NARROW ESCAPE OF FOUR-MASTED SHIP

EDWARD SEWALL CLOSE IN ON ISLAND COAST

Barque Partially Stripped of Her Yards—Studding Sail Boom Sighted by Queen City.

The urgency of a fleet of tugs off the entrace to the Straits to pick up inbound vessels, which by a change of wind, storm or some other cause, are likely at any time to be carried perilously near, if not on to the rocks of Vancouver Island, is very forcibly illustrated by the news which the steamer Queen City brought from the West Coast last evening.

On her way down the coast the officers of the steamer sighted one of these vessels. The stranger proved to be the fine American ship Edward Sewall. She was a four masted full rigged ship. She was standing in close to the shore, dangerously near the breakers, and with unfavorable weather might have been driven ashore. When sighted by the Queen City she was within two hundred yards of the beach. There was a dead calm as the steamer came along, and seeing the danger she was in, the Queen City stood by for upwards of half an hour. In the meanwhile an off shore wind sprang up and soon the ship was enabled to square away up the Straits. While tacking the wind had left her at a critical time. The assistance of the Queen City was fortunately not required, but would have been invaluable had it not been for the lucky breeze from off shore. The Edward Sewall had been off the entrance to the Straits for three days, drifting back and forth at the mercy of treacherous winds, and without the glimpse of a steamer to tow her safely into port. The vessel was bound for the Sound, and has no doubt reached her destination long ere this, for it was on the morning of the 2nd inst. that she was found in the precarious position between Carmanah and Cla-oose.

As stated in last evening's Times, the Queen City brings no further news of the missing Condor, although on the voyage up from Barkley Sound yesterday a boom was sighted drifting in the water about six miles south of Cla-oose, and four miles off shore. The officer on watch says that it was a studding sail boom and about forty feet long. It had the heel ropes and halyards attached and was painted a yellowish color. The steamer passed close to the wreckage so that it could be identified, and the officers concluded that it belonged to some warship, as few booms of this character are carried by merchantmen.

The Queen City passed no other wreckage on the trip, and at no point was anything heard of the Egeria as far down the coast as the steamer went. Nor was the United States cutter Grant seen on the voyage. It was learned however, that the Grant had been at Ahousett and had picked up the boat supposed to be from the Condor found off shore by the Indians. The Egeria, it is now believed, went direct to sea after leaving the Straits, and leaving the Grant to continue her search along the coast, has gone out a few hundred miles at sea to see if something cannot be seen of the missing ship in the currents which sweep through the Pacific in the locality. Either vessel, however, should now arrive at any time.

At Clayoquot no further news of the wreckage cast there by the sea was gleaned. Only the one buoy with the name Red Rock on it had been picked up, and there was no information forthcoming regarding the salmon cases which also came ashore.

The weather on the coast has again been very stormy of late and the Queen City encountered not a little of it. Shipping in general suffered and there has been much tonnage in the vicinity of the Straits since last Saturday night. There were then six vessels, all bound in, in sight. On Tuesday there was another big fleet in sight. In this company were eight vessels, made up of two ships, one schooner, one barkentine and four barques. One ship had lost her upper topsail yard. A barque had all her yards forward carried away, except the fore and lower topsail yard. Nothing, however, had come ashore save some small pieces of white painted wood, which resembled the fittings of a cabin.

The big fleet had been detained outside by the strong northeasterly gales which have prevailed. What the fleet are can only be conjectured. No steamer is reported sighted, so that hopes regarding the long overdue Folmina have no basis to rest on. The ship Kelverdale, however, should be among the gathering, she having been sighted by the inbound steamer Glenesk. The Kelverdale, as previously stated, is making a long trip from Manila to the Sound, and until reported by the Glenesk was on the overdue list.

AND FIGHTING CONTINUED.

Colon was surrounded by the Panama revolutionists and the siege was on. The rebels couldn't get in and the government forces couldn't get out. The situation, after some days, became a desperate one. The commander of the government troops finally came out under a flag of truce and was met half way by the leader of the revolutionists.

