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EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF G. T. PACIFIC

Indications that Company Contemplates Actual Laying of Rails to Begin Next Spring.

There is every indication now that the year 1907 will see the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific actively begun on this coast. This summer, as previously mentioned in the Times, will be characterized by great activity in the way of surveys. This will enable the company to make an early start in the following spring in the actual laying of the rails.

The acquisition of it from the Indians is therefore of importance to the future of Prince Rupert. The beginning of construction from the Pacific terminus is now indicated cannot fail to have a very stimulating effect in the province. This will be felt in the city of Victoria as well as at other points along the coast, and the announcement that the work is to begin will be most welcome to all.

concerned it would extend every facility to their engineers in this respect. He asked the engineers not to overlook the air question as concerns such as his were daily in more need of assistance from the mechanical department in this respect.

Mr. Dobson, of the Dobson foundry, and Mr. Burnham, of the Hamilton Foundry Works, followed along the same lines, as did also Mr. M. Refle, of the Union brewery, who advised those present to pay more attention to cold storage engineering, which was a live question with many industries now.

Mr. Downey, representing the Canada Rubber Company, replied to the toast of the "Engineering Manufacturers and Supply Trade," giving one of the best stories of the evening.

There can be little or no question that the G. T. P. has made satisfactory arrangements along this line. It is fully expected that as soon as the railway is in a position to lay the goods of the east on the Pacific seaboard a line of steamers to ply between that port and the Orient will begin making regular trips across the Pacific.

TARTAR S AGAIN AT WILLIAM HEAD

OWING TO SUSPECTED CASE OF SMALLPOX

Patient Has Been Isolated at Vancouver and Steamer is Held Pending Instructions.

About 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the steamer Tartar arrived back in quarantine. She had returned at the request of the Vancouver authorities and is being held pending instructions from the provincial board of health.

The Tartar is now loaded for her outward voyage. She was to have sailed by this time, and about thirty passengers had been ticketed for the trip on board, and a number may be transferred to the Empress of Japan, which sails next Monday.

Referring to the ship's trouble the Vancouver News Advertiser of Tuesday's date says: The vessel had been under way for a week since her arrival from the Far East a week ago.

ROSE SHOW

Exhibition Will Be Held in This City on June 22nd.

Class A-Professionals.

- Hybrid Perpetual, 12 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st prize, \$5. Hybrid Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st prize, \$5. Best decorative exhibit of roses; 1st prize, \$5.

Class B-Amateurs.

- Collection of roses, 18 varieties, 1 bloom each, named; 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5. Hybrid Perpetuals, 12 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50. Hybrid Teas, 6 varieties, 1 bloom each, named, shown singly; 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$2.50.

ANNUAL MEET OF SOCIAL GOLF CLUB

WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK AT OAK BAY

Number of Outside Players are Expected to Enter Competitions--The Complete Programme.

The twelfth annual spring meeting of the Victoria Golf Club will be held on the 12th, 14th and 15th of April at the Oak Bay links. An excellent programme has been prepared and copies have been sent to all the Pacific Coast clubs.

Friday, April 12th.

Saturday, April 14th.

Sunday, April 15th.

10.30 to 11.30--Ladies' open singles, handicap, 18 holes; medal play, 18 holes; 1st and 2nd prizes. Entrance, 5c.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

March Returns Show a Smaller Average Than Usual.

The attendance in the city schools for the month of March fell below the usual standard of regularity. The prevalence of mumps is chiefly responsible for the condition of affairs, though chicken-pox and colds contributed somewhat to the absenteeism.

In the returns for the month are recorded the number of pupils in each division who had a perfect attendance to their credit, namely, who were not absent a single session. For the whole city aggregate of these was 1,272, or 46 per cent. of the total number in attendance.

Table with columns: No. Daily Attend. P.C. Present. Ave. P.C. Perfect. High School, 240, 211.75, 88.02, 38. Girls, 535, 473.34, 88.47, 46. Boys, 469, 402.94, 85.78, 47.

MAYOR MORLEY ON GAMBLING QUESTION

His Worship Says Public Must Co-Operate to Effectively Suppress Gambling Spirit.

The regulations respecting gambling are still being stringently enforced. This statement was made Tuesday by Mayor Morley in conversation with a representative of the Times. The laws, he said, would be carried out in the very strictest sense of the term while he was in office.

ENGINEERS BANQUET AT THE CONVENTION

Pleasant Time Spent at Close Meeting in the City of Nanaimo.

The annual convention of the B. C. stationary engineers was brought to a close at Nanaimo by a very pleasant banquet, tendered by the local branch of the association. It was given in the Queen's hotel, and was largely attended.

Chairman Brown, of the Nanaimo lodge, threw the lever and set the works going in a neat speech, and after the inner man had been fueled up and oiled with the choice wines and drinkables, the toast to the King was observed in a ringing chorus of the National Anthem.

Mr. McKenzie explained that the object of the association was the advancement and education primarily of the individual members, and the desire to live up to the enactments of the Boilers Inspection Act.

advantages of the inspection act, and highly tutored Mr. Baxter for the work he had done. The inspection act had been a great boon to the British Columbia engineers to hold responsible positions, and he assured Inspector Baxter that the engineers were back of him in everything that tended to the best interests of the profession.

An instrumental solo by Mr. W. Hepburn, and a large choral solo by Mr. Graham of the Western Fuel Company, and then Manager Lewis, of the electric light works, proposed the toast to the B. C. Association of Engineers.

Mr. Sprague, of Vancouver, said that the engineers were better men by 100 per cent. for their organization. Their idea was to make themselves so useful to employers that they could not get along without them.

SCORED A MUSICAL TRIUMPH IN LEIPZIG

Benedict Bantly of this City Has Passed Public Examination With Honors.

