

# KAMAKURA MARU FROM THE ORIENT

### Arrivals by Japanese Liner Say Army Awaits at Great Wall to Renew Hostilities in Chinese Empire

The steamer Kamakura Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which reached the outer wharf yesterday morning with a new commander—Capt. Soyeda, formerly of the Bingo Maru, having replaced Capt. B. Kon, transferred to the Aki Maru now on the European line—brought 100 passengers and a smaller cargo than usual. The Japanese steamer did not come from China ports this voyage, having been docked at Nagasaki to be overhauled and was turned back from Kobe to fill in her schedule. The passenger list included 16 in the saloon, and 11 second class. There were 68 Japanese and 12 Russians in the stowage.

The arrivals included but three Europeans, Mr. H. E. Collins, M. E. O'Leary importer and consulting engineer of Shanghai; Lieut. George W. Walker, who served on H. M. S. Amphitrite, Esquimaux, and latterly on H. M. S. Plover on the China station, who has been in the service and comes here to his home; and Mr. B. W. Green, M. S. S. S. from Tokyo en route to Illinois to buy pedigree cattle for the Japanese capital.

### More Fighting Expected

According to Mr. Collins the troubles in China are far from being settled, and further fighting of a serious nature is apprehended from 30,000 Mohammedan troops, assembled at the starting point of the great wall were expected to enter Honan about the end of April. General Chiang Kuei-ti, who suppressed the rioting in Peking ruthlessly about the beginning of March, left Peking on March 20 with a large army against the Mohammedans.

### Anarchy in Kansu

Dr. Purdon and a party of missionaries who had arrived at Peking from Kansu reported that anarchy prevails in Kansu, Shensi and Honan. They said that a force of 20,000, mostly composed of Mohammedans, under Sheng Yin, are pillaging Shensi and Kansu provinces and have collided with the revolutionary army. The Kolao-hai wild considerable influence in Hsian and its members are plundering the people with impunity. Mohammedan residents are being murdered. The foreign refugees were attacked by the rioters on several occasions on their way to Peking but were fortunate enough to escape. When they reached Hsian in Honan, they found the government troops were fighting with the insurgents. They concealed themselves behind an embankment, but were discovered by the rioters and plundered, while one of the party was badly beaten. The party nevertheless, succeeded in arriving at Honan-fu in safety.

### Soldiers Become Brigands

Mr. Collins said that it will be some time before the country is at peace. Disbanded soldiers have become brigands and parties are plundering in many places. The disorder is general. He was at Hankow when the uprising began which culminated in the republic, and said that some terrible scenes were enacted at the Yangtze city. When the Imperial troops occupied the native city they were given 24 hours to loot and pillage and did so. The city being finally burned and looted, aggregating many millions of dollars caused. The success of the rebellion was a matter of circumstance rather than good organization. Thousands of coolies were armed in the beginning, the majority not knowing how to load the rifles given them. He came across one Chinese who had a modern rifle and was pointing it and killing the foreigners without result. "No makee shoot," said the Chinese. As a matter of fact he did not know how to open the breech mechanism and had the cartridges in a pouch while he wondered why the rifle did not fire. Hundreds who had rifles were like this man.

### Development Anticipated

There is no doubt that great development will follow in China when matters become quieter seven or eight months from now. Mr. Collins says, and the latent riches of the big country will be opened up. There is a great amount of mineral and other resources in the hills, and the changed conditions will mean that these will be opened up. The past six years have been lean ones for business men at Shanghai and other points. The boycott against the United States was a heavy blow and no sooner had this been settled than the great famine took place on the Yangtze, then came the plague in the north, and a recurrence of this famine which affected seven millions of people whose lands were flooded. This condition had not passed when the uprising occurred last October at Wuchang. When the republic has quieted down, however, business will receive a great impetus and next year the people of the settlements look forward to one of the biggest business booms China has known.

### A Tragic Reminiscence

Mr. Collins has lived at Shanghai for many years and is prominently connected with yachting and aquatic sports there. He told of a tragic occurrence two years ago at Quwan, near Shanghai, where aquatic sports were held and many yachts were kept. A large number of loafers and bad characters assembled there and plundered the countryside, and several hundred of them were corralled and driven into a large building which was set on fire, and all perished, the unfortunates being driven back with bayonets into the flames when they attempted to escape.

