

EXPLORERS ARE SAFE IN ARCTIC

MISSING SCHOONER OLGA LYING OFF POINT BARROW

Captain Mogg and Crew Have Thrilling Time in Far North.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Port Townsend says: Private advices received here to-day give news from the Arctic ocean that Capt. William Mogg and his crew of four men in the whaling schooner Olga, long thought to have been lost in a gale at sea fifteen months ago, are alive and spending the Arctic winter at Point Barrow. The news comes in a letter from Capt. Mogg, written on November 1st, 1908, and dispatched by Eskimo to Teller City, 800 miles over an almost impassable trail, thence by dog team routes through Nome and St. Michael to Valdez and by steamer to Puget Sound.

The Mogg expedition left this port in June, 1907, equipped as a whaling venture in waters of the Arctic almost unknown and equally unexplored. It had the backing of the Geographical Society of London, and planned to visit the Banks Land district, a region that has not been visited by white people since the visit of Explorer Captain Mogg in 1882. The actual destination of the expedition was Point Cape Prince Albert, nearly 2,000 miles northeast from Point Barrow.

No news had been received of Capt. Mogg since September, 1907, when the latter Thelus went north to investigate a charge made against him of abducting an Eskimo woman.

By reason of severe storms, impassable ice fields and a series of misfortunes that constitute a doleful story of hardship, none of the primary objects of the voyage had been accomplished. After unsuccessfully combating the ice on the Banks Land shore, during the brief summer season of 1907, and 1908, ending in bringing the schooner fast in ice-bergs 350 miles from Point Barrow, a refuge was sought for the present winter and to outfit for renewed attempts at progress northward next summer.

In a career of twenty-five years' whaling and sailing of the Arctic, Capt. Mogg writes that he has never seen such quantities of ice assembled as he has seen during the past open season. Every mile of progress that his little command was able to make was attended by danger of being crushed between giant bergs or massive ice fields. The season whereby the vessel could hope to navigate commenced July 29th. September 7th, off Flaxman Island, nearly 400 miles from Point Barrow, the vessel became hopelessly wedged between the ice, and with young ice forming steadily the season's work was abandoned. The crew walked to Point Barrow, the trip being attended by grave dangers of falling into fissures. Point Barrow was reached October 17th. From that point Capt. Mogg writes that he hopes his ship will not be damaged in the spring opening, and that he can again start out on his voyage further north and to lands that promise a great deal of interesting information and wealth.

GRAVES HOME LIFE, WANTS TO DARN SOCKS

Theatrical Career Too Abnormal for Miss Margaret Illington.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 15.—Because she craved home life with children, and even the darning of socks that go with it, is the chief reason why Margaret Illington is seeking a legal separation from her husband, Daniel Frohman, according to an interview which she gave out at the Clarabon hospital in this city, where she is taking the rest cure. The actress does not deny that she will marry Edward I. Bowes when she has secured a divorce from Frohman. Miss Illington, in the statement of the reasons for seeking a separation from her husband, says:

"I am to get a divorce from Mr. Frohman and would love to tell you that I am to marry Mr. Bowes when I am free, but I cannot say that now, you know. But I did not leave Mr. Frohman to marry Mr. Bowes, or any one. I left him because I could not be happy on the stage. The life of an actress is abnormal. I crave domestic life and children. I want to darn socks. From the first I told Mr. Frohman that I wanted a home and a domestic life, but he wants to make a great star out of me. I wanted to stay at home and darn my socks. Mr. Frohman is years older than I am. I lived in New York with his three sisters, who are maiden ladies from 25 to 35 years older than I. How I used to envy them as I would go to the theatre every night and leave them to do the house work and darn socks."

"I always wanted domestic life and children. I wanted to lead the life of a normal woman. The stage life might be all very well for the woman born to it, but you know it is abnormal. Think of it. I played 'The Thief' for 14 months. My life was on railroads, in cars, and in hotels. When I found that Mr. Frohman intended to keep me

on the stage always, my love died. I saw then no chance of the domestic life I craved, so we parted.

"Yes, Mr. Frohman knows Mr. Bowes and admires him highly," said Miss Illington, concluding her interview.

PARENTS SURPRISED

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 15.—The parents of Margaret Illington express surprise over the report of her proposed separation from her husband, Daniel Frohman. They say they had no previous information concerning it.