Benedict Bantly, one of the bright young Victoria musicians who has been studying in Leipzig for several years, has just passed a very difficult examination with flying colors. His success has created quite a furore in musical circles in the German seat of learning, and a number of the world's greatest critics have given him very flattering notices.

Referring to the playing, the Leipzig Tagblatt, of March 10th, says: "His passage work stamps him as a virtuoso, possessing great power." The Leipzig Zeitung contained the following notice: "He plays with technical certainty and fresh temperament."

A DOG NUISANCE.

Complaint Received That Canines Visit Orphanage and Kill Hens.

A meeting of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans Home was held Monday afternoon, the following being present: Mesdames McCulloch, Todd, Ricard, Hocking, Bishop, Andrews, Crew-Baker, Fell, Higgins, Sprague, Toller, Van Tassel, Berridge and Miss Aubin.

CHICAGO ELECTION.

Voters Decide in Favor of Municipal Ownership.

Chicago, April 3--Under the result of the city election held to-day in which the question of municipal ownership of the street railways was the vital issue, the city of Chicago can proceed to acquire and control the railways, but cannot operate them. At the same time the voters, while declaring that the city shall not proceed to operate the railroads, declared that as a question of public policy it would be desirable for the city to do so.

CANADIANS MURDERED.

Thomas Reid and His Son, Formerly of London, Reported to Have Been Killed.

London, Ont., April 3--News has been received here that Thomas Reid, M. A., and his son James Reid, formerly of this city, have been murdered near Heilbrunn, Germany. Robbery was the motive.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

Of Congregation of James Bay Methodist Church, Tuesday Evening, Was Unrepeated Success.

There was a large attendance at the first annual congregational banquet of the James Bay Methodist Church held last evening. Those in charge of the catering had provided accommodation for about two hundred, and by the time all had taken their seats there was very little room left.

FULL COURT CASES.

The full court now sitting in Vancouver has the following list of appeals set down for hearing: Gamble et al. vs. Spencer, Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. Lewis et al., Henderson vs. Canadian Timber & Sawmills, Le Roi Mining Company vs. Kirkup, Kerova vs. C. P. R., Mitchell vs. Sinclair, Ferns Lumber Company vs. Crow's Nest Northern Railway Co., et al., DeBeck vs. Canada Permanent, Richards vs. Wood, in re Bissette, Hofus & Company vs. Lenora & Mount Sicker Mining Company et al., Yould et al. vs. Toronto & British Columbia Lumber Company, Lewis et al. vs. Hughes, Calvert vs. Andrews, State Mining Company vs. White Company, Gatriele vs. Power et al., Dickenson vs. Hillwell, Bostock vs. Ward, Rich vs. Hanbury, in re Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Union Hill, in re Union Loan Company, Union Loan & Investment Company vs. Hill, in re Union Loan & Investment Company, Wa Lung vs. Sam Wah, Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company vs. McGregor, Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company vs. Hoggan, Watson vs. Hamilton et al., in re Carew-Gibson, Lewis-wander vs. Greischer, Date vs. British Columbia Telephone Company, Cone vs. Lewis, Cross vs. Horsack, Green vs. British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Bank of Montreal vs. Hamilton, Bernan et al. vs. Adams et al.

FARMERS' HELP.

There has been some complaint, doubtless with good reason, that the farmers of the island cannot obtain labor at rates which will admit of its profitable employment.

Relative to this subject a correspondent of the Times who has interested himself in the matter writes: "I wish to explain to you what I have done in the matter of trying to find a solution to the labor problem."

"I have submitted the plan that I have formulated to several emigration aid societies in Great Britain and expect to hear from them shortly."

"At present I do not wish my identity to be known, but I will attend to all communications addressed to 'Imperialist,' Times office."

ZION UNDER A CLOUD.

John Alexander Dowie, who lately posed as Elijah, has been the subject of much speculation in the city.

CONSIDER THE PUBLIC.

It is not apparent that the Canadian railway corporations stand in urgent need of protection against the encroachments of the American lines from the southern side of the border.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring an image of the product box and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

In all but one respect, logical reasoners and clear thinkers. They have been led by the nose by tariff quacks for a considerable number of years, but they cannot be persuaded that the railroads cannot take care of their own interests.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST.

We hope the announcement that Mr. J. J. Hill is going to continue the V. V. & E. line right through to Winnipeg is true. There is plenty of room for Mr. Hill in this country and ample scope also for the application of his well known energy.

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PUBLIC RIGHTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The Times has frequently called attention to the value of the potential resources of British Columbia and to the urgent necessity of taking measures to develop them.

"Obviously one of the other countries in view is Canada, including Ontario. It has been no secret that for some time past much prospecting has been done in Ontario, with a view to the object of securing for Great American iron and steel companies deposits of iron ore to be held in reserve against the coming time of scarcity."

THE NATAL INSURRECTION.

Our dispatches to-day indicate that a serious situation has developed in Natal. The question arises whether the natives who have risen in rebellion have taken the war as a consequence of the summary treatment accorded a dozen of their tribesmen by the colonial government.

NO REASON FOR ALARM.

"But present conditions cannot be permanent. They are today in a state of transition towards a new era. It is between this and federation with the Empire which Canada must choose soon."

LEGACY OF THE WAR.

Thousands of Bales of Telegrams Reached Moscow—Must Be Forwarded to Destination.

STOP THAT HEADACHE.

Ever stop to think what caused your headaches? Probably not. Then look to the bowels and stomach and you'll find plenty of cause.

lately expressed views of a vast majority of the electors of Great Britain forced one of the great political parties to make the question of Imperial preferential trade an issue in a late campaign.

SUCCESSFUL SALE.

Eastern Novelties Went Fast at Residence of Mrs. J. D. Helmcken Tuesday.

As was anticipated the sale of Eastern novelties which took place on Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, kindly lent for the occasion, and which proved to be just the right place for such an entertainment, was pronounced by all those who were fortunate enough to be present an unqualified success.

