

VICTORIA ARRIVES.

The Northern Pacific Liner Makes a Fast Trip Across the Pacific Ocean.

Japan Apologizes to Great Britain for the Thales Outrage.

Japanese Village Destroyed by an Earthquake—Late Oriental News.

The Northern Pacific railway steamship Victoria arrived this morning, having made the trip from Yokohama in thirteen days and thirteen hours. She encountered a good deal of rough weather, but the winds were favorable and she brought her across in much faster time than is usually made by the Northern Pacific liners. Nothing was seen of the Canadian-Australian liner Miowera, which disappeared so suddenly after losing the Strathnevis. Here is the purser's account of the Victoria's trip: Left Yokohama 4th December, 7 a.m.; Wooing 8th December, 3 a.m.; Kooe 12th December, 6 a.m., and arrived at Victoria on the 13th December, at 9 a.m.; moderate winds and fine clear weather was experienced on the China coast. Left Yokohama 14th December at 1 p.m.; stormy westerly gales prevailed throughout the passage. The meridian was crossed on the 20th. Passed Cape Carmanah at 2 p.m. on the 27th, and arrived at Victoria, B.C., at 11 a.m. Time of passage, 13 days and 13 hours.

The cabin passengers were: Col. Bernoff, of the Russian army, who has been stationed at Vladivostok, and who is on his way to St. Petersburg; Mr. A. Lynby, of the Danish navy, who is also on his way home from Vladivostok; Mr. Yukimo, a Tacoma merchant who has been visiting Japan with his wife; Miss Smith and Mr. P. F. Emerson. The latter was formerly a resident of Vancouver. He has been travelling through China and Japan looking for a business opening. He is glad to get back to British Columbia. Business in the Orient, he says, is very dull and the climate in China is almost intolerable. The Victoria also had two European passengers in the steerage, 35 Chinese and 27 Japanese. She has a full cargo of general merchandise. It took most of the day to discharge the Victoria's freight.

A telegram from the governor of Chiba prefecture reports that on the 9th instant Asaguni in Chiba prefecture was visited by a tidal wave which washed away or smashed 133 houses and devastated 9 cho of cultivated land. Two persons also were slightly wounded. The village officials and police then directed the people to construct a breakwater for about 50 cho, so that no further damage was done in the afternoon, and the north-east wind which had been blowing in the morning having subsided, the sea calmed. At Minato-machi, Ibaraki prefecture, the wind which had been blowing for several days attained great violence on the afternoon of the 9th instant. During the afternoon of the 9th instant lofty waves on several occasions washed the coast, and five or six houses were destroyed, but no lives were lost. On the same day there was a tidal wave at Yuriage hama, in Natori-gun, Miyagi prefecture, where 4 houses were swept away, 5 houses smashed and 4 others partially destroyed. Some 20 or 300 trees in a wood belonging to the crown were almost inundated.

The Japanese government has apologized to Great Britain for the Thales outrage. The Thales was stopped on the high seas by a Japanese man-of-war and searched. It was thought that Lin Yung-fu, the Black Flag chief was escaping from Formosa on the Thales. As a matter of fact he was on board, disguised as a coal passer, but the Japanese officers did not find him.

The Emperor of China has ordered that a railway line shall be laid between Peking and Tientsin. The distance is 215 li, while the estimated outlay is 2,400,000 taels.

In accordance with the decision arrived at by the horse breeding council, two farms for breeding horses will be established in the next few years in Japan. One in either Koshima or Miyazaki prefecture, and the other in Iwate or Miyagi prefecture, which are each to be 2000 or 3000 cho in extent. It is also agreed that an Arab stud, costing 2000 yen per annum, will be purchased and placed on them. As soon as the stud shall have voted the outlay, an expert is to be sent to England for that purpose by the department of agriculture and commerce.

The entire Japanese forces in China were to be have been withdrawn by the 20th instant.

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