FIRE INSURANCE IN WINNIPEG.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—The new fire insurance tariff was announced to-day for Winnipeg, and shows reductions of 25 per cent.

HAVOC IN WAKE OF SLEET STORM

RAILROADS BLOCKED, COMMUNICATION CUT OFF

Heaviest Damage in Years in Middle and Eastern States.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—Following the example of January's blizzard the sleet storm, which has tied up the Middle West, is moving eastward, leaving suffering and destruction in its wake.

In Nebraska the temperature has fallen below zero and in Texas it is unusually cold, and it is feared there will be heavy loss among cattle. Thousands of telegraph poles are down in Missouri, Iowa and neighboring states, while passenger trains have been badly jampered by a heavy snow fall in Illinois. In Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa serious conditions prevail. The Middle States east of the Mississippi, and the Gulf states will next feel the full force of the storm, which is scheduled to reach the Atlantic region to-morrow.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 15.—The damage wrought to telegraph and telephone lines by the sleet storm which began yesterday and continued during the most of last night, is proving to be by far the most disastrous suffered in many years. Along the Lake Shore road, both east and west of this city, hundreds of poles are down, and it will require days to even get the lines connected up temporarily. Many towns to-day were completely isolated as far as communication, by either telegraph or telephone was concerned.

At Ashtabula, Edward Lindsay stepped upon a live electric light wire that had been carried down by the heavy weight of sleet and was almost instantly killed.

Upon instructions from the mayor of Ashtabula, the electric illuminating plant was closed down last night, and the city was left in total darkness. The trolley car service was also abandoned. Sandusky is still out of communication, as are several other towns. Between Cleveland and Toledo the losses sustained by telegraph and telephone companies will aggregate many thousands of dollars.

Railway trains were all reported as running behind schedule time to-day, because of the inability of the train dispatchers to get telegraphic orders to train crews. In addition to this, telegraph poles fell across the tracks at many places, resulting in traffic being held up. Every line available has been put to work by the telegraph and telephone companies repairing the damage, but thus far little has been accomplished towards restoring service.

PASTOR RECITES HIS OWN FUNERAL PRAYERS

Spends Dying Hours Talking a Benediction Into Graphophone.

New York, Feb. 15.—A special from Fairfield, Ill., to the World, says: "The Rev. Daniel Basset Leach, an aged clergyman, of Bone Gap, was told yesterday that he was going to die. He asked that his graphophone be brought to his bedside. Into the machine the venerable pastor talked. Besides an address, he spoke some prayers and a benediction. When Mr. Leach had finished he had the records repeated. Then he asked that they be used at his funeral."

JUMPS HIS BAIL

Former Bank President Disappears—Bondsman Liable For \$50,000.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 15.—A special from Taos, N. M., says that news has been received there that Albert Twining, the former bank president, of Ashbury Park, N. J., sentenced to six years' imprisonment for speculating with the funds in mining properties in Taos county, has disappeared, and that his bondsman are liable for \$50,000.

ICELANDER IS RHODES SCHOLAR

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—S. Johnson, an Icelandic student at Wesley Methodist College, has been appointed Manitoba Rhodes scholar.



THE EAGER ALDERMAN USES THE DIVINING ROD. AID, TURNER—If I can't get a committee to find this water, why I'll just have to fall back on witchcraft.

"RIPPER" CRIMES TERRIFY BERLIN

ATTACKS ON WOMEN BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS

Fifteen Victims of Assaults Since Outrages Commenced in City.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The mysterious attacks upon women on the streets of Berlin, recalling the notorious "Ripper" cases of other cities, continue. Five women of the working class were wounded in the city and the suburbs yesterday, while this morning the wife of a merchant was wounded by an unknown assailant. None of the women were seriously hurt.

The first attack occurred in the Mobile quarter at 9 o'clock yesterday morning on the open street. The assailant stabbed the victim in the upper part of the arm. Another woman was wounded in the thigh yesterday forenoon in the northern section of the city. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a girl was attacked in the eastern section. She was ward off the blow with her hand, which was wounded. In the evening the "Ripper" attacked a butcher's wife in the suburbs of Hohenzollernhausen, but the blade of his knife broke against the woman's stays. The assailant then beat his victim into unconsciousness, and she was found half an hour later taken to a hospital. Later in the evening the wife of another butcher was wounded in the thigh in the eastern section. The attack on the merchant's wife occurred this morning in the southern part of the city. The woman was wounded in the thigh and hand.