What We Claim for Ferrol

FERROL is an Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, and if it were nothing more it would take front rank because of the quality and quantity of the oil used and the scientific method of preparation.

FERROL combines Iron and Phosphorus with the oil, and no other emulsion contains these ingredients, although it is well known that they should always be administered together, as each is the complement of the other.

FERROL is so scientifically prepared that the first processes of digestion are actually performed in the process of manufacture, and the emulsion is ready for instant absorption into the blood.

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FERROL holds the record for increasing the weight. FERROL has received more endorsements from medical men than any other preparation on the market.

FERROL will cure any case of Consumption that is capable of cure.

FERROL is an absolute specific for Colds, Croup, Bronchitis and all kindred troubles.

FERROL is an unfailing remedy for nervous prostration, Chronic Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

Finally, the formula is freely published, and in taking FERROL you "know what you take."

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THE CITY MARKET. Owing to heavy rain in California the imported produce is becoming scarcer and more expensive.

ANNUAL GATHERING. The Tenth Anniversary of the Congregational Church was celebrated last evening.

THE DEATH OF M. Passed Away Suddenly. Landing Early in the Morning.

YOU CAN'T DOUBT THIS. Go where you will, but it's impossible to find a family liniment equal to "Nerviline."

Farm Seeds. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE TO BRACKMAN-KER MILLING COMPANY. 125 Government St., Victoria.

SEVERE F. Colonial Forces town--Detch and Child

Greytown, Natal, April 5. A field force, which was operating at Impassia, 12 miles west of Greytown, against the insurgent forces, the deposed regent town district, has been abandoned its laager after a day's fighting and retired to Greytown. A portion of the force, the women and children, Keates Drift, succeeded but while returning was rebellious natives. A run kept up for six miles, continuing the pursuit until of Greytown. Three of the police were killed and

CHANCELLOR PRINCE DURING SUDDEN INDISPOSITION

Was Taken Ill in the Delivering Speech of Morocco

Berlin, April 5.—Chancellor Bismarck, while attending the rehearsal of a play, fell ill and was taken to a committee room. The chancellor made subject of Morocco, and to the answer of the Socialist leader, when he was taken ill. The vice-president of the court Von Stölgner was found the sitting for an hour, during which he was attended by a doctor. He was taken ill in the middle of the speech, and he was taken to a committee room. The chancellor made subject of Morocco, and to the answer of the Socialist leader, when he was taken ill. The vice-president of the court Von Stölgner was found the sitting for an hour, during which he was attended by a doctor.

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SEVERE FIGHTING WITH REBELS IN NATAL

Colonial Forces Compelled to Retire to Greytown--Detachment Which Rescued Women and Children Attacked by Zulus.

Greytown, Natal, April 5.—The colonial field force, which was concentrating at Impsona, 12 miles north-west of Greytown for operations against the insurgent chief Bambata, the deposed regent of the Greytown district, has been compelled to abandon its laager after heavy fighting and retire to Greytown.

CHANCELLOR FAINTED DURING DEBATE

SUDDEN INDISPOSITION OF PRINCE VAN BUELOW

Was Taken Ill in the Reichstag After Delivering Speech on the Subject of Morocco.

Berlin, April 5.—Chancellor Von Buelow, while attending the debate in the Reichstag today, was taken ill, and carried to a committee room by some of the members of the house.

THE DEATH OF MRS. REEVES

Passed Away Suddenly at Athabasca Landing Early Last Month.

Winnipeg, April 5.—A letter from Athabasca Landing gives an account of the death of Mrs. Reeves, wife of Bishop Reeves, who died on March 31.

ALLEGED FORGER

New York, April 4.—A scandal dating back to England's preparations for the war was recalled today in the trial of George W. Jordan, who disappeared from this city seven years ago, while buying horses for use in the British army in the Boer war.

MONASTERY LOOTED

Thieves Got Away With \$23,000 and Number of Valuable Articles.

ROSTOFF, PROVINCE OF YAROSLAV, RUSSIA, APRIL 5.—A gang of thieves looted the Rostoff monastery during the night of April 3rd, and got away with \$23,000 and a quantity of

AERONAUT'S DEATH

Lost His Life in Water After His Balloon Collapsed.

New York, April 4.—Death in the waters of Bass creek on the south shore of Long Island, ended the daring balloon ascent begun yesterday afternoon by Paul Nocuquet, a French sculptor of note, and an enthusiastic amateur aeronaut.

COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT REPORTS

ON TENDERS FOR TWO SECTIONS OF G. T. P.

Decision Will Probably Be Reached in Few Days—Vancouver Telephone Strike.

Ottawa, April 5.—The report of the railway commissioners on the sections of the transcontinental railway for which tenders called were presented to the government yesterday afternoon.

NAGARA FALLS

Progress of Appeals at the Sitting Now Being Held in Vancouver.

At the sitting of the Full court in Vancouver on Tuesday, the opening day for the hearing of appeals, one case was struck out, one dismissed and another was stood over.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Denver, Col., April 5.—Fire today destroyed the plant of the Hallack Lumber & Supply Company here, entailing a loss of \$300,000. The plant covered an area of twenty acres, and was swept clean of millions of feet of lumber and several buildings.

CAN SPINAL CORD BE RESTORED?

YOUNG PHYSICIAN MAKES EXPERIMENTS

Stitched Severed Cord Together and Woman is Able to Walk With Aid of Crutches.

New York, April 5.—A Philadelphia dispatch to the Herald says: "The question whether the spinal cord, once severed can be restored, seems to have been solved by a young physician of this city.

COLLAPSE OF TOWER

Ottawa, April 5.—The new tower which was just completed on the northeast corner of the western departmental block fell to the ground this morning.