"Senor," said the general of the government army, politely, after they had exchanged cigarettes, "you cannot get in and we cannot get out. We will compromise with you; each of us shall occupy half of the city."

"Ah," returned the rebel leader lightly, blowing a cloud of smoke into the air, "then we would each have a semi-Colon."

The fighting was then fiercely renewed.—New York Times.

The French Automobile Club has brought out a map of France showing all the electric stations where accumulators can be recharged.

HAPPILY WEDDED.

Popular Young People United in Marriage at Calvary Church Last Evening.

Calvary Baptist church was the scene last evening of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Henrietta Amelia, eldest daughter of Mr. Harry Bishop, the popular purser of the C.P.N. company, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas W. Allan, engineer of the steamer Trader, and eldest son of Mr. Nichol Allan, gauger for the port of Vancouver. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the young members of the congregation, among whom the bride enjoyed wide popularity.

The bride was attired in a charming gown of white silk, trimmed with chiffon and pearls, with a veil of orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sisters, Misses Alice and Clara Bishop, who wore white organdie with pink trimmings, and carried shower bouquets of pink and white carnations. Paul Clyde acted as page. Mr. D. Stewart supported the groom. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful pearl necklace, while each of the bridesmaids received a pretty gold and pearl brooch, and the page a ring. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Vichert.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Spofford. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop on John street, at which a bountiful wedding supper was spread, and where a proper celebration of the joyous event was held. The newly-wedded couple left on the Charmer at midnight for a tour of Eastern cities.

GRANT RETURNS.

Transferred Boat Picked Up Off Ahousett to H.M.S. Egeria.

Yesterday the United States cutter Grant, Capt. Tozier, which, after taking Pilot Davis aboard here two weeks ago to-day steamed out from Victoria in search of the missing cruiser Condor, returned to Union. She circumnavigated the island as far as the point named, finding, on making Cape Scott after cruising along the western coast, it advantageous to make the return voyage in the comparatively smooth waters of the east coast. She reports having picked up the boat, supposed to be from the Condor and found off Ahousett, and transferring it, with what other wreckage she gathered, to the Egeria. The latter has evidently not attempted to examine the coast of the lower part of the island, but proceeding in a northeasterly direction after examining the ocean a few hundred miles off shore, overtook the Grant and obtained from her what wreckage and information the latter's officers could provide.

Whether the Grant found anything additional to the boat referred to could not be ascertained this morning, but in view of the fact that the Queen City on her last trip from Cape Scott had no further news, it is not thought that the cutter will have any later particulars. Interest also centres in the return of the Grant because of what information she might have of the Red Rock, a life buoy from which was reported by the Queen City to have come ashore together with some salmon cases and other wreckage. Nothing later than has been published regarding this discovery has been reported at Union by the cutter.

Reinsurance on the Red Rock has been marked down to 15 per cent. This is the second tumble it has taken since the news of the finding of the wreckage was first published, and it would seem to indicate that in London little importance is attached to the finding of the buoy or salmon cans, and that the Red Rock is considered safe.

The Grant will proceed to the Sound from Union as soon as the gale which was blowing in that locality yesterday moderates. As for the Egeria it is probable that she again went to sea after meeting the United States cutter, and with the Phaeton, the other British cruiser now out looking for the Condor, will continue to search the waters of the north Pacific as long as a vestige of hope remains in the minds of the officers of either. The Condor had not arrived at Honolulu, according to information received from there, up till January 3st.

The London police have just been informed of the death of Adam Worth, alias Harry Raymond, well known in America in connection with the Manhattan bank and other big robberies. Worth's name was frequently mentioned in connection with the stolen Gainsborough picture, but the London police say the rumor of Worth's connection with the theft was never confirmed.

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THEIR BALL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

NATIVE SONS' EVENT LARGELY ATTENDED

About Five Hundred Dancers Enjoyed One of Most Delightful Social Functions of the Season.

About five hundred dancers, elaborate decorations, splendid music and a delectable supper last night contributed to a function which will take its place in history as one of the most successful ever given in the city. It represented the fruition of carefully laid plans, much thought and diligent action on the part of Post No. 1, Native Sons of British Columbia, under whose auspices it was held.

