

SIXTY THOUSAND KILLED OR WOUNDED

Appalling Losses in the Rival Armies, Which for Eight Days Have Been Struggling for Supremacy South of Mukden.

Kouropatkin's Casualties Will Exceed Forty Thousand—Six Thousand Five Hundred Russians Buried by the Japanese—Oyama Reported to Have Failed in Attempt to Cut Off Retreat of Muscovites.

he are responsible. At the same time the supporters of General Kouropatkin argue that whatever may be the direct outcome of the last few days' fighting it is not likely to be an irretrievable disaster to the Russian army. It is pointed out that even if General Kouropatkin were forced to advance against a better judgment he is too good a general to have undertaken an aggressive movement which he did not feel strong enough to carry through without leaving open a road for retreat, and that while the Russian forward movement may be an absolute failure so far as relief of Port Arthur is concerned, and Kouropatkin may lose front and guns, this is the worst that can happen.

If General Kouropatkin succeeds in keeping the alignment of his forces and the Japanese do not succeed in breaking up or cutting off any considerable portion of his army he will not be in a much worse position even if he should be forced to retreat than he was before the advance began.

Dispatches from the front give a vivid picture of the desperate character of the fighting along the whole line. The Russian platoon again have been forced to engage in hill fighting, which is not to their liking. There have been several attacks upon the Russian positions, which leave no question of the resolution and gallantry of the Russians. Guns have been captured and resistance in force hand fighting, while a downpour of rain, the inevitable accompaniment of a great battle, has flooded the trenches and drenched the armies without allaying the desperate conflict.

The latest word from the field of battle is the Mukden dispatch to the effect that the Russian loss of the day is estimated at 15,000, which together with today's casualties will make the total probably exceed the figures at Liao Yang and make the Russian rank as one of the bloodiest in history.

It must be borne in mind in reading the descriptions by correspondents at the front that some of the phases in the front have already been discounted by official or later news; but taken as a whole they present a vivid panorama of the situation. The front has been at the extreme east, where the heaviest Russian attack was planned to be delivered. From that quarter the news is less full and satisfactory than from the west, where the Russian advance upon the main Japanese position at Bensiuh has been checked.

HELD UNTIL WOUNDED WERE REMOVED.

Headquarters of the Russian Western Army, Oct. 15.—The Russian army has held on until night, when all the wounded and the baggage had been moved.

Contrary to former reports, the advance of the Russian army has been checked. The Russian army has been pushed up to the Liao river as though with a determination to cross the Russian right flank, has now turned the Japanese right flank from the west to the east, and the opposing armies are in a square frontal fight.

RUSSIANS LOST THIRTY THOUSAND MEN.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—7 p. m.—Field Marshal Oyama estimates the Russian casualties at 30,000.

The fighting continues, but the Russians are retreating.

Gen. Kouropatkin evidently is crushing defeated.

GEN. OKU CAPTURES ADDITIONAL GUNS.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—Noon.—Gen. Oku captured ten additional guns yesterday. Heavy fighting continues.

Gen. Oku reports four officers killed, thirty-one wounded and two missing for the engagements of October 10th, 11th and 12th.

JAPANESE ARMIES ARE GAINING GROUND.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—Noon.—Heavy fighting continued yesterday.

The reports from the field last night indicate that all three Japanese armies made marked gains.

General Oku captured ten guns, making his record for the battle thirty-five.

The fighting in the vicinity of Bensiuh continues.

The report does not mention the situation affecting the isolated Russian columns.

The report is as follows:

"The right army, on the reinforcing detachment sent in the direction of Chiao-tai, reaching its objective on the morning of October 14th, the center column began to retreat, and on October 14th has taken possession of a line of eminences located north of the line extending from Tungshankow to Huchshakuchuan, and continues its advance to attack the enemy."

"Of the left army definite reports have not been received, but the main force, the right column, at 1 o'clock in the morning of October 14th, appears to have seized heights northeast of Huanghuan, while the center column engaged in the day occupied the heights south of Shabapao. A portion of the latter force attacked the enemy's infantry holding Kusaiawotz and captured ten guns."

"The enemy fled northeast in confusion."

"Since the morning of October 14th five companies of Russians have been posted between Linchepao and Taiten-tun and one company is at Matsialintun."

OUR LEFT IS ENGAGING THEM.

"During the morning of October 14th two battalions and a battery of Russian troops attacked us at Manchalyngantun. We successfully repulsed them."

RESERVE DIVISIONS ARE NOW ENGAGED.

London, Oct. 15.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio, dated to-day, says that after the result of Friday's sanguinary fighting the center column of Japanese left army succeeded in partly occupying Shabopu. The Russian main body fell back on the mountainous districts east of the railway. The Russians around Bensiuh have fled northeastward. The Japanese last night, the dispatch adds, engaged three Russian reserve divisions under the personal command of General Kouropatkin. The fighting in this quarter was resumed this morning. Vital importance is attached at Tokio to the engagement at this point.

The Japanese victory south of Mukden, according to the Standard Chinese correspondent, has had a decided impact upon the Far East than any victory of the war.

RUSSIANS SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO ROUT.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—1:10 p. m.—Unofficial reports from the battlefield are more encouraging this morning. There has been no rout, but there is no question that the Russians have fallen back twenty miles.

According to private advices, dated Mukden at 6:30 last night, Gen. Kouropatkin checked the Japanese advance yesterday at the Shabke river. He crossed the river and is holding a line along the north bank extending from west of the railroad eastward to Bensiuputze.

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With his staff, he was personally directing the fight at this point. Orderlies were constantly galloping up with reports from other parts of the field and carrying dispatches to and from the telephone and telegraph stations, which were working behind the hills. This attracted the attention of the Japanese, who cleverly unmasked some batteries, the shells from which burst all around the distinguished group, compelling General Kouropatkin to shift his position hastily and seek shelter.