In every instance the criminal escaped. His method is to approach his victim quietly without arousing suspicion, deliver his attack suddenly, and then flee. The population of the laboring quarters of the city is much excited over the frequent attempts, and special orders have been issued to the police to protect women walking alone. The second attack to-day was made an hour after the first on a servant girl by three young men. One of them stabbed her in the abdomen. This is the fifteenth attack since the outrages began. The police have increased the reward for the apprehension of the assailants.

BIRTHDAY AT MATTEAWAN.

Harry K. Thaw Confident He Will Soon Be Released.

New York, Feb. 15.—Harry Kendall Thaw, the star boarder at the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, on Friday celebrated his 39th birthday. He is confident that his confinement at the up-state resort will soon be over, now that he has been promised a trial to decide his sanity. Attorneys for Thaw declare that his mental condition has shown constant improvement and that he is now entirely sane.

CREMATED IN POLICE CELL.

Port Elgin, Ont., Feb. 15.—Joseph Kellner, who was arrested, charged with drunkenness, and placed in a cell, was found dead. The mattress was fired in some way, and before help arrived Kellner was dead.

EMPRESS HOTEL TO BE ENLARGED

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 15.—H. W. Willis, manager of the western hotels of the C. P. R., is here on his way to Victoria. He says the work of enlarging the Empress hotel will be commenced next October, after the summer tourist travel is over.

FLYING TRAIN IS HURLED OFF TRACK

Passengers Shaken Up When Pennsylvania Special Strikes Rock.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 15.—The Pennsylvania special, the 15-hour flyer from Chicago to New York, struck a rock at Newton Hamilton, 53 miles west of Harrisburg, shortly after 6 to-day, wrecking the train. Official reports to the company in this city say that beyond a severe shaking up no one was severely injured. So far as can be learned the engineer of the flyer had no time to slacken his speed before striking the rocks which had fallen from the hillside. The Pullman, the combination smoker, baggage car and three sleepers were derailed. The engine and first two cars turned over on their sides. All the passengers were still in their berths, and it is considered remarkable that no one was killed, but all were thrown about and badly shaken up.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN STIRLING DIVORCE CASE

Lord Northland's Career Dependent on Decision in Famous Suits.

Edinburgh, Feb. 15.—The arguments of counsel in the Stirling divorce case were concluded to-day and the court reserved its judgment. John Alexander Stirling is suing his wife, who was Clara Elizabeth Taylor, an American shop girl, alleging misconduct with Lord Northland, while the wife is bringing a suit against her husband, naming a Mrs. Atherton as co-respondent. The attorney for Lord Northland declared that an adverse decision would ruin his client and wreck his career. He urged that Mrs. Atherton's testimony of Lord Northland's alleged midnight visit to Mrs. Stirling at Amberty was incredible, and that there was not a particle of evidence to sustain the allegation of misconduct.

PORT ARTHUR'S DEBENTURES.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 15.—Great satisfaction is expressed at the high price obtained for city debentures, the offer of the Dominion Securities Co., Montreal, at \$104 being accepted.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN TURKEY

KIAMIL PASHA IS FORCED TO RESIGN

Public Dissatisfied With Drastic Action of Young Turkish Party.

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—After an exciting sitting of six hours on Saturday, the chamber of deputies passed a vote of want of confidence in the Grand Vizier, Kiamil Pasha, by 198 to 8. The chamber also directed the president to communicate to the Sultan a resolution requesting him to appoint a prime minister possessing the confidence of the house. As a consequence of the chamber's action, the Grand Vizier has handed in his seals as an officer of the Sultan's army.

The want of a confidence vote was the result of Kiamil Pasha's refusal to appear before the chamber on Saturday and explain the recent ministerial changes. In a communication to the chamber announcing his resignation, the Grand Vizier stated that his action was because of the persistent hostility shown by the chamber, despite his explanations. His absence, he said, and the responsibility for the consequences must rest with those who created the present situation.

The attitude of the chamber and its condemnation of the Grand Vizier before hearing his explanations which he promised to give on Wednesday are criticized by the public, whose impression of Saturday's proceedings is generally unfavorable. The entire action is considered a demonstration of the control which the Young Turks committee has assumed over the parliamentary procedure and the new government.