### The Kamakura's Cargo

The cargo landed here consisted of 2345 bags of rice and beans, 1738 sacks of refined sugar, 504 tubs of miso, soy and sake, and 618 packages of general merchandise. For Seattle the liner brought 3235 bean cakes from Dalny, Manchuria, 2160 rolls of matting, 2091 cases of firecrackers, 2383 bags of peanuts, 1330 cases of crude camphor, 774 tubs of soy, miso and sake, 256 mats of rice and beans, 200 bags of sugar, 2703 packages of merchandise, 813 bags of silk and 125 cases of silk and linen goods.

### Fire At Tokyo

Arrivals by the Kamakura Maru told of another great fire in Tokyo when 1200 houses were destroyed, the licensed quarters in Susaki district being wiped out on March 28. The day was a holiday and the quarter was crowded when the fire began in the Kamakura. Besides the houses in the quarter the Tokyo primary school and Tokyo net factory were burned. A number of lives were lost, the total casualties being unknown. The quarter is surrounded on three sides by canals while the fourth side faces Tokyo Bay. It is walled on all sides and has one main gate which is approached by a bridge. This bridge which was made of wood, was destroyed during the course of the fire, thus cutting off the means of escape. Great confusion ensued. Many of the people were finally rescued in boats prepared for the purpose, some of them fell into the water and others were injured in the panic-stricken rush for the boats. Almost all the fire brigades of the capital were despatched to the scene of the fire, and the Third Regiment at Azabu. The Red Cross society also despatched its salvage corps. A large number of men, women and children are said to have been either killed or injured.

### TEN STOREY OFFICE BUILDING PLANNED

### B. C. Permanent Loan Company to Erect Sky-Scraper at Corner of Johnson and Douglas Streets

The confidence which the leading financial institutions in Victoria have in the future of the city, and the readiness with which they show in a substantial manner their belief in the material prosperity of the city, has been once again demonstrated on this occasion by the B. C. Permanent Loan company, which plans for a ten-storey office building, have been prepared. These are now under consideration by the directors at Vancouver.

The structure, which will be strictly modern in every respect, will be situated on the northeast corner of Johnson and Douglas streets. At present the site is occupied by a two-storey frame structure, which has been there for many years. The tenants of the present building have been notified to vacate, and some have already done so.

### Railroad Crisis

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The controversy between the Eastern railroads and their locomotive engineers has reached an acute stage, it was learned today and conferences have been held by President Taft and other government officials of the railroads and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. It is understood both sides have indicated that if the president or the Interstate commission should appoint a commission such as that which settled the anthracite strike a few years ago, both sides would be willing to abide by its decision. It is understood the vote favors the idea. The strike vote is now being counted at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Engineers in New York.

### Eleven Days Missing

OREGON CITY, Ore., April 10.—Lloyd E. Williams, recorder of Clackamas county, is missing since March 31, when he left his home here for a fishing trip. It is believed that he has been drowned or met with foul play. Since his disappearance Williams' books have been inspected and found to be in perfect shape. He was a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket, having filed the petition necessary to place his name on the primary ballot the day before he disappeared. His father, Eli Williams is one of the oldest and best known residents of this section of Oregon.

### D. B. A. in Panama

PANAMA, April 10.—An official denial was issued today by the administration of a report that Panama contemplated the sale of Colon to the United States. The cities of Panama and Colon, and a certain waterfront adjacent thereto are excluded from the canal zone, and are considered Panama property although the United States, under treaty with the republic has certain rights within the two cities.

### Large Opium Seizure

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 10.—Opium valued at \$1,000,000 was seized today in a bonded warehouse by representatives of the state body of pharmacy. The drug was placed in the warehouse by Look Tin Eli, President of the Canton Bank in this city. Look is now in China but the state officials say that arrests probably would result from the discovery of the opium.

### Dies in London

LONDON, April 9.—Louis Mary Jenkins, widow of Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, is dead.

# EMPRESS OF CHINA A TOTAL LOSS

### Wrecked C. P. R. Liner, Now Lying at Uraga, to be Disposed of at Auction by the Underwriters

Advices were brought by the steamer Kamakura Maru that the C. P. R. liner Empress of China, which was stranded off Shirahama on July 26 last, and was floated after being on the rocks for several months, is to be sold at auction by the underwriters. It is understood that the steamer has been declared a constructive total loss.

The steamer has been lying off the Uraga, drydock since being refloated, and it was recently decided that the vessel would not be repaired, and would be sold by auction. A Japanese syndicate recently offered \$30,000 for her as she lies. It is stated that repairs necessary to put the liner in seaworthy condition will cost about \$150,000.