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Artillery from the center and infantry from the left army are harassing the Russian retreat. General Oku has attacked the main strength of the Russian right base at Chien pass and Changtsoo, and is now operating to block the Russian retreat along the railroad.

TERRIBLE LOSSES IN RIVAL ARMIES.

Tokio, Oct. 16.—There is a strong apparent for peace in the appalling tragedy which is now under enactment in Manchuria. Both armies have fought ferociously for a week, and desperate fighting still continues.

It is probable that the rolls of casualties will be largely increased. The preliminary reports indicate that about 60,000 of heavy sides, the larger portion being Russians, have been either killed or wounded since the armies closed in combat.

Even the Japanese, to whom the great victory is of paramount importance, is shocked by the slaughter of their enemies.

The Japanese people are receiving the news from their field of battle calmly, and there can be heard no shouts proclaiming their victory. Few flags are displayed. Later a jollification may be held, but many feel that no demonstration should be made.

A prominent Japanese said to the Associated Press correspondent to-day: "We have won a sweeping and decisive victory which may prove to be the salvation of our country, but we regret our own losses and the terrible slaughter of our forces have inflicted on the enemy. We regret still more the necessity which has been forced us to engage in this war."

A telegram received from the Manchurian headquarters late to-day reports that the fighting has ceased on the front of the right and the center armies, but that it continues before the left army. The report is as follows:

"The front of the right and center armies has become quiet, but at the front of the left army fierce cannonading continues. In the direction of Litientum the army is inactive. Our force under Yamada captured one gun and two ammunition wagons during the attack on the heights of Santokangtzu on the night of October 15th."

RUSSIANS MAY NOT STOP AT THE PASS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—3:45 a. m.—The official veil to-day was lifted from the ghastly tragedy around Shabke, but the official account, supplemented by numerous press dispatches, leaves much uncertainty as to the situation.

From the fragmentary bits of information at hand it is impossible only to conclude that the costly withdrawal and retreat from Liao Yang is being duplicated on the main front, after more and more desperate fighting and heavier losses.

Gen. Kouropatkin's story leaves the Russians still "reluctantly holding" the north bank of the Shabke river, but the general belief that this is only the desperate finale of one of the greatest military dramas of history, and that the Russian army as a whole is retiring, after Mukden, having suffered at the most conservative estimate a loss of 30,000.

Of the left flank, which was one of the most important points in the line of battle, absolutely nothing is heard, which leaves the inference that it is not in a situation to communicate with the remainder of the army.

All the wounded are being carried to Harbin, further north. It is understood that the correspondents also

Have Been Ordered to Harbin, which indicates that the retreat will not even stop at the Pass.

All hopes of a world-heralded Russian victory for Port Arthur have been abandoned. The weather conditions are even worse than during the retreat from Liao Yang. Storms are blank high, and the roads are impassable, but it is impossible to say how this will affect the final situation. It may prove Russia's salvation by preventing a Japanese pursuit.

On the other hand, however, if the Russians are on the wrong side of the flooded rivers it may only emphasize the completeness of the disaster.

Another serious fact that remains undetermined is the ammunition supply. Seven days of furious fighting must have greatly depleted the supply of both armies. Official circles express great confidence that Gen. Kouropatkin is better off in this respect, but at last accounts the Japanese were bombarding as if they were confident of an inexhaustible supply.

The official story of the battle says the Japanese made a determined effort to break the Russian center on Friday night, but this it seems may be a clerical telegraphic error for Thursday.

Simultaneously the Japanese launched a heavy assault against the village of Shabke, which they had already been the scene of so many

Furious Attacks and Counter Attacks.

The Russians were forced to evacuate the village, but heroically captured the position. This brought reserves of both sides into action, but whether the whole of the reserves of either side were engaged is not clear. In any event, the Russians were again and finally driven out, making five times that Shabke had changed hands in the course of the battle. The Russians then retired to a new position north of Shabke.

Gen. Kouropatkin says that Friday night was passed in comparative quiet, but Friday there was a concentration of the Japanese in the great Mandarin road, which the Russian batteries were vigorously playing on in an effort to hold them in check.

The result of Saturday's fight has not been officially given, but there is every evidence that it was of the most severe character.

It was during the Japanese furious attack of Wednesday, according to unofficial reports, that the Russians lost their guns. Thursday witnessed another furious cannonading in which the whole of the Russian force was forced back.

GREAT SACRIFICES OF RUSSIAN OFFICERS.

Mukden, Oct. 16.—(Evening).—The first to die of the south-west was the men are tired out and food has been insufficient, every available man and gun are being used. The troops have behaved most gallantly, hurling themselves

repeatedly against impregnable positions. The heavy storm of October 14th added to the misery of the troops. There is some depression, but still tenacity among the men. There has been great sacrifice of officers.

The plain covered by the retreating Russians is covered with bursting shells, the breeches of guns as stokers shoot coal into furnaces. Howitzers are used by the eastern army.

The Russian guns have superior range and burst shrapnel at 6,000 yards.

There is a scarcity of reliable maps. Two divisional commanders have had their chief staff officers, the former being killed, and many commanders have met death heroically leading their regiments.

Shrapnel fell near Gen. Kouropatkin. He showed desperate energy and was in the darkest remained hopeful.

There was a cessation of the firing on Saturday. Neither side can stand long such days, the ferocity of the battle being the eastern army.

The Russians are now fighting as a matter of pride. Manchuria is forgotten. They feel that they cannot stop that the Russian army is retreating.

Local News.

Remains of City and Province of Ontario... A coroner's inquest...

The death occurred of Alexander Beaton at the Royal Jubilee hospital Thursday afternoon...

Another of the series of Y. M. C. A. lectures will be given on Tuesday evening in the Assembly hall...