Following the victory of the Young Turks, which resulted in the establishment of the government on a constitutional basis last August, Kiamil Pasha became Grand Vizier for the third time. Throughout his career he had struggled for a constitutional regime, and thrice had suffered exile for his opinions. There has been much dissatisfaction among the members of the cabinet ever since their appointment, and a crisis was brought about a few days ago by the sudden removal by the Grand Vizier of the minister of war and minister of marine. It is understood that these changes were due to the discovery of a plot against the Sultan, while other reports attribute the ousting of these two ministers to the fight between the two rival reform parties, the committee of union and progress, and the Liberal union.

FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION.

C. P. R. Officials to Attend Gathering in Victoria.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—W. R. Langdon, assistant freight and traffic manager, and Mr. Peters, assistant to Mr. Whyte, will attend the fruit growers' convention in Victoria this month and announce important rate concessions.

MISSING MEN PERISH.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 15.—John King and E. Cardinal, woodmen, were reported lost between Otter Bay and Nepigon a week ago. The men left Smith's camp to cross the ice to take a trail through the woods to the railway. Two Finlanders left at the same time, but went ahead of the others. They arrived at Nepigon safely, but King and Cardinal got lost in a storm which prevailed at the time, and perished.

SHOT BY LIFE-LONG FRIEND.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 15.—James Conroy, 25 years old, a farmer of Hemmingford, is in a critical condition in the Royal Victoria hospital here, with his left arm and chest riddled with shot. Conroy says a neighbor and life-long friend named Brown shot him, but the reason for the shooting he has not yet disclosed.

EXECUTIVE HEARS LABOR DELEGATES

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO WAGE EARNERS IN B. C.

Government Ownership of Utilities in Province Is Urged.

A delegation, numbering thirty, representative of the British Columbia executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, waited on the provincial government this morning and submitted many important matters of interest to the wage earners of the province in the hope that legislation along the lines suggested might be brought forward. The delegation was introduced by the members for Victoria, and was received by Premier McBride and Messrs. Bowser, Taylor, Young and Carter Cotton.

Among those who were present with the delegation were Chairman R. P. Pettipiece, Mr. Feeney, president of the Trades Council in New Westminster; J. H. McVey, president of the Vancouver Trades Council; W. W. Sayers, vice-president of the Vancouver Trades Council; and J. C. Watters, president of the Trades Council in Victoria. All of these spoke before the members of the executive.

On the question of immigration Chairman Pettipiece was assured by Premier McBride that the arrangement which the province had with the Salvation Army to bring in labor in this province was now being closed up, and that immigrants would not be assisted in a similar fashion in the future. The other important recommendation brought to the notice of the government was that of the province assuming the ownership and operation of public utilities, such as coal mines, telephones, canneries, etc. This matter was spoken to by J. C. Watters, the local delegate. He insisted in full as laid before the government, was as follows:

To the Hon. Richard McBride, Premier, and the Members of the Executive Council.

Gentlemen.—We, the British Columbia executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and representatives of organized labor of this province, desire to submit for your favorable consideration some of the more important matters of interest to the wage earners of British Columbia, as follows:

1. Immigration. On this question we desire to reiterate, and emphasize our protest against the policy of bountied, subsidized or assisted immigration. We respectfully ask for the discontinuance of this policy by your government.
2. The abolition of the election deposit, and request the removal of all restrictions to a free franchise in this province.
3. The necessity of the appointment of a factory inspector.
4. The importance of an extension of the government policy of supplying free text books.

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YOUTH'S HEROIC EFFORTS PROVE UNAVAILING

Arthur Flewin Drowns When Boat Capsizes in Port Simpson Harbor.

(Special to the Times.) Port Simpson, Feb. 15.—A sad accident occurred yesterday afternoon when Arthur Flewin and Walter Brenten, aged 15 and 16, respectively, while coming across the harbor with a boat load of wood, capsized about a mile from shore and a mile and a half from here. The boat was heavily loaded, and the weather bitterly cold. The water was rough, and the boat turned over three times.

Walter climbed on the upturned boat and held Arthur, who could not get on the boat owing to the heavy miner's boots and clothes he was wearing. Thus they drifted ashore. Walter was dragging Arthur out of the water when help arrived. In a few minutes a doctor, a nurse and a crowd were at the spot with blankets and restoratives. All efforts to resuscitate Arthur failed.