### MINING STRIKE MADE ON GRAHAM ISLAND

### Prominent Engineer Brings Down Report of Excellent Anthracite Deposit Discovered

Further reports on the coal mining possibilities of Graham Island were brought to the city of Victoria yesterday by Mr. A. Fauidis, a mining engineer who has been operating in this country for the last thirty years. The deposit, which he refers to as Coal Creek, at the south end of the island, and he claims that within a very short time shipments will be made. The latest strike is anthracite coal, and the account given by Mr. Fauidis would appear to be an exceptionally rich one.

In connection with Mr. Fauidis, who is connected with one of the companies operating in the district, and who visited yesterday at a guest at the James Bay Hotel, made the following statement to the Colonist representative: "This new discovery is located some six miles up the inlet from Queen Charlotte City, and is located about a mile from the water. There is an easy grade from the property to the water, and it is believed will be no difficulty in making shipments. In fact there is under consideration at the present time the construction of a line to the shore in order to ensure that there will be no delay about getting the coal to sea. The property, which is about 1000 acres, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland, and which was operated in 1887-72 and produced some 1500 tons of coal. It appears that the present seam is correlated to that other which was operated under the supervision of Mr. J. A. Landis, one of the most eminent mining engineers of Great Britain at that time.

The quality of the new coal is excellent. It is anthracite, and of the same quality as equal to the best Pennsylvania coal. About ten per cent of the product is blacksmith's coal, and of the finest quality. I intend that it is superior to the celebrated Aldwin coal and that it is mined in this country from Scotland many years ago, and that at that time held a very high reputation. It is the intention to start shipping in a few months and with that end in view arrangements are now being made for the construction of a gravity tramway to ride on, not a distance of more than a mile. I am looking forward to the latest scientific appliances and shipping a considerable quantity of coal."

Mr. Fauidis is accompanied by his wife and son, Mr. J. A. M. Fauidis.

# CONTRACT LET FOR OAK BAY TOWN HALL

Council Expects to be in Possession by August—Work Building in Progress

Tenders for the erection of the new municipal hall were opened at the Oak Bay council meeting yesterday afternoon, and that of Mr. A. H. Mitchell for \$15,600 was accepted. The other tenders were: Mr. P. Wood, \$3,200; Mr. W. J. Palmer, \$10,000; Mr. J. E. Shenk, \$16,000; Mr. T. W. B. Cox, \$11,245; Mr. J. S. Ash, \$12,493; Mr. R. R. Jones, \$12,250; Messrs. Murray & Aves, \$11,280.

The work will be put in hand almost immediately, and it is expected that occupation may be taken in August.

Several applications for building permits were received and referred to the engineer and the assessor to see that granting these would not be detrimental to the value of the surrounding properties.

The council has decided that in view of the increase in population of the district it is no longer advisable to allow camping on the beach, and accordingly no further permits will be issued for any beach under its jurisdiction.

A plan of the proposed wharf was submitted, but the matter was held over until the estimates are brought down. Building permits involving a total outlay of \$27,000 have been issued this month as follows: Mr. A. E. Archibald, 7-room house, Hampshire road, \$4000; Mr. W. B. Stoddart, 6-room house, Empress street, \$2500; Mr. R. Dallas, 8-room house, Hampshire road north, \$3000; Miss Sarah Gillespie, 5-room house, Monterey avenue south, \$2400; Mr. Thomas Sutherland, 3-room house, Meadow place, \$1800; Mr. P. G. Rodell, three 6-room houses, Yale street, \$2900 each; Mr. John E. Kilmer, 5-room house, Chaucer street, \$2000; Messrs. H. Bunting & Son, 3-room house, St. Anne's street, \$3000; Mr. C. J. Atterbury, 2-room house, Monterey avenue, \$300; Messrs. Hunt Bros., 6-room house, Hampshire road south, \$1800; Mr. Frank Ingram, 4-room house, Florence street, \$2000; Mr. Walter Gaskill, 5-room house, Orchard avenue, \$1800; Mr. John Hutchinson, 4-room house, Mowat street, \$1200.

# VERDICT OF SUICIDE

Coroner's Jury Finds Hugh D. Willis Took His Own Life While Temporarily Insane

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### Col. Roosevelt Says He Would Not Sanction Reintroduction of Such a Measure in American Congress

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 8.—All day long Colonel Roosevelt fought as hard as he could for victory in tomorrow's presidential primary in Illinois. In his opinion, as he expressed it today, the result of the fight will be of first importance in determining the outcome of his whole campaign. When it was all over and the Colonel was ready to board his train he said:

"My hat is in the ring and it is going to stay in the ring."

In one of his speeches today the Colonel said: "We look to Illinois to set the keynote of the campaign. Illinois stands in the most important position of any state in this campaign."