Ladysmith is likely to have electric lights in operation before long...

At Haslam's sawmill at Nanaimo, Ing On and Pin Yew, two Chinese employees, were drowned on Wednesday...

The funeral of the late W. J. Bullen took place Thursday afternoon from the residence of his parents...

The demand for the fine souvenir post cards of which Hibben & Co. have made such a specialty is shown in a large order...

By the marriage of Captain John Hood, of Montreal, to Miss Sybil Seymour, which takes place to-morrow at Port Hope...

Interviewed in Ladysmith, James Dunsmuir expressed himself as cordially approving of the Dominion government's action in erecting a public wharf in that city...

A Chinaman met with what might be proved a serious accident Friday on the James Bay causeway...

The fire chiefs concluded their convention at Vancouver on Friday with a banquet. Following are the officers...

The heart of Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul here, has been gladdened by the receipt of word from Washington permitting him to leave his post...

The 90th anniversary of Trafalgar Day, that momentous event to which the British Empire largely owes its present greatness, will be celebrated next Friday...

Court Northern Light, A. O. F., held their quarterly meeting on Wednesday evening, a large number of members being present...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eastwood of Race Rocks lighthouse, mourn the loss by death of their infant daughter, Eva, aged 16 months...

The synod of the Anglican diocese is to meet in Victoria on Thursday in this year in the cathedral school room...

C. B. Sword, Dominion inspector of fisheries, acting on instructions from Ottawa, has ordered the guano factory at Departure Bay...

J. S. Carter, district passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Nelson, who has been visiting the coast, likes Victoria. In an interview he said: "Victoria looks forward to a big increase in the number of tourists when the C. P. R. hotel is completed..."

W. Parker, general agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway at Seattle, who attended the meeting of the Pacific coast association of traffic agents at Vancouver last week, will leave for Mexico next month...

The Pierrots give their last performance in Victoria to-night at the Dallas hotel at 8:30, when one of their best programmes will be presented...

The following ladies and gentlemen will contribute to the programme at the Scotch social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of First Presbyterian church, to-morrow night...

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Dr. Arthur W. Thomas, an old Victoria boy, has just returned from Toronto, accompanied by his wife. For the past year Dr. Thomas has been in charge of the Toronto Home for the Blind...

Arthur A. Perrin of Nelson, is at the Victoria. Mr. Perrin numbers many Victorians among his acquaintances, having visited the city several times with the Nelson increase team some five years ago...

Fifteen years ago the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Young continued to conduct the business. The demands of a rapidly growing trade have necessitated a number of alterations and improvements in the store...

An investigation is likely to be held into Archibald Dick's administration of the office of mine inspector. Charges have been preferred against him, but the exact character of these are not made known...

On Friday and Saturday next, in the Victoria theatre, the Fifth Regiment band, fresh from its conquests at St. Louis and other places, will give two concerts...

Many Victorians will regret to learn of the death of Soda Creek, Cariboo, of P. C. Dunlavy, who was a well known throughout the province. He has been interested in Soda Creek for some years, and in commercial circles was well equipped at the Frontiers at Quebec...

There was great excitement running on Johnson street this morning. Horses attached to a conveyance belonging to Messrs. Shoutbolt & Home became frightened at an automobile, and started up the street towards Douglas street...

When the principals stepped into the ring, Percy Cove in the lead, both were greeted with applause. The contest was a good one, and the arrangements of Prof. R. Foster were thorough...

Without an opening sparring, both men commenced exchanging heavy body blows. Occasionally this was varied by a vicious jabbing with the right hand...

From the start of the second round they went after each other fiercely. Cove landed to body repeatedly, while Bennett kept sending for his opponent's head...

The third and fourth round followed with honors apparently even. At the end of the latter Cove rushed Bennett to the ropes and kept him there for some time...

In the eleventh round Cove received a blow that almost brought him down. He was completely knocked out, and the referee stopped the fight...

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Bennett and Cove Gave Good Exhibition - Honors Were Evenly Divided Throughout. The bantamweight event on Thursday between Percy Cove and Jockey Bennett was awarded a draw after a first-class twenty-round boxing exhibition...

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While experimenting with a patent fire escape swung from the eighth story of the Germania Life building at St. Louis, Pa., on Monday, the animal was killed and hundreds are starving until immediate help from the outside comes.

DISMISSED ACTION

Question as to Who Should Receive Poo for Sale of Property Decided. In the County court on Monday Judge Harrison decided the question as to the collection of fees in connection with the sale of the property on Michigan street...

The property was owned by Mr. Appleton, who for some years has been residing in the city. The original price of \$4,000, according to the evidence produced at the trial last week, was reduced to \$3,500 by the owner. He even consented to a lower price provided there was \$1,000 for himself in it...

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THE SAUNDERS GROCERY COMPANY, LIMITED PHONE, 28. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET. THE "WEST END" GROCERY COMPANY, LIMITED PHONE, 88. 42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

THE C. P. R. steamship Princess May, which was in from Skagway on Saturday and sailed for the north again on Sunday carrying a very limited freight and a small number of passengers, brought information from White Horse that the last steamer to leave that point for down the Yukon this season sailed on Wednesday...

When the last steamer left White Horse for Dawson there were altogether some twelve hundred tons of freight lying at White Horse for transportation down river. The major part of this was railroad iron for the Tanana railway, there being no less than seven hundred tons of this. The remainder consisted of non-perishable merchandise destined for Dawson...

The steamer Crimmin, the last independent steamer which will continue running as late as possible, taking chances on being frozen in for the sake of the profit there is in late runs when charges are based according to the amount of risk taken...