TROUBLE AT MINE

Irwin, Pa., April 4.—Last night was one of disorder and terror at Edna mine number two of the Pennsylvania Gas & Coal Company, where several hundred men are on a strike for recognition of the union.

PICKED UP MISSING CREW

Lizard, April 5.—The German steamer Assaria bound from St. Thomas for Hamburg, when passing here to-day signalled that she had on board all hands from the missing Nova Scotia schooner Carrie Easler.

FULL COURT

Pekin, April 4.—The Russo-Chinese negotiations appear to have reached a deadlock. At any rate, they are dragging along slowly.

DECLINES TO RUN

New Haven, Conn., April 4.—The declaration of United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew to stand for re-election to the Yale corporation, was announced today from the office of the secretary of the Yale corporation.

NATIONALISTS AND MINISTER

London, April 5.—The shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, at their half yearly meeting this afternoon, with Sir Charles Rivers presiding, adopted the report of the directors and congratulated the company on its prosperity.

OFFICERS ON TRIAL

Aldershot, Eng., April 4.—Four lieutenants, of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, were placed on trial today before a court of inquiry which is making an investigation into the hazing of Second Lieutenant Clark Kennedy, who was maltreated by his fellow officers last month because it is alleged, he was too poor to meet all the regimental subscriptions.

CONDEMNED AMERICANS

Roosevelt Asked to Intervene in Case of Men Sentenced to Death in Mexico.

Washington, April 4.—Pressure is being brought to bear upon President Roosevelt to have him intervene in behalf of the three Americans, Richardson, Mason and Harle, who are under sentence of death in Mexico for the murder of Mitchell and Devers at Chihuahua four years ago.

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Strong Language Used at Investigation Into York County Loan Affairs—Prince Arthur's Journey.

Winnipeg, April 4.—The strike situation is unchanged from yesterday. Peace negotiations are still being carried on by a ministerial committee, but it is not thought the result of their efforts will be known for another day at least.

TRANS-CONTINENTAL LINE

Section From Winnipeg to Lake Superior to Be Completed Next Year.

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PREMIER'S CHALLENGE

Regina, April 4.—Premier Scott continued his speech in debate on the address in reply to-day and enlivened the proceedings with an explanation of why former Premier Haultain was passed over by Lieutenant-Governor Foran in summoning Mr. Scott to form a government.

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DOWIE'S RETURN

Officers Threaten to Have Him Arrested if He Begins Legal Action.

Chicago, April 4.—V. V. Barna Dowie's general counsel, sent Dowie the following telegram: "Your state of health is bad for the proper protection of our rights. Everything transferred to Granger. Deeds have been duly executed and placed on record.

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# ARCTIC EXPLORER LEAVES VICTORIA IN MAY



CAPTAIN MIKKELSON

Capt. Mikkelson, the Arctic explorer, arrived in Victoria on Saturday, the 16th inst., by the noon train from Nanaimo. A couple of hours later the Times went to press, and contained an interview with the distinguished young Dane, outlining the particulars of his prospective voyage into the frozen regions of the Arctic and the object of same. The captain has been in Victoria since, and as already stated, has decided on outfitting here, having purchased the schooner Beatrice for the sea voyage.

Captain Mikkelson is an energetic young man, and has made a wonderful record for himself, particularly in the Arctic exploration. He was born in Denmark in 1873, and when but fourteen years of age joined a naval training ship, on board which discipline was very strict. So markedly did he distinguish himself as a midshipman, that at the age of seventeen he was selected among others, for an expedition to the east coast of Greenland, undertaken by the Danish government for the exploration of a region then but little known. So successful did this expedition prove that a similar expedition was organized in 1900, of which Capt. Mikkelson was also a member. The ex-

pedition was made with the kindred society of America to have an expedition sent north, in charge of Capt. Mikkelson, to explore a region hitherto untouched—that lying in the Arctic ocean above Alaska and west of Banks Land. This immense section, some 150,000 square miles in extent, has up to the present been described as a sea of ice, but the indications are that there is a big body of land in there. The Esquimaux of Prince Albert Land and the northern Alaska regions have traditions pointing to the existence of a great continent beyond the highest point which they now deem habitable. But it is not on tradition alone that Capt. Mikkelson and his associates are relying. Charts issued as to prevailing currents from Banks Land west to Wrangle Island go to show (as illustrated in the accompanying map) that they sweep east and west rather than north and south, as would be the case under ordinary conditions. The coast line is clear in the open season, except when the wind is blowing inland. It is also a well-established fact that flocks of migratory birds travel poleward from the Siberian, Alaskan and northern mainland. The natural inference is that they are not making for

Victoria to Kodsik Island, a distance of about 1,200 miles, where a first brief stop will be made; then, rounding the Alaska peninsula, Behring Sea will be crossed to Cape Navavin, on the Siberian coast. Here it is expected to pick up some good dogs, but there will be no big bunch of canines taken on board at this point, as others will be secured along the coast, as the feeding of the animals is an important item. Sailing along through Behring Straits, the Alaskan coast will be hugged, with a possible call at Point Barrow, Mackenzie and Bathurst. Some provisions will be taken on board at Parks Inlet, and thence down Minto's Inlet, where winter quarters will be established. The winter will be a busy one, as it is the intention to strike north over

Of course, in such a barren latitude, the provisioning of the party is of the utmost importance. As the provisions decrease, and there is less to carry, the live stock will be killed off and eaten. The horse will go, and his carcass will furnish food for the men and also for the dogs. By the time this flesh is consumed, the dogs in turn will be slaughtered, and when all have been eaten up, the few hundred pounds of supplies remaining will be hauled along by the venturesome explorers themselves.

