time yet. It is probable that the public campaign will be a short one, probably not longer than a week, as both candidates are inclined to that idea.

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