THE SAILING FLEET. A fleet of three sailing vessels arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday, the craft being the British barque Ancona, Capt. Robins, from Callao, which was towed in from the Cape by the tug Holyoke; the British barque Linfield, from San Francisco, brought in by the tug Lorne, and the French barque Descaud, from Annapolis. The last named was the tug Whydah's tow. She was loaded for Australia. The Whydah had also the Luan Foster in tow which came up the Strait, but the latter vessel was taken on to Port Townsend...

PICKED UP IN STRAITS. Port Townsend, Oct. 15.-F. H. Howard and J. Mickerson, who left this city in a small sloop on Thursday, were picked up yesterday afternoon by the revenue cutter Grant, eight miles west of Smith's Island, in the straits. The men had become lost in the heavy fog, and were drifting seaward at the time. They had been out of food and water for 24 hours and were in an exhausted condition...

VALUABLE HOUNDS SEEN. Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 16.-Owing to an attack of rabies, it has been necessary to destroy the hounds of the Chester Valley Hunt, said to be one of the most valuable in America. The animals were shot at the club's kennels in Stratford. One dog that was afflicted, it was learned, bit the others.

SEALSkins LOST. There has been received from San Francisco intelligence that there was lost with the steamer Minoela the entire season's catch of seal skins belonging to the Commercial Company. The Minoela, as reported a few days ago, was lost near Tigil bay on September 25th, on her way from Petropavlovsk in Siberia, to San Francisco. On her way she called at the Copper Island and took on board the Commercial Company's catch of skins. These have been lost, and in consequence the price of seal skins cannot be estimated to a very considerable extent. The catch number on board the steamer cannot be ascertained. Last year there were 7,000 taken by the company. This year, according to reports...

TORONTO TO Toronto, Oct. 17. The steamer Minoela, which was lost on September 25th, was found on October 10th, 1904, in the Gulf of Alaska. The vessel was found by the U.S.S. Albatross, and the crew and passengers were rescued. The vessel was found to be carrying a large amount of seal skins, which were lost when the vessel was wrecked. The seal skins were found to be of the highest quality, and were valued at about \$1,470,000.

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NAVAL MOVEMENTS. H. M. S. Egeria left on Friday to resume her survey work on the coast of Vancouver Island. She will likely remain in this city until the last week in November, when she will return to Esquimalt discontinuing the work for the winter...

VALUABLE CARGO. The most valuable part of the cargo of the Empress of Japan, which arrived on Tuesday, was the silk carried. This was consigned to Messrs. J. H. Ross & Co., and a special train was loaded at Vancouver and dispatched with the valuable shipment. There were 225 tons of raw silk and silk goods, and the manufactured portion. It was valued at about \$1,470,000.

BORN. HIND-At Vancouver, on Oct. 14th, the wife of Lewis Hind, of a daughter. GIBBS-At Nelson, on Oct. 13th, the wife of M. Gibbs, of a daughter. WAINWRIGHT-At Vancouver, on Oct. 11th, the wife of Charles Wainwright, of a daughter.

MARRIED. BARBOCK-CARAVAN-At Vancouver, on Oct. 13th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, Joseph Barbock and Miss Rebecca Caravan. MANGAN-GREGORY-At Vancouver, on Oct. 12th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, Capt. Warren Mangan and Miss Missie Gregory.

DEPARTED. DERBYSHIRE-CLETON-At Michel, on Oct. 7th, by Rev. A. Stony, James Derbyshire and Miss Frances B. Clifton. KELLEY-GRIFFITH-At Vancouver, on Oct. 11th, by Rev. Father Madetti, Frank Kelley and Miss Katie Griffith. ORAIG-BARTLETT-At Vancouver, on Oct. 12th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, Robert Craig and Miss Jennie Bartlett.

DECEASED. BEAMAN-MACHIN-At Vancouver, on Oct. 12th, by Rev. C. Owen, Herbert Beaman and Miss Janet Elsie Machin. CURRY-COLEMAN-At Vancouver, on Oct. 11th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, John Curry and Miss Clara Coleman. MISSENHEIMER-HARLOWE-At Vancouver, on Oct. 12th, by Rev. A. W. McLeod, Harry Misenheimer and Miss Grace Rachel Harlowe.

DIED. OROOKET-At Grand Forks, on Oct. 10th, Miss M. Tillie Crockett, aged 23. HELMER-At Vancouver, on Oct. 14th, by Rev. W. Westminister, on Oct. 15th, M. P. West, aged 62 years. McDONELL-At family residence, No. 23 Bond Street, on the 15th instant, Edward Albert, fifth son of Mr. R. B. and the late Mrs. McDonald, a native of Victoria, B. C., aged 9 years.

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TORONTO'S OVATION TO PREMIER LAURIER

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Oct. 15.—How can such an event as the meeting of last night be referred to in language that shall seem restrained and moderate? Only once before has it been paralleled, and that was on the 10th of October, 1900, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke in the same grand auditorium to a similarly transported audience, which, like the audience of last night, had left double its numbers outside, unable to gain admission.

Sir Wilfrid was in good form, and in the opinion of most of those who heard him in the same place four years ago, he was, in stronger voice than then. There were some old-time flashes of humor, such as that where he compared R. L. Borden's railroad policies to a rose which bloomed to-day and died to-morrow.

The concluding sentences, in which he prophesied that Canada would be the prodigy of the twentieth century, as the United States has been of the nineteenth, stirred the audience to a perfect frenzy of patriotic fervor.

The speech was stopped more than once, not by cheering merely, but by regular deafening salvos of three cheers and a tierce especially when Sir Wilfrid, in closing his discussion on the transcontinental railway, said he hoped to live to see the day when the road would be completed.

Hon. Edward Blake was one of the many distinguished persons present. Sir Wm. Mulock presided.

HEARING OF THE CONSPIRACY CASE

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CHINESE WITNESS

Sticks to Story That One Accused Tried to Get Him to Give Wrong Evidence.