In this connection it may be interesting to note that a vegetable dietary is to be put to a practical test on this expedition, and that alcoholic liquors will be completely dispensed with. Before leaving England, Capt. Mikkelson consulted Eustace Miles, the famous dietetic expert, on this important subject, and as a result a consignment of non-flesh food will be forwarded and reach here before the stores are consumed. The conditions imposed when this order was lodged were that all foods should be cooked, durable, compact, easy to handle, and packed in the smallest possible compass to meet the necessities of rapid transit on sleighs.

In order to fulfil these conditions, foods of the least bulk consistent with heating and sustaining properties were chosen by Mr. Miles and his chef, the final selection being as follows: Protein biscuits, Protoid cocoa, protoid butter and honey sweetmeat, cheese, nuts, dried fruits and vegetable jelly. The jelly is necessary to ensure a sufficiency of alkaline "salts" in the dietary and to prevent scurvy. These foods are carefully packed in tins (afterwards soldered down), each tin containing a week's rations, subdivided into seven daily menus. Each tin is 1 1/2 inches wide, 4 1/2 inches high, and 8 inches deep; this being a shape admirably fitted for sleigh expeditions. In addition to this, Capt. Mikkelson will receive from Battle Creek one year's provisions for two men. Although it is hoped to make a vegetable dietary the main one, it is expected that the rod and the gun will both help to keep the larder supplied, for there is plenty of game in these latitudes.

On their journey over the ice soundings will be made wherever possible, as it is believed that much shallow water will be discovered. No explorations have as yet been made beyond four or five miles from the shore line, but it is now the intention to go some 300 miles out—to 76.30 north. The soundings will show whether it is necessary to proceed farther, and Capt. Mikkelson declares he will be much disappointed should such prove to be the case. As indicated on the map, the route outlined will be changed should the explorers strike new land, and instead of continuing their course to Wrangle, they will strike south to Barrow, where they will probably meet some of the whaling fleet.

While Capt. Mikkelson and Dr. Leffingwell are engaged in this particular branch of the work, the other members of the party will be busy in Banks Land, and the islands north-west of Melville Sound. Here some geographical and ethnological investigations will be made, which will throw much light on the life of the natives, the resources of the country, and its general geography. The edge of the continental shelf will also be explored and authoritatively mapped, while the hydrographic work to be accomplished cannot fail to be of interest. It is also hoped to ascertain some tidings of the ill-fated ship, the Investigator, which went north in 1850, with the McClure expedition, after Franklin. McClure spent a couple of years in this district, and is known to have collected some very valuable data. The ethnological research promises to establish an affinity between the Esquimaux of these islands and those of Greenland, and to prove that both are descendants of stock from the Asiatic coast.

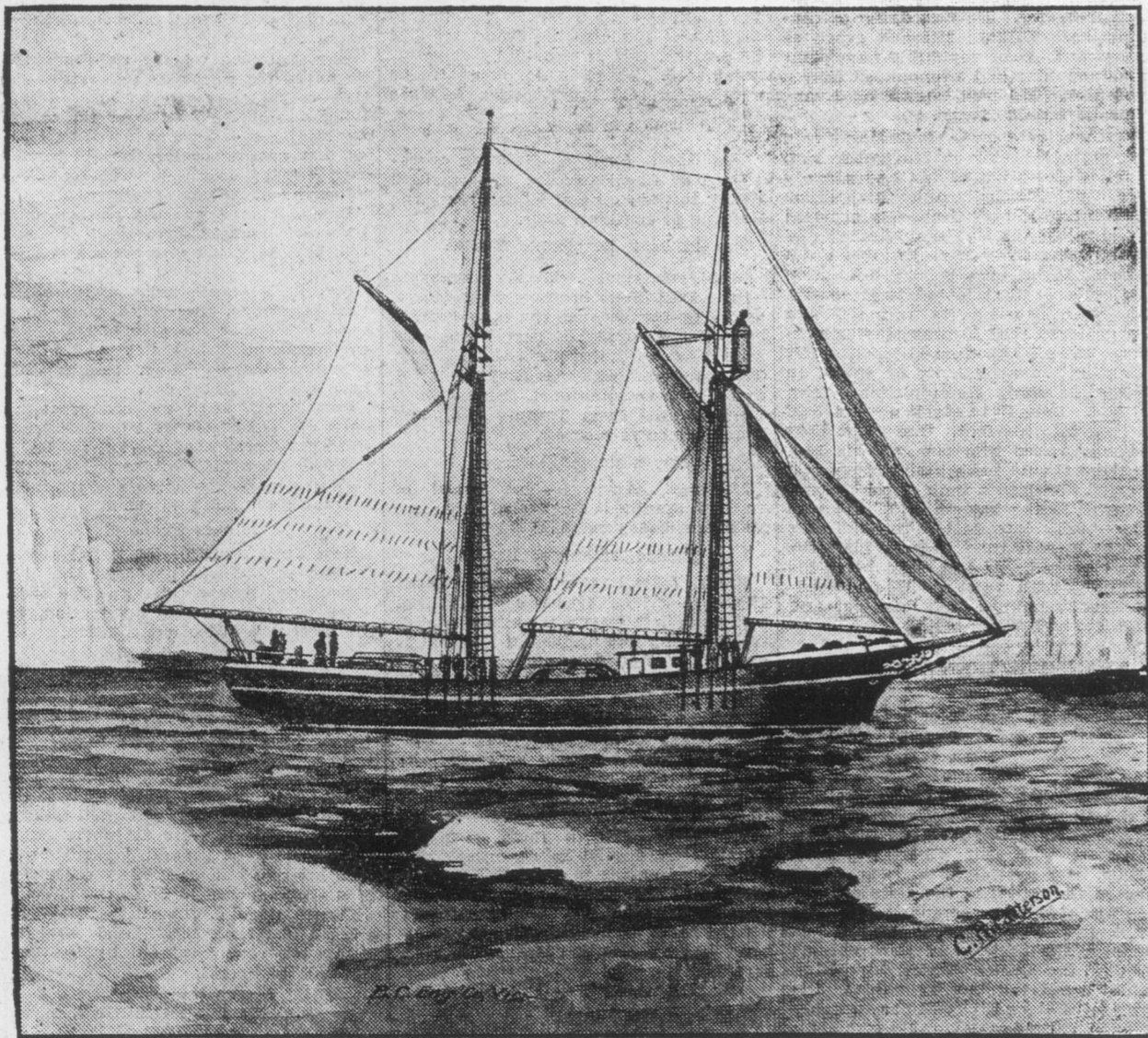
The Beatrice and some of the explorers are expected to arrive back in Victoria about September, 1907, others of the party may come overland, but Capt. Mikkelson and Dr. Leffingwell calculate on being away a year longer. As already stated, it is intended to outfit for the expedition in Victoria, and these in charge expect to be able to get in that portion of their supplies,