The lodge members had decided to make this event an annual one. It would have taken place last year but for a lamentable circumstance—the death of the late Queen. Special efforts were therefore put forth this year, and the standard established by the first social function of the young but flourishing order two seasons ago was not merely sustained but surpassed. And this is only natural to expect that such an event would be unqualifiedly successful. The native order numbers among its members some of the most prominent lights of the local social realm. They have at their command influence, popularity and experience. The triumph of last night's ball is not a subject for wonder, but rather a commentary on the efficient manner in which the members have utilized the resources at their call.

Preparations for this the second annual ball commenced several weeks ago. The event was conceived some time before that, and committees to take charge of the arrangements were struck off, but the actual work was instituted within the past fortnight or so. This was evidently ample time, as the absence of confusion, inconvenience or any objectionable feature convincingly attested.

Long before the entrancing strains of a superb orchestra filled the shining floor with dancers, the scene was one which will be photographed on the memory for many years to come. The artistic handiwork of Chief Watson and his capable staff of assistants was everywhere in evidence. The distinguishing feature about the decorations was their tasteful and moderate character. There was no meretricious display, no extravagant straining after effect, but each device contributed toward the tout ensemble without clash or confusion. It was in this happy arrangement that the consummate ability of those in charge was strikingly illustrated.

There was not too much bunting, nor a gaudy display of flags, but a happy combination of both. Upon entering the attention of the spectator was attracted by an electric fountain in the hallway. In the subdued light the effect produced by this contrivance was fascinating and a fitting commencement of the fairyland panorama which followed. It would be impossible to photograph into type the interior scene. Over the entrance there hung a huge Union Jack, emblematic of power and glory. Festooned evergreens, bunting, suspended pennants and graceful flags transformed the hall into another place, while multi-colored incandescent lights shed their mellow light upon a scene bewildering in its splendor. There was not a dazzling glare of illuminating effects. The light was subdued by the softening influence of delicate tinted shades.

Over the northern arch was an electrical device with the words "Native Sons of British Columbia" shining chastely forth from a subdued background. Some highly original ornament met the eye at every turn; the oval-shaped floor was encompassed with some object or other which impressed itself vividly upon the mind, and the many expressions of admiration which the decorative display called forth were tribute to the good taste and energy of those whose efforts were so signally successful.

On the right of the entrance was an elegantly appointed sitting-out place, commodious and decorated in a manner approaching the gorgeous. Settees, rugs, and everything which could afford comfort and convenience to those who preferred a quiet tete-a-tete to a whirl on the waxed floor were here. The environment was almost sylvan in its freshness, and needless to say the sitting-out apartment was the Mecca of many a merry couple throughout the evening.

On the opposite side of the entrance was the card room, where some of the more retiring resorted.

A very appropriate and suggestive feature was the subdivision of the hall into a number of districts, the majority of which sent representatives to the ball. One inviting alcove was named Camosun, after the old fort, where Victoria now stands; another, Metchosin, while Saanich, Nanaimo, Goldstream, Vancouver and other districts were adequately represented.

When the large orchestra, under the leadership of Bandmaster Finn, of the Fifth Regiment, opened its excellent arranged programme, there were several hundred dancers on the floor, which, by the way, was admirably prepared. The music was irresistible, and expert waltzers whirling through the delightful intricacies of the various dances mingled with tyros whose dancing ability was limited. Among the orchestra was L. C. Thurston, leader of the Seattle Opera House orchestra, whose artistic playing of the first violin contributed much toward the excellence of the music. He was specially engaged for the occasion, there being no attraction at the Seattle Opera House at present. Of the Native Sons ball he said it eclipsed anything of the kind that ever took place in the Sound City.

The supper room, with its well laden tables, whereon reigned esculent delicacies, speaking volumes for the culinary art of Caterer Smith, its tempting refreshment booths and dainty decorations was of course well patronized. At such a time and place the inner man must be taken into consideration. He is a factor to be reckoned with, and the committee showed their appreciation of this fact by the recherche feast of good things for which they are to be congratulated.