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The next meeting will be held at San Jose in January. Little was given out for publication.

AN EVENING SCHOOL IN MANUAL TRAINING

Will Be Conducted by Instructor Binns—Opens to-morrow Night—Subjects to Be Taught.

Arrangements have now been completed for the formation of an evening school of manual training to be held in the building attached to the Central school.

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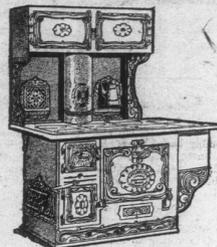
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BARQUE WRECKED ON COAST OF CHILI

Eighteen People Lost Their Lives

The Captain, Three of His Daughters and the Crew Went Down With the Ship.

Port Townsend, Oct. 14.—Private advices have been received from Valparaiso by Capt. F. Lamont, of the Chilean barque Emma Louise, now at anchor here, stating that the Chilean barque Sultelma has been wrecked on the southern coast of Chili, and that not a soul out of the 18 aboard was saved.

The Sultelma left Valparaiso some two months ago, and a hurricane sprung up a few days after her sailing. She was buffeted about and finally driven ashore on the rocky coast. It is thought she sprang a leak and became unmanageable, and that this caused the disaster.

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VESSEL AND CARGO BURNED AT GEORGETOWN

Wharf and Large Quantity of Lumber Also Consumed—Total Loss Estimated at \$25,000.

Port Simpson, Oct. 13.—Steamer Nell arrived on Monday morning last bringing twenty-two survivors of the Bosworth wreck and the bodies of three of the Indian children drowned during the disaster. The Nell carried her own through passengers, and had a large consignment of freight.

She left about noon the same day for Georgetown mill, where at the inner harbor she took on lumber and then went to the outer wharf, where shortly after fire broke out in the engine room.

Everything was done to extinguish the flames, but all to no avail, and Capt. Oliver, seeing his ship doomed, ordered the horses aboard to be shot.

Fortunately there was no loss of life, but the steamer, cargo, wharf and lumber stacks were completely wiped out. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000. The property carried something like \$2,000 insurance.

The Nell was the property of the Georgetown Lumber Company, at whose wharf she was destroyed. She was utilized by that company in towing logs to the mills, and in the intervening time was engaged in the coasting trade, running between here and the mills, calling at different points. She was thus able to make two trips a month from here carrying general supplies. She was capable of carrying about 500 tons of cargo.

She left here on Monday, October 3rd, under the command of Capt. Oliver. At the time of the fire she was loading lumber for a school house and church, which was being built at Massett. The Nell has been in trade on this coast for about eighteen years, having been built there for the purpose.

QUICK WORK. Lengthy Special Dispatch Sent by C. P. B. Telegraphs and Commercial Cable Company.

BACK FROM SEATTLE.

Sergeant Palmer and J. H. Lawson Jr., Did Not Press Delmas Matter.

Detective Sergeant Palmer and J. H. Lawson, Jr., of the firm of Bodwell & Lawson, returned Friday from Seattle, where they went to investigate the case of alleged kidnapping of the daughter of Mrs. E. B. Delmas, by one Charles Snider. The little girl, it will be remembered, was removed from the convent here to Seattle last Monday, and the Humane Society in the Sound City, interesting themselves in the matter, took her into their care.

Inquiry by Sergeant Palmer and Mr. Lawson into the circumstances convinced them of the futility and the undesirability of proceeding any further. The Humane Society refuse to surrender the child to Mrs. Delmas, and they are willing to prove that they are entirely within the law in doing so. Mrs. Delmas is now in Seattle. When she first arrived here the press was informed that she was the wife of a distinguished California barrister, but this information is incorrect. She formerly lived in the Sound City, where the child was born.

ATLIN'S RETURNS.

The winding up of the hydraulic season in the Atlin camp has been followed by statements as to the year's work by various companies. The last copy of the Atlin claim says that the McKee Creek Consolidated has closed down for the season. Mr. Hamshaw has a collection of large and small nuggets and fine gold, which he has taken out to put on exhibition in New York and London. The value of the collection is about \$12,000. The company's returns for the past season amount to \$32,900, which leaves a net profit of \$10,000.

The McKee creek has always given good results, and with the start the company now has and the condition of the mine today, it is little doubt but that for 1905 the output will be considerably larger than that of this season.

The claim says of Birch creek property: "A report by Birch creek reveals the fact that serious work had been done this season. The amount of gravel removed is about 30,000 yards, a space 415 feet long with an average width of 55 feet and a depth of travel from 27 to 28 feet has been averaged. A Bryan Williams, the manager and superintendent, reports that four pits were worked out, which comprised the area of bedrock cleaned, as mentioned above, all the gravel containing more or less pay. The returns would have been greater had it not been for the fact that the first two-thirds of the last pit was not by any means up to the average, owing to the character of bedrock encountered; this, however, has been worked over and the bedrock now in view is the same character as that on which the best returns were obtained. Mr. Williams, in speaking of the prospects for next season, says that the outlook for the company is brighter than it could have been in any previous year, and he firmly believes that next season will be much more profitable than this which has for the first time returned a profit over and above working expenses."

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TRAFFIC AGENTS' MET.

Discussed Subjects Affecting Their Interests in Convention at Vancouver.

The Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents held a session of their organization at the hotel Vancouver in the Terminal City on Saturday. Those in attendance were: Paul B. Thompson, agent of the Illinois Central railway at Seattle, and secretary of the association; W. H. Olin, agent of the Chicago & Great Western railway at Seattle, and chairman of the association; Fred. D. Chamberlain, district superintendent of the Pullman Company, Portland, Oregon; Lyndal W. Brundage, travelling agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway, Tacoma, Wash. From

COURT ORDERS SAID.

