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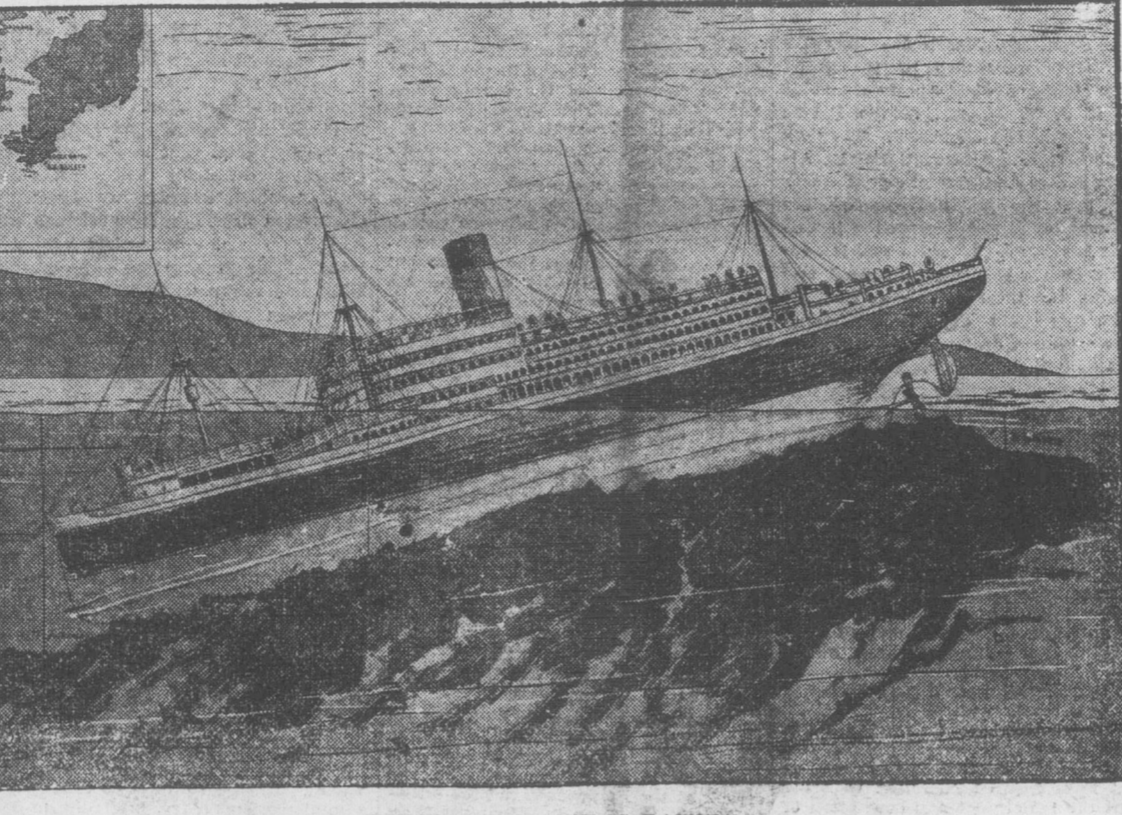
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CREW OF DAKOTA ARRIVED TO-DAY

Tell of the Precarious Situation of the Giant Liner--Will Be Lost in the First Gale.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The Great Northern liner, Dakota, is doomed. As soon as a high wind springs up she will slip off Devil's rock, where she now lies, and will sink into deep water and be lost. Such is the consensus of opinion of the American crew of that vessel who reached Victoria this morning en route for Seattle on board the steamer Tremont.



THE WRECK OF THE SS. DAKOTA. A Sketch Showing the Liner as She Lies on the Devil's Reef.

Further advice which have come to hand show that the mammoth liner is already pounding to pieces. A strong gale of wind sprang up on Friday which had the effect of sinking the vessel still further, grinding her down on the rocks and piercing her bottom. She was settled over on her side, and now the matman, mizzenmast, funnels and cabin of the immense ship are under water.

concerned the crew had very few remarks to make. They went too near shore. The vessel struck. No lives were lost, and in their opinion the captain will be reprimanded and lose his license. There was no remark to be made about the morale of the crew in the moment of danger.