Walter is well, considering the awful exposure, but completely broken down at the death of his companion. Arthur Flewin was the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flewin, to which family is extended the deepest sympathy of the community. Steamer Native will convey friends from the neighboring towns to attend the funeral service this afternoon.

RETURNS FROM COMOX-ATLIN

HON. W. TEMPLEMAN HAD SPLENDID RECEPTION

Enthusiastic Meeting at Prince Rupert—Mr. Manson's Explanation.

Hon. Mr. Templeman, minister of mines, returned on Saturday from Prince Rupert, where on Monday last he was returned by acclamation as member for Comox-Atlin in succession to W. Sloan. In expectation of a contest he and the former member left on a tour of the most accessible portions of the district immediately upon their arrival from Ottawa, and for part of the time they were accompanied by H. C. Brewster, M. P. for Alberni, and Dr. W. T. Kergin, the representative for Skeena.

Meetings were held on Vancouver Island at Parksville, Alberni, Wellington, Cumberland and Courtenay, where large audiences indicated by their attention and general attitude their satisfaction at the situation which had developed in the district in a political sense. The various organizations were found to be in excellent condition, and had there been a contest they would have rendered signal services in the interest of the Liberal candidate.

Although Mr. Manson, who represented the Conservative forces, concluded to withdraw his opposition, it was decided to hold a public meeting at Prince Rupert on the evening of nomination day in order that the member might meet the people of the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus. The hall in which the gathering was held was crowded to the doors, and the minister was accorded a most enthusiastic reception.

DR. KERGIN.

Dr. Kergin, the popular representative of Skeena in the provincial legislature, was the first speaker, and took occasion to express his deep satisfaction at the fact that Comox-Atlin had as its federal member a minister of the Crown. He briefly referred to the vast possibilities of the district and expressed the hope that its needs would receive the earnest and immediate attention of the new member.

W. SLOAN.

Mr. Sloan, the former member, whose public-spirited action in resigning in order that British Columbia could retain its cabinet minister has awakened wide-spread appreciation, received an ovation upon rising to address the meeting. He recounted the circumstances leading to his resignation, which by the way are now well known, and congratulated the district upon having a minister as its member, and the minister upon being privileged to represent such a district as Comox-Atlin. He paid a tribute to the manner in which Mr. Templeman had assisted him in attending to the needs of his constituency and pointed out that as minister for the province the latter had always been ready to render the utmost assistance to all of the seven members for British Columbia in the last parliament.

Mr. Sloan also complimented Mr. Manson upon his withdrawal from the contest—an action which must commend itself to all as being in the best interests of the province. In this respect the Conservative candidate and the stood upon common ground, each being actuated by loyalty to the province and the district of Comox-Atlin.

MR. MANSON.

Mr. Manson, who had contemplated contesting the constituency in the Conservative interest, explained to the meeting the reasons which prompted his withdrawal. The Conservative standard bearer was accorded a generous reception and his clear, straightforward explanation of his position created an excellent impression. He said he had been requested by friends from Comox, Alberni and Prince Rupert to make the contest against the Hon. Mr. Templeman in the present election.

He consented to run provided satisfactory arrangements could be made to carry on the campaign. The very large and scattered district which Comox-Atlin has made it most difficult to contest. Not being a man of large means himself, and owing to the position taken by many friends, and also the leading newspapers, questioning the wisdom of a contest in this, which was only a by-election and could not materially effect the standing of the parties at Ottawa, he had found it impossible to make satisfactory arrangements to cover the district with speakers and carry on a campaign. To decide what was the right thing for him to do under such circumstances had caused him a great deal of thought and anxiety during the past few days. Any man aspiring to political preferment should in his opinion be prepared, should occasion demand to sacrifice his own personal consideration to the sake of his district. In looking over such a large district as this was, which he had had an opportunity of doing to some extent during the last ten days, and facing squarely the position, looking to the advancement and development, which was so near at hand, particularly in the locality, he had to decide whether it was right after a fuller knowledge of all the facts, to carry on the fight or allow it to go in favor of a minister of the Crown, who would no doubt be in position to do more for the district during such an important stage of development than he could do if elected. It must be admitted that in the past the account of party differences, in feeling between the federal and the

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