The programme of dances was eminently satisfactory. The extras were played by Messrs. Bantly and W. Burnes in fine style.

The first dance of the second part, "Afrendesa," a delightful two-step, made an immense hit, being encored four times. The committees in charge of the ball were: Reception committee—Dr. J. D. Helmcken, J. S. Yates, E. H. Henly, F. Higgins, W. C. Moresby, J. Wilson, T. Watson, S. McB. Smith, A. E. Haynes and E. P. Johnston.

Floor Committee—Ald. G. H. Barnard, C. Gardiner, H. G. Dalby, A. S. Kerr and S. Sea, jr.

Music, Printing and Programmes—S. D. Schultz (chairman), H. Briggs, W. H. Langley, Stanley Smith and Frank Higgins.

Supper Committee—J. Wilson (chairman), C. Gardiner, H. G. Dalby, A. T. Kerr, C. Work and L. S. V. York.

Mr. S. Sea, jr., was treasurer of the general committee.

THE ARION CLUB GAVE ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Programme Rendered at Institute Hall Last Night Was Appreciated by the Audience.

That the Arion club occupies a very warm place in the estimation of the music loving citizens of Victoria was pleasingly demonstrated by the large attendance present at the second concert of the organization's tenth season given in Institute hall last night.

The concert was very successful. It again renewed the confidence imposed in the ability of the management to keep the club up to its well known and high state of musical efficiency. Some of the selections, however, might have been given with a little more spirit, and from the same critical standpoint there was a tendency on the part of the voices to strain for an effect, and this displayed a hershness in tone that might have been improved. Especially was this so in the fortissimo passages. On the other hand, the pianissimo passages were taken with more care and were really very fine. The introductory number, after the singing of the Latin version of the club's motto: "Behold, how good and joyful it is to dwell as brethren in unity," was Franz Abt's "Thuringian Volkslied." The music was of the plaintive character, and the club's treatment of it gave general satisfaction. It was delicately shaded, and if there was a weakness anywhere it was in the strength of the bass as compared with the tenor support.

In the second number of the programme Weber's "Lutzow's Wild Chase," the club was not so happy, the dramatic effect of the composition having not been portrayed in the manner which gave the piece its full beauty. Weinzierl's "Blue Flowers Reflected in Streamlet Bright," the following number, was rendered with more artistic finish. H. J. Cave had the tenor and W. S. Goodwin the baritone solos. Both sang well, and if a fault might be found with either it was in the attempt to strain. Mr. Goodwin has a capital voice, but at times uses too much tone in passages. "F. Kucken's "Serenade," the next number on the programme, was rendered by the club in a captivating manner. The voices blended almost perfectly and the shading of the music was admirable. The same effect was produced in Dr. Arne's "Convivial Song," both solo and chorus affording the keenest pleasure. The solo was sung by P. Wollaston in robust voice, the full, deep notes of the soloist being rapturously received. Signor Salvini, as usual, sang in a masterly manner Gounod's Recitative and Aria from "Faust." The singer possesses a very powerful voice highly cultured, and the ease with which he sang the difficult aria made a capital impression. The first part of the programme concluded with Pache's "Moonrise," rendered fairly well with string and piano accompaniment.

C. H. Lloyd's "Sea Song," which opened the second part of the evening's entertainment, has a rollicksome air to it which the club hardly sustained to the fullest extent. To many the gem of the programme was Beethoven's piano Quartuor, op. 16, Andante cantabile, played by B. Bantly (violin), R. Nash (viola), B. Foote (cello) and E. H. Russell (piano).

Johannes Brahms's "Lullaby" was next rendered by the club and greatly enjoyed. There is a beautiful rythm to the number and the basses did full justice to the music. In selections from "Robin Hood" the club was heard to advantage. The soloists were Herbert Kent and Geo. Henwood.