According to the American crew, numbering 27, in charge of first officer Ahmann, who reached port to-day, it was 5 o'clock in the afternoon when she struck. The day was gloriously calm, not a breath of wind stirring. The captain was on the bridge in charge of the vessel, and it was remarked by some of those on board that she was being steered perilously near the land. Suddenly a grinding noise was heard, the liner came to a full stop, and her bow immediately began to settle down into deep water.

forcement of our gambling laws be passed. At a previous convention it had been decided to draft a local option bill which a delegation will present to the local government. Amongst its provisions are the following:

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE GAINS HOUSE FLAG

Ceremony Held Yesterday to Mark its Being Hoisted for the First Time.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The ceremony of unfurling the house flag of the British and Foreign Seamen's Society, which has been presented to the Seamen's Institute, Langley street, now affiliated with the motor body, took place yesterday at 2.30 p. m. A short address was delivered by the missionary in charge, J. J. Bailey, who announced that the home association had voted \$50 to the work of the local institution.

THE HEALTH OF KING EDWARD

Sojourns Abroad Necessary to Permit His Majesty to Recuperate After Arduous Labors

New York, March 24.—A special cable to the New York Herald from London to-day says:

"I am told by one who has just returned from Biarritz that King Edward is keeping much more to himself than on his former visit. The fact is that though he looks very well, he has been overstrained by his arduous labors, and is now taking a quiet recuperation. Of course it is no secret that the King does not possess what insurance officials call a 'good life.' In view of the uncertainty of all human existence and the King's prolonged absence abroad the contingency of the sudden demise of the crown, I am informed, has recently been under consideration, in order that so lamentable and important an event should not find the authorities unprepared. His Majesty is not far from the allotted age of man and his sojourns abroad are indispensable to the efficient discharge of his onerous duties.

The following musical programme was then carried out:

Recitation—The Old Man Dreams..... H. S. T. Hendon
Song—The Bells..... C. M. Melhuish
Song—King David's Lament..... C. Charlton
Song—Aldie With Me (Barnett)..... W. L. Willis
Song—The Palms..... Mrs. Moresby
There Is a Hill Lane and Grey..... Misses Sewcroft
Hymn—Eternal Father.....

RESIDENTS ARE AFRAID TO RETURN

SAN FRANCISCAN BOOM MUCH OVERRATED

So Says Victorian Who Has Spent Last Month in the South.

(From Monday's Daily.)
"Despite the enthusiasm which is exhibited by the present residents of San Francisco, I believe that city has received a fatal 'black-eye,' from which it will never recover. Despite the statements of many officials that at the present time there are more residents than before the earthquake, I believe that instead of the 450,000 odd that were there before the earthquake, there are now not 200,000. I met hundreds of former San Franciscans in Los Angeles and other places, and I did not hear one state his intention of returning to that city. They are all terror-stricken at the thought."

CITY BILL IS NOT POPULAR

COMMITTEE OF HOUSE STRONGLY OPPOSE IT

It is to Be Referred Back to the Government With Recommendations.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The bill proposed by the city council to provide further powers for the municipality was severely dealt with in the municipal committee of the legislature this morning. No one in that body stood forth to defend the measure. Exception was taken to it on its merits, and also on the way in which it was introduced. The chairman, A. E. McPhillips referred to the history of the bill. He said it had been intended at first to introduce it as a private bill, but it was found that sufficient notice could not be given to allow this. It was then proposed to bring it in as an amending bill to the Municipal Clauses Act. It had been taken before the government and been referred back to the municipal committee.

STABBING AFFRAY NEAR THE GORGE

One Man Lies in St. Joseph's Hospital--The Other Has Died.

(From Monday's Daily.)
An alleged stabbing affray took place near the Victoria Gardens yesterday afternoon. The participants were W. Rayles, who worked at the provincial police; Billy Corbett, a hack driver and Ernest Ferguson. The two latter are brothers-in-law. The cause of the trouble could not be learned, but it appears that there was a woman in the case named Madge. As a result of the trouble Corbett this morning lies in St. Joseph's hospital and Rayles has fled to Seattle.

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SLEEVERS INTERRUPTED

Explosion in Building in Which Number of Railway Employees Were Asleep

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—Between fifty and sixty sleeping railroad men were thrown into a panic by the explosion of a boiler in the Railroad Young Men's Christian Union building at Coltingwood and the temporary home of the Lake Shore railroad employees early to-day. The building is a three story structure. Fire followed the explosion. The dining room was wrecked. So far as learned no lives were lost.

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