In some other states he charged his supporters had been defeated by the unfair tactics of federal office holders and by other improper methods. "If you are against me in a fair vote," he said, "I shall have nothing to say, but if you are for me and the bosses record you as against me, I shall have a great deal to say."

The Colonel assailed Congressman McKinley, campaign manager for President Taft, in his own district, and put himself on record as opposed to President Taft in regard to reciprocity. The Colonel made nearly a dozen fighting speeches. The days run took him through the districts. The former speaker Cannon. He made one speech under the shadow of McKinley's home in Champaign, and a few hours later passed Mr. Cannon's dwelling in Danville and made a speech a few blocks away. After leaving the state he made several speeches in Indiana. The crowds which heard Colonel Roosevelt were very large.

In speaking of reciprocity, Colonel Roosevelt said that, as far as he had any power, he would not sanction the re-introduction of such a measure as the Canadian reciprocity passed by congress. The former, he said, should not be required to pay anything for an agreement like that.

Colonel Roosevelt will open his Pennsylvania campaign tomorrow. He is to reach Pittsburgh at 5:25 o'clock in the morning and expects to rest most of the day.

# ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR THE ISLAND

Mr. Robert C. Stewart, Acting for Old Country Capitalists, Greatly Impressed by Opportunities Here

Mr. Robert C. Stewart, London, England, has been a visitor to Victoria for the purpose of looking over the island with a view to making investments on behalf of a number of British capitalists whom he represents.

In company with Mr. Jackson and Mr. D. Reid he motored from Victoria to Alberca, and then taken by launch down the Alberca canal to Barkley Sound. The party inspected a coal claim at Sarita Bay on which considerable work is being done. Outcroppings were visible for about a mile, and on analysis the coal was pronounced a high grade anthracite.

Mr. Stewart stated that he was much impressed by the immense natural resources of the district he had traversed, in timber, minerals and fisheries, and gave it as his opinion that it only needed the introduction of capital to make that section a hive of industry. He is convinced that then a thriving town would soon spring up near the entrance to the Alberca canal.

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# NAMES LIVE STOCK COMMISSIONER

### Prof. W. T. Macdonald, a Canadian Graduate, Comes to the Service of Province in Important Post

The appointment of Professor W. T. Macdonald, at present in charge of animal husbandry at the Pullman agricultural and experimental station, Washington, to be live stock commissioner for this province, was announced yesterday by Mr. W. E. Scott, deputy Minister of Agriculture.

This appointment may be said to mark an epoch in the history of the administration of agriculture by the government of British Columbia. With all the enormous and rapid development that is going on there is the most pressing necessity that no efforts shall be omitted to ensure that the progress of agriculture shall keep pace with it, and add to the stability of the welfare of the whole community.

The guidance and establishment of the fruit industry may be said to have passed the experimental stage and to be running smoothly and well, but Mr. Scott has felt for some time that, with all the onerous duties that his department is already called on to cope with, sufficient attention to the promotion of the breeding of live stock has been impossible. In this province are many large areas adapted for ranching the two hundred miles between Golden and Cranbrook and the district around Kamloops for instance. With the help of irrigation on some of the lower lands enough hay could be grown to supply winter feed for large herds which during the summer would fatten on the ranges.

# SEEKING SHARE IN COMMISSION

### Echo of Purchase of Dunsmuir Collieries Heard in Court of Appeal—Action by Mr. R. C. Brown

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 9.—There was an echo of millions in a case which was called in the court of appeal here soon after it reopened this morning. It was the action brought by Mr. R. C. Brown of Vancouver to recover from Dr. Munro and others of this city a share of \$100,000 that was paid to him in connection with the sale of the Dunsmuir Collieries to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. The appeal is made by Mr. Brown against a judgment of Mr. Justice Clement dismissing his claim. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., is appearing for Mr. Brown, and Mr. G. E. McCrossan for the defendants.

Mr. Bodwell explained that an option on the Dunsmuir mines had been given to Mr. R. T. Elliott of Victoria to arrange a sale through Mr. French in Portland at \$11,000,000. Mr. French in turn arranged with Mr. Z. Hamilton of Victoria to go to New York and try to sell the property there. Mr. Hamilton's first came over to Vancouver, where he met Dr. Munro who agreed to advance him a certain sum of money to go to New York and to let the deal through he was to allow Dr. Munro a share of the commission. At this time Mr. Hamilton through communications he had had was aware that Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann were coming to the coast and it was suggested that they might buy the property. Mr. Hamilton mentioned this to Dr. Munro and the latter got in touch with Mr. Brown, who was being connected by relationship. Sir Donald Mann, was thought to be a good person to sell the property to him. They had a conversation in which Mr. Brown alleged that Dr. Munro told him of the property and what could be done, and that if he got a purchaser he should share the commission.