cept some such provision were made. Spars and rigging are all exceptionally heavy, while the sails are made of hemp canvass; cotton is found unserviceable in the frozen north. The foremast is provided with a crow's-nest, from which observations will be taken. It will be about 60 feet from the deck, and will be made as snug as circumstances will permit. On deck the galley will find a place, and will be so constructed that it can be taken ashore if deemed advisable and turned into comfortable living quarters. There will be ice anchors, ropes and gear amply sufficient to cope with an ice pack, while the outside sheeting and the inside beams will withstand any probable jamb. Spare rudders, anchors, etc., will be available, and two whale boats will be in place. All the appliances known to science will be found on board the Duchess of Bedford when she leaves port, as it is intended to make continuous meteorological records, such as the direct readings of the barometers and thermometers, checked by self-registering barographs and thermographs; the force and direction of the winds, including the use of the anemometer in order to determine their velocities; humidity of the air and amount of precipitation. By means of the theodolite and the nephoscope an effort will be made to determine the velocity, direction and height of the upper clouds, and special observations concerning the phenomena of the Aurora Borealis will be recorded. Chronometers, azimuth compasses, pelorus, portable transit, photographic apparatus—in fact, everything to aid in scientific research is included in the outfit. The schooner will also have on board 25 tons of coal.

An impression seems to have gone abroad that this expedition is undertaken with the view of discovering the north pole. Such is not the case; the objects are purely scientific, and are as here outlined. The failure of former Arctic expeditions to determine the secrets so jealously guarded by the Ice Spinx of the north, is attributable either to lack

of proper equipment or to inability to transport it over the long stretches of treacherous sea ice. Benefitting by past experience, Capt. Mikkelson has decided to have as small and as competent a party as possible, to carry nothing that is not absolutely necessary, and to have a well-defined programme. Everybody joins in wishing him success. The captain intends to write a book descriptive of his trip north, and already publishers are making arrangements for the manuscript. He hopes as a result of the expedition to arouse a keener interest than ever in Arctic problems, and alludes to a movement now on foot in Copenhagen with this object in view.

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Schooner Duchess of Bedford (ate the Beatrice) as she will appear on her journey to the Arctic Regions

perience thus obtained was so much valued and the captain's ability so freely recognized, that when the famous Baldwin-Zeigler polar expedition was formed in 1901-2 he was chosen to accompany it and assigned an important post. This expedition, it will be remembered, reached a point 82.30 north. Although not the highest reached, it was productive of much information invaluable to science. Perry's record was 84.17, while Nansen's score in 1895, was 86.14 and Abruzzi's, in 1900, was 86.33.

On his return from the Polar expedition, Capt. Mikkelson took charge of a revenue cutter in the fishing service of Denmark, and in this connection had many opportunities of studying the Icelandic coast, so that it will be readily understood that his experience in northern latitudes has been extensive.

For the past couple of years he has been in the merchant service, and on reaching London last year he found that his fame had preceded him. He had several conferences with the Royal Geographical Society of England, the