At the last sitting of the Supreme court in British Columbia, Mr. Justice Irving presided, several applications came up connected with the judgment given against the Miners' Union in the case of the Roseland Mfrs. Union. An order was made for the sale of lands belonging to the defendant Peter McDonald, to realize the amount due upon the plaintiff's judgment. A similar application against the defendant Frank Woodside was adjourned to be heard in Vancouver after service of the papers upon another party interested in Woodside's lands. A third motion in the same connection consisted of an application to commit the defendant Peter B. McDonald to jail for giving unsatisfactory answers at his recent examination as a judgment debtor, and for an order directing the defendant's solicitor to deliver up to the sheriff certain goods, or the proceeds of the same, if sold, which said solicitor obtained from the defendant Miners' Union, on account of costs after the verdict was rendered in the action, but before judgment was pronounced. Mr. Justice Irving held that several of the answers given by Peter B. McDonald were unsatisfactory, and that the latter must attend for re-examination at his own expense. The judge reserved his judgment with respect to the defendant's solicitor.

FINNS IN TROUBLE.

Matti Kurikka May Organize a Colony Independent of the One at Malcom Island. According to reports received in Vancouver Monday, Matti Kurikka, president of the Kalevan Kansala Colonization Company at Malcom Island, has resigned his position and will be succeeded by Antti Makkela, who has been secretary of the Finnish colony. Mr. Kurikka will, it is reported, organize another colony of his countrymen somewhere else in British Columbia. The opponents of Mr. Kurikka, says the News-Advertiser, say that the trouble arose from that gentleman reading the works of Dr. Froude, an Englishman, who was a result of their position Kurikka resigned the position of president of the Kalevan Kansala Colonization Company. "Kurikka, on the other hand, claims that he was overruled by his fellow members of the board of directors, and that the resignation of the secretary, who was the good work of Makkela, was a result of their position Kurikka resigned the position of president of the Kalevan Kansala Colonization Company. "Kurikka, on the other hand, claims that he was overruled by his fellow members of the board of directors, and that the resignation of the secretary, who was the good work of Makkela, was a result of their position Kurikka resigned the position of president of the Kalevan Kansala Colonization Company."

CHARGE OF PERJURY PREFERRED AGAINST WONG AB LUM.

In the police court on Saturday there was one occupant of the prisoners' dock. He is Wong Ab Lum, and his presence there is the latest development in the extraordinary circumstances which have arisen in connection with the death of Man Quan at the Chinese theatre. Wong Ab Lum was arrested last night by Sergt. Redgrave on the charge of perjury, alleged to have been committed by him while a witness for the defence in the trial of Wong Gow and Wong On, charged with murder. The perjury is claimed to have been his statement that he was not in Man Quan's room when Wong Hung entered on the night of the murder. Bail was fixed at \$5,000, the prisoner in that amount and two sureties of \$2,500 each. Messrs. Geo. Powell and Messrs. G. G. C. appears for the defence. The case was remanded until Friday. The conspiracy case will be continued on Tuesday.

ORDERS STEEL RAILS.

Domination Government Gives Another Contract to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The Dominion government has given another contract for 30,000 tons of steel rails to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. They will be delivered in Montreal early in the season.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Oct. 15.—The Ladysmith Lumber Company are installing a forty-light electric plant in their mill. Steamer Valencia arrived yesterday from Seattle, and will get away this afternoon for Ketchikan with cargo and bunker coal.

C. C. Worsfold, assistant to Geo. Keefer, Dominion government engineer, was in town Thursday to arrange for the immediate construction of the new government wharf, and had a consultation with the foreman, D. Thomas, about the preliminary work in this connection.

LORD CURZON

Has Taken No Steps to Be Relieved of Duties as Viceroy of India.

London, Oct. 15.—A story was printed in the St. James Gazette this afternoon to the effect that Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, will not return to his post on account of his wife's illness, and that Lord Milner, who recently resigned the high commissionership of South Africa, is likely to be appointed his successor. The Associated Press learns, however, that Lord Curzon has taken no steps whatever to be relieved of his post, and that he has well expressed his intention of assuming the viceroyalty. Of course, it is conceivable that the issue of Lady Curzon's illness might raise insuperable obstacles to his return to the post. Even in that event, the appointment, it is understood, would be given to Lord Selborne, the first lord of the admiralty.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

All Aboard Probably Perished—Two Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Chatham, Mass., Oct. 14.—Driven down the coast by a northeast storm the Nova Scotian schooner Westworth was wrecked on Chatham bar last night, and this morning had been smashed to pieces in the surf. It is believed that not a soul on board survived.

At 7 o'clock this morning the body of a woman was dragged out of the breakers by the government life savers, who had been waiting on the beach powerless to aid, since the vessel went on the bar. At 8 o'clock to-day another body of a man was recovered. It is believed that the ill-fated vessel carried a crew of at least eight men besides her skipper, Capt. Freddie.

CHEAP WHISKEY.

New York, Oct. 14.—An unofficial report has been received from the board of health by Coroner Scholier regarding the samples of whiskey collected from Tenth avenue barrooms during the investigation into the recent case of deaths among patrons of the cheap groceries on the west side. It is stated that the board's expert chemist found wood alcohol in all the samples. If there is found to be poison in the stomachs of three men who died last week the coroner will take immediate action.

ENDED IN DRAW.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 15.—Jim Burrows, middle-weight champion of Nova Scotia, and Jerry McCarty, of this state, have fought 20 rounds to a draw here. Both men were on their feet and fighting well in the last round. Burrows fought on the aggressive throughout, while McCarty seldom changed from defensive.