Sir Donald Mann came to the coast and went straight through to Victoria, and Mr. Brown followed to put the proposition before him. Sir Donald seemed favorably impressed and Mr. Brown came back to Vancouver and told Dr. Munro. Dr. Munro said he did not have power to sell the property, but that Mr. Hamilton, who had gone on to New York, had left power of attorney in the matter with his partner, Mr. Ferguson, in Victoria. Mr. Brown went over to Victoria and got Mr. Ferguson to come back with him. Sir Donald Mann also arrived in Vancouver on a Sunday morning, and in Dr. Munro's house they had a conference. Sir Donald Mann then told them that he understood that they did not have control of the property, as he understood that an option had been given to another party, though if they could deliver the goods he was willing to pay. This was a great surprise to the parties concerned, and the conference broke up. Mr. Ferguson went back to Victoria and found that Mr. Elliott himself had sold the property to Sir William Mackenzie, Dr. Munro and his associates then made a claim on Mr. Elliott for their efforts in making the sale, and he entered into an agreement by which he gave them \$100,000 of the profits. In dividing it they left Mr. Brown out, and he brought action to recover his share.

Mr. McCrossan said he hardly called that a fair statement, as it was denied that Sir Donald Mann ever intended to pay at all. "At the time spoken of he knew of the sale to Sir William Mackenzie, but suspecting a little 'funny work,' had come over to Vancouver out of curiosity to see what was going on.

Mr. Justice Gallinger said he knew something of the original part of the transaction and as his name was mentioned in the evidence he did not think it was a case in which he should be called upon to sit. Mr. Justice Martin would be back in a few days and the court could hear the case then.

Mr. Bodwell said that if the case were not argued now it could not be heard at this sitting, as he had to leave on Sunday at the latest.

It was finally decided that the case should stand over to the June sitting in Victoria by which time Mr. Justice Martin will be there to take Mr. Justice Gallinger's place on the bench.

# CRIMINAL ASSIZE

### Youth Pleads Guilty Before Vancouver Court to Four Different Hold-Ups

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 9.—One plea of guilty, one unfinished case of theft, the summoning and instruction of jurors, and the finding of a number of true bills by the grand jury, constituted the first day's work of the spring criminal assize court, which opened here today. Mr. Justice Gregory is presiding, and Mr. A. D. Taylor, K. C., is conducting the cases for the crown.

Cecil Claude Thurston, a youth of good appearance, was first called and pleaded guilty to holding up four different men with a revolver in the city last winter. He secured only small sums. His last attempt was on Mr. D. J. Tallman, whom he held up with a revolver on Evelyn street. He only secured 35 cents. Mr. Tallman's son afterwards met with policeman Walker and told him what had happened. Walker called a taxi-cab, and they chased back and caught Thurston, who was disguised with a heavy black false moustache.

Mr. William Savage, who appeared for the accused, asked that when he came up for sentence at the end of the assizes he might be allowed to put in evidence of previous good character. To this the court consented.

### Victim of Apoplexy

TORONTO, April 9.—William M. Beggs, assistant manager of the Toronto branch of the Bank of Toronto, died late yesterday afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in London 16 years ago and had served the bank in the Montreal, London and Brockville branches.

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# FISCAL REVENUE IS EXPANDING

### Increase During Year of Nearly Eighteen Millions Over Last Year's Total—Capital Outlays on Railway Subsidies

OTTAWA, April 8.—Canadian revenues in the fiscal year, which ended March 31, aggregated \$127,745,388.07, an increase of nearly eight million over last year's total of \$114,866,225. The revenue was made up as follows: Customs, \$26,807,137; excise, \$19,038,563; post office, \$9,854,905; public works, including railways and canals, \$11,524,768; miscellaneous, \$6,520,511.

Expenditure during the year on consolidated account was \$88,560,533; against \$75,590,196 the year previous. Capital outlays for the twelve months totalled \$28,999,985, compared with \$30,447,410 in the fiscal year 1911. Of this amount all but \$768,716 was paid on railway subsidies and expended for public works, including railroads and canals. The total net debt up to February 29 is \$322,738,984.

### Seedling in Saskatchewan

REGINA, April 8.—Seedling will be general before the end of the week. The first of the wild geese went north last night, a sure harbinger of spring.

# MINING

### Premier to See Bulke Minis

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