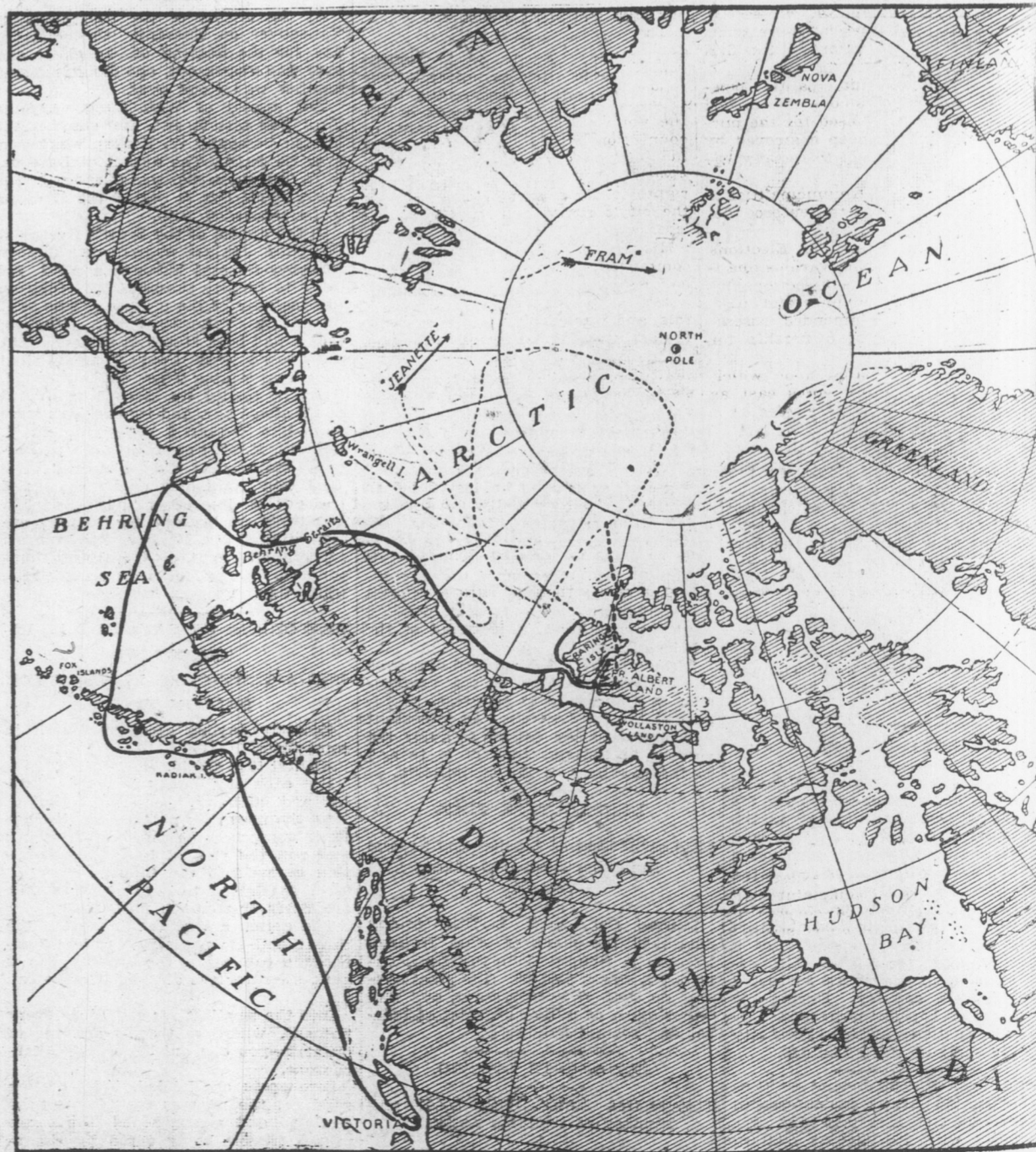
result of which was that an arrangement was made with the kindred society of America to have an expedition sent north, in charge of Capt. Mikkelson, to explore a region hitherto untouched—that lying in the Arctic ocean above Alaska and west of Banks Land. This immense section, some 150,000 square miles in extent, has up to the present been described as a sea of ice, but the indications are that there is a big body of land in there. The Esquimaux of Prince Albert Land and the northern Alaska regions have traditions pointing to the existence of a great continent beyond the highest point which they now deem habitable.

But it is not on tradition alone that Capt. Mikkelson and his associates are relying. Charts issued as to prevailing currents from Banks Land west to Wrangle Island go to show (as illustrated in the accompanying map) that they sweep east and west rather than north and south, as would be the case under ordinary conditions. The coast line is clear in the open season, except when the wind is blowing inland. It is also a well-established fact that flocks of migratory birds travel poleward from the Siberian, Alaskan and northern mainland. The natural inference is that they are not making for

Victoria to Kodsik Island, a distance of about 1,200 miles, where a first brief stop will be made; then, rounding the Alaska peninsula, Behring Sea will be crossed to Cape Navavin, on the Siberian coast. Here it is expected to pick up some good dogs, but there will be no big bunch of canines taken on board at this point, as others will be secured along the coast, as the feeding of the animals is an important item.

Sailing along through Behring Straits, the Alaskan coast will be hugged, with a possible call at Point Barrow, Mackenzie and Bathurst. Some provisions will be taken on board at Parks Inlet, and thence down Minto's Inlet, where winter quarters will be established. The winter will be a busy one, as it is the intention to strike north over

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Map showing route of expedition. Course of schooner ————— Overland and ice ----- The looked-for land ----- Capt. Mikkelson and Dr. Leffingwell's proposed journey -----

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A communication was read from Col. English reminding the council that he still had two guns and cartridges donated to the city by the Imperial government.

Ald. Douglas thought the guns should be put in the park alongside of the Chinese bell.

Ald. Yates moved that the Mayor be authorized to receive the pieces, and suggested that a good place for them would be on either side of the entrance to the park.

The deputy superintendent of Indian affairs wrote with respect to the fines collected from Indians stating that by the constitution these went to the province.

Ald. Yates proposed that the provincial government be now applied to. The resolution carried.

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sprinkling agreement should be entered into for five years. The city engineer reported upon the question of hydrants for the supply of water as follows:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions, I have interviewed the manager of the Tramway Company regarding the location of hydrants for charging the proposed electric sprinkler, and after doing so, am of opinion it would not be advisable to decide upon all the points until the machine is put in operation.

At or near Burnside road and Douglas street. At or near Fort street and Oak Bay avenue.

At or near Esquimalt and Craigflower roads. At or near Pandora and Cook streets.

In conclusion, I might state the following districts could be sprinkled twice daily if sufficient hydrants are supplied.

Pandora avenue and Cook street, from Douglas street to Caledonia avenue. Douglas street, from Pandora avenue to Burnside road.

It was agreed to enter into the agreement with the tramway company after it was specified on the advice of Ald. Fell that the contract be for year to year.

Ald. Stewart said he had no objection to the agreement, but he wanted to know where the \$2,100 was to come from.

Ald. Yates suggested that the example of Vancouver be followed and a frontage tax be collected from those benefited.

Ald. Fullerton said that he was in favor of the tramway company being forced to sprinkle its own part of the street.

Ald. Hall said that it appeared that there was to be a much larger area sprinkled under the new arrangement than at the present time.

Ald. Fullerton said he took this back and withdrew the language.

Ald. Fullerton said that it was necessary for Victoria to move forward like other places.

The motion to enter into the agreement carried, with Ald. Fullerton voting.

The question of stand pipes to fill the car was allowed to stand over, it being reported that the intention at first was to use the present water hydrants.