THERWACID IN WOMAN'S FACE.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 13.—Mrs. Hollet Snow dashed a glassful of carbolic acid into the face of Mrs. Mary Bunel. Mrs. Bunel's face, neck and chest were burned black, and she probably will lose her eyesight. Mrs. Snow was arrested. Both of the women are young. Mrs. Bunel was one of the heirs of the famous Bunel estate, which was in litigation in the courts of this country and France for twenty years. Mrs. Snow recently filed suit for damages against Mrs. Bunel, alleging that the defendant had alienated her husband's affections.

Lever's r-z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap. Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time and it disinfects.

SEM-READY BUSINESS CHANGE. 300 Lonely Suits for Men and Youths, Half Price for Cash. This Week Only. 20 per Cent. Discount on all Regular Lines. B. WILLIAMS & CO.

box, 15c per lb., 10c 3 lbs., 25c 2 lbs., 25c & Co., Grocers. New Peel! ... COMPANY, LIMITED 41 JOHNSON STREET. COMPANY, LIMITED 2 GOVERNMENT STREET. ... has been considerably increased and it is estimated that as many as 700 were taken. At a very conservative estimate the skins were worth ... of the loss will be felt in a marked manner on the market. I catch this year will probably be approximately 10,000 skins. Included in the 13,000 of the Commercial's lost with the Mincola. The Victoria Sealing Company has approximately 10,000 skins on the sea, and about 1,400 on the Japan contributed last year 900, and may be placed at that value. There is then the Falkland catch and other independent sources of supply, bringing the total up to 35,000 or 36,000. ... represents about the entire catch, which will ease the demand. With good local company stands in a position to have a very profitable season. ... S. Eggeia left on Friday to survey work on the east coast of Easter Island. She will likely return on this duty until the last week in November, when she will return to Esquimaux to work for the ... S. Grafton left for Comox on Sunday, who will carry out her practice. She will sail about November 10, and is expected to return to Comox about Sunday. S. Shearwater will return to Esquimaux about the 21st. VALUABLE CARGO. ... most valuable part of the cargo of Japan, which arrived on the 7th of the silk she carried. This was valued at about \$1,470. ... At Vancouver, on Oct. 14th, the wife of Lewis Hind, of a daughter. At Nelson, on Oct. 13th, the wife of G. B. of a daughter. At Esquimaux, on Oct. 11th, the wife of Charles Walcott, of a daughter. ... At Vancouver, on Oct. 14th, the wife of C. C. Owen, Harriet. At Vancouver, on Oct. 13th, the wife of R. Newton Powell, of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 12th, the wife of W. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 11th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 10th, the wife of M. J. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 9th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 8th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 7th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 6th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 5th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 4th, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 3rd, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 2nd, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. At Vancouver, on Oct. 1st, the wife of J. H. of a daughter. ... DIED. ... On the 15th inst., at Soke, B. C., P. C. Dunlop, aged 70, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. ... At Grand Forks, on Oct. 15, Miss M. T. of a daughter. ... At Vancouver, on Oct. 14th, den B. Helmer, aged 41 years. ... At New Westminster, on Oct. 13th, W. H. aged 62 years. ... At the family residence, No. 401 West, on the 15th inst., Mrs. A. H. of a daughter. ... At the late Mary McDonald, a native of Victoria, B. C., aged 9 years.

ANOTHER BATCH OF COAL LICENSES

WERE ISSUED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

List of Appointments—Companies Incorporated and Other Notices in Provincial Gazette.

The current Provincial Gazette contains the following appointments: George Stuart Hawthorne, of Goldhill, West Kootenay, to be a justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

The following companies have been incorporated: Bear Typewriter Improvement Company, Ltd., capital \$5,000; objects to acquire all the right which can be granted or assigned to Walter W. Bear and his assigns, as the inventor and patentee of certain improvements in relation to typewriting machines.

British American Coral & Mececan Marble Company, Ltd., capital \$100,000; divided into 100,000 shares of \$1 each. Objects of the company are to acquire from the Canadian Coral Marble Company, Ltd., the exclusive license, franchise or other right in relation to the ingredients and composition used in, and the process of, the manufacture of coral or mececan marble or any marble made by chemical process with a view to the manufacture of the same according to such process for flooring, tiling, or in decorative, roofing and decorative purposes, and such other uses as it may be put to, and the sale thereof in the said province of British Columbia and the state of Washington.

Peachland Real Estate & Fruit Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000; divided into 500 shares of \$100 each. Objects of the company are to acquire, by purchase, pre-emption or otherwise, and to hold, work, manage, improve, sell and turn to account, any lands and hereditaments situated on the west side of Okanagan lake, in the county of Yale, in the province of British Columbia, or elsewhere in the said county and elsewhere in the said province, or to acquire, by purchase, pre-emption or otherwise, and to hold, work, manage, improve, sell and turn to account, any lands and hereditaments situated on the west side of Okanagan lake, in the county of Yale, in the province of British Columbia, or elsewhere in the said county and elsewhere in the said province, or to acquire, by purchase, pre-emption or otherwise, and to hold, work, manage, improve, sell and turn to account, any lands and hereditaments situated on the west side of Okanagan lake, in the county of Yale, in the province of British Columbia, or elsewhere in the said county and elsewhere in the said province.

Revelstoke Turf Association, Ltd., capital \$10,000; divided into 2,000 shares of \$5 each. Objects are to rent, purchase or otherwise acquire lands and premises at or near the city of Revelstoke, suitable for recreation grounds, and a driving park, and generally purchase, take on lease, or exchange, hire, or otherwise obtain real or personal property, and any rights and privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business.