Miss Laura Loewen sang R. de Koven's "Moorish Serenade" in a charming manner. She was encored and presented with a handsome basket of roses and carnations. Signor Salvini followed with Ponchielli's "Cielo E Mar" and was also encored. The programme was concluded with Edvard Grieg's "Land Sighting," rendered by the club, assisted by a string quartette. The piece was given in a spirited manner and fittingly closed a splendid performance, for which E. H. Russell, the club's leader, is deserving of much credit and of many congratulations. During the evening Miss Agnes Russell presided at the piano as accompanist, giving every satisfaction.

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MOTHERS' CLUB.

Very Successful Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon—Large Attendance.

The Mothers' Club, of Spring Ridge school, held its regular fortnightly meeting yesterday afternoon in the Primary classroom. The meeting was well attended, the topic, "True Citizenship," being one to interest all. The discussion was based on the following questions suggested by Miss A. D. Cameron's paper, so much enjoyed by the club two weeks ago:

1. What do we mean, in the broadest sense, by true citizenship?
2. As women, what is our interest in this subject?
3. What are our duties as citizens?
4. How can we best train children in the ideals of honor, justice and truth in the discharge of civic duties?
5. How can we best help our future citizens?
6. What is the measure of our responsibility to the young, the weak and the erring in our city?

The discussion took a very practical turn, especially in regard to questions three and five. Several ladies called attention to the need of supplying neglected boys and those whose occupation kept them in town after nightfall with some place of legitimate recreation. A committee of three, Mrs. Lyall, Mrs. J. G. Brown and Mrs. Dauphin, was commissioned to report on the cost of opening a room in town, where games, books and magazines, with light, warmth and comfort, may help to educate our future citizens, whose only sources of amusement now are the street or the saloon. The club will be very glad to receive information or advice from anyone interested in this important work, if they will kindly communicate with any of the above committee, or Miss Winter, at Spring Ridge school.

The evil of allowing boys under twelve to sell papers on the streets was also noted, and the secretary was asked to frame a resolution protesting against this and asking for the co-operation of the Children's Aid Society in remedying it. This will be signed by the members of the club and forwarded to the secretary of the Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Dauphin and Mrs. Fre volunteered their services for securing signatures.

The non-attendance at school of children of school age, and other crying evils, were dealt with in an earnest, business-like way, which showed that the women feel deeply their individual responsibility as members of the social and civic whole.

Tennyson's thoughtful poem, "Love Thou Thy Land With Love Far Brought," with its broad and lofty interpretation of the ideals of citizenship, and an extract from Mrs. Browning's pathetic "Casa Guidi Windows," were read by Miss Winter, and very much enjoyed.

The next meeting of the club, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 20th, will be devoted to hearing the reports of various committees on proposed reforms and to planning active work along the lines indicated above.

The plant of the Wireton Heating Company, at Wireton, Ill., was completely destroyed yesterday, causing a loss of $300,000. The company manufacture heating apparatus.

Sir Walter Raleigh had a court suit of armor of solid gold inlaid with jewels.

NOTICE.

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Dated 24th December, 1901.

J. M. SMITH,
Secretary.

MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Mephistopheles, Victor, Victor No. 1 Fraction, Leschi, Dewdrop Fraction, Tinnicanum, Scotlet mineral claims, situate in the West Coast, V. I., Mining Division of Clayoquot District. Where located, Sidney Inlet.

Take notice that Edgar Dewdney and the Dewdney Canadian Syn., Ltd., Free Miner's Certificates Nos. B48972, B48973, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of December, A.D. 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Max and Cold Steel Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Victoria District. Where located, Gordon River.

Take notice that I, E. E. Billinghurst, as agent for B. T. Godman, free miner's certificate No. B63569, and H. E. Newton, F. M. C. No. B63570, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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NOTICE.

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Take notice that I, J. Herrick McGregor, acting as agent for S. Arden Singlehurst, Free Miner's Certificate No. 50523B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1901.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To Norman H. Van Buren:

Take notice that an application has been made to register Frederick B. Pemberton as the owner in fee simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria to him dated 25th October, 1901, of the easterly ½ of Lot 287, Block 15, Victoria City. You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 60 days from the date of this notice, and in default of a caveat or certificate of lispendens being filed within such period you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Frederick B. Pemberton as owner thereof.

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