The city solicitor wrote respecting the application of Sayward & Co. for connection with Rock Bay bridge and for additional wharfage there.

His Worship wished to know if the committee on redistribution into wards had his work ready.

Ald. Vincent had attended to this, and was ready to move as soon as the act came into effect.

His Worship said that at the present time water was pumped to the higher levels of Victoria at considerable cost.

The city solicitor reported that in his opinion there was no claim on the city in the case of the sidewalk which befel a child of Mr. Pilling.

A petition was received from residents at the outer wharf and Victoria West complaining of the fumes from the Victoria Chemical Works.

Ald. Stewart urged that the company be asked to do what it could to abate the trouble.

order to overcome this nuisance it would be necessary to make changes. These would, he thought, mean a large expenditure.

The tenders for electric light carbons were received and an estimated cost of electric light committee, the purchasing agent, and the electrician, for report.

The water committee reported as follows: Your water committee beg to report as follows:

Re application for water supply on Summit avenue and Grahams street; this extension will require 2,000 feet of 4-inch wooden pipe, at an estimated cost of \$1,965.

We would further recommend that 2,000 feet of 4-inch wooden pipe be laid on Toronto street, from Memies to Katherine, at an estimated cost of \$200, and that 2,000 feet of 4-inch wooden pipe be laid on Meats street, easterly from Quadra, at an estimated cost of \$300.

Ald. Davy wished to know if there was any precedent for a proposal to collect \$500 from owners of a property on Hillside avenue for the extension of the water pipes to their property.

On motion of Ald. Davy it was decided that the park committee be asked to report upon the steps taken to dispose of the park lots authorized by the legislature.

Before adjournment the Mayor wished to know if the streets committee had done anything in the matter of a wide tire by-law yet.

The council then adjourned.

NEW SPRINKLER IN SIX WEEKS

TRAM COMPANY WILL HURRY WORK ON IT

Cost of Keeping Down Dust Effectively is Not Expected to be Excessive.

It is expected that within about six weeks the new system of street watering will be in use in the city.

The new car will be built by the Electro Company, and the work on it will be pushed forward with all expedition.

The intention is to water the streets along the line of the company's tracks to the full width within the city limits.

The other officers are Lieuts. B. C. M. Davy, J. A. G. Troup, Sergt. A. R. Davidson and Paymaster Seith. Lieut. Davy has worn the navy blue since July, 1899, and was promoted in October, 1897, and holds the certificates for navigation, and he also has the medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving life.

The department gives notice that the diaphone fog alarm on Lennard Island, Clayoquot Sound, described in notice to mariners No. 279 of 1905, was put in operation on the 1st March.

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EGERIA'S NEW CREW AT ESQUIMALT

ARRIVED FROM EAST MONDAY EVENING

Something About the Men Who Will Man the Survey Ship on this Commission.

The new officers and crew of H. M. S. Egeria arrived in the city on Monday and have joined the vessel at Esquimalt naval dock.

Learnmouth, a well-known officer of the survey service of the Royal Navy, who has been appointed to succeed Commander John Franklin Roy.

The vessel was bound to Acapulco and on September 18th last, when within about two days' sail of the port was caught in a hurricane which devastated her and blew with such fury as to strip sails from the yards which had been securely furled.

At present on board the Egeria all is bustle and preparation as the work of recommissioning goes on, and everything is more or less upset.

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BERMUDA'S REPAIRS. Work Being Done to Ship's Top Hamper at the B. C. Marine Railway.

The work on the British ship Bermuda is nearing completion at the B. C. Marine Railway, Esquimalt. The vessel has had two new wooden top-gallant masts, main and mizzen, and a new steel mainmast. The last named spar, which was made at the local yard, reflects considerable credit on the firm doing the work.

The Bermuda, it will be remembered, came limping into port, as owing to her dismasted condition she was unable to set any canvas above the lower topsail on the mizzenmast and nothing above the upper topsail on the main.

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EVIL EFFECT OF VALENCIA MISHAP

TRAVEL LAST MONTH LESS THAN YEAR AGO

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PILOT BAY SMELTER. It Will Be Turning Out Bullion Within a Few Days.

"Each day gives evidences of the improved conditions surrounding the mining and smelting industries in this section," says the Rossland Miner.

The Pilot Bay smelter will be blown in within a few days and in a week or two the first zinc smelter will be in operation at Frank, Alberta.

"Both of these institutions represent the enterprises of the Canadian Metal Company. The zinc smelter at Frank will have a capacity of 60 tons a day.

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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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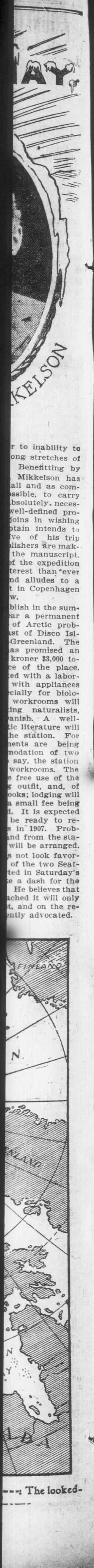
It is quite within the bounds of probability that the United States squadron will come to Esquimalt on the 24th of May celebration.

It will be remembered that His Worship extended the invitation some weeks ago, and that it has been so favorably received will be a matter of profound satisfaction to those who have the matter of arrangements for the important event in hand.

The letter to His Worship is as follows: United States Pacific Squadron, Flagship Chicago, Magdalena Bay, Mexico, March 19th, 1906.

Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of March 2nd, extending to the officers and men of the United States Pacific Squadron a very graceful invitation to join with the citizens of Victoria in the celebration, May 24th and 25th, next, of the anniversary of the birthday of your late beloved Queen Victoria.

It is an unfeigned pleasure to me to make a definite engagement for that time, but it is quite within the bounds of probability that I can bend my plans to suit your kind wishes.



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