Coal licenses were issued in block 4,932 to the following during September: Jno. C. Slater, Harvey Smith, F. O. Harvey, Mary A. Mahoney, Noeman G. Smith, Andrew L. Hoff, Joseph L. Hoff, George Mickelson, Ole E. Anderson, John O. Skarr, Temina Anderson, Fred A. Shaver, John Anderson, Emma Mickelson, Con. Tansley, Morton E. Poole, Minnie Montgomery, Isaac M. Lyman, Elmer E. Lyman, W. J. McMillan, Wm. Hughes, Helen Hughes, Wm. Hinton, Wm. A. Nelson, Wilbur W. McKenzie, Wm. Kelly, Jr., Lusia G. McKenzie, Judson B. Langley, Wm. J. Langley, Ed. T. Richards, Chas. Todd, John H. Secord, Margaret A. Secord, J. M. Johnson, Wm. F. Van Buskirk, Isaac Briggs, Geo. M. Judd, Hugh Watt, Maude Langley, Duncan Cameron, John A. Parsons, August Nelson, Jean Gregory, Sarah Avery, John McCashan, Hugh McGuire, Andrew J. Devlin, Elizabeth Devlin and Al. Page.

Notice is given that all placer mining claims legally held in the Skeena mining division are laid over from October 1st, 1904, until June 1st, 1905, and all placer mining claims legally held in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district will be laid over from November 1st, 1904, to May 1st, 1905.

Special sittings of the Exchequer court of Canada for the trial of cases, etc., will be held at the following times and places: At the court house, in the city of Victoria, commencing on Thursday, November 24th, at 11 a.m.; at the court house, in the city of Vancouver, commencing on Saturday, November 26th, at 11 a.m.

Courts of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the Assessment Act, for the district of Lillooet, will be held at the court house, Clinton, Wednesday, November 24th, at 10 a.m.; at the court house, Lillooet, on Tuesday, November 28th, at 10 a.m.

The notice recinding the appointment

of W. H. Bullock-Webster as acting immigration officer is also published.

The resignation of James Reginald Harris, of Whomock, as a justice of the peace, has been accepted.

STILL UNSETTLED.

House of Deputies of Episcopal Church Discusses Divorce Question.

Boston, Oct. 13.—During a two-hour debate on the divorce question to-day by the house of deputies of the Episcopal general conference, both sides appeared to be as far apart as they were yesterday. Predictions were that no final action would be taken at this time.

Rev. Dr. J. Lewis Paris, of New York, in answer of those who made the minority report on the proposed divorce canon, withdrew their recommendation, but the withdrawal does not mean that there will be any let-up in the fight against the proposal to prohibit clergyman from marrying the innocent person in a divorce suit for infidelity while the former partner lives.

The members of the minority considered that the situation would be less complicated by the withdrawal of the canon. The debate was put over until to-morrow.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS SHOW GREAT INDECISION

Interview With a Correspondent Who Was With Czar's Soldiers in Manchuria.

Among the retiring war correspondents who arrived on the Empress of Japan on Tuesday evening is W. O. Greener, who, since the beginning of the war, has been correspondent for the London Times on the Russian side. Mr. Greener is spending a few days in Vancouver city as the guest of his old school-fellow, C. E. Thibault.

To the Vancouver News-Advertiser Mr. Greener said that he had been at the seat of war before the outbreak of hostilities, and had stayed there for the past six months. Like other correspondents, he comes back with the conviction that the Russian authorities would not let them see anything officially. They were not allowed to send out any news that would create a bad impression in Russia, or that told anything of the movements of the enemy, so that consequently there was nothing left to tell, and he came away.

He says that the only one word that adequately expresses the astonishment of the Russians at the success of the Japs, and that is that they are simply "habiblerated."

The only trouble with the Japs is that they do not follow up their successes quickly enough. He was in Port Arthur in the first days of the siege, and saw the only ammunition of the garrison seemed to be that the Japanese did not follow up their success, and take place as they really ought to have done. Since their reinforcements and provisions have been cut off, and in the opinion of Mr. Greener, the taking of Port Arthur will now be a much more difficult matter.

Mr. Greener has written two books on Russia, and is regarded as an authority on all Russian people and things.

The great trouble in the present war," he said, "is that the Russian officers do not take their position seriously enough, and the soldiers, too, appear to have little heart in it. When they get cornered they fight with the ferocity of desperation, but have shown no spirit in attack. Then the Russian officers have shown great indecision as to what should or should not be done. There seemed, besides, to be a great deal of jealousy between Kourapatkin and Alexieff."

Mr. Greener speaks in high praise of the hardihood and endurance of the Russian soldiers. Many of them have worn out their clothes in the present campaign, but they have gone on and patched them up as best they could with gunny-sacks, or any other material they could lay hands on, and kept trudging stubbornly along. The Cossacks are a fine body of men, but have had no opportunity to show their peculiar mode of fighting in the present campaign, as the Japs kept to the hills, and there is little chance of a cavalry attack.

The artillery fire of the Japanese has been much better than that of the Russians. He considers Gen. Fukushima to be the brain behind the Japanese army; that is guiding it to success. He is the who does the planning which the others execute.

A peculiarity of the Japanese returning from the war is that nine-tenths of them seem to be ill with beri-beri, a benumbing disease peculiar to the Orient.

Mr. Greener adds that in spite of their reverses, the Russians never seem to doubt for a moment that they will win in the end. Next year it is their intention to get out another army, pour in reinforcements, and drive the Japanese out of Korea.

Ever Felt That Death Would Be Welcome? MRS. MARGARET SMITH OFTEN DID UNTIL DR. AGNEW'S CURB FOR THE HEART GAVE HER NEW HOPE AND CURED HER HEART AND NERVES.

"I was for two years a great sufferer from heart trouble, and my life was a misery. I was confined to bed, when my pain was so intense that I would have welcomed death with joy. I was attracted to Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart by reading of it in the papers. I bought a bottle and it gave me relief in 30 minutes. After using four bottles, I can truly say I feel better in my life. Margaret Smith, Brantford, Ont.

BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSS HARBOR

DECIDE TO REFER IT TO A COMMITTEE

Reference Made to the C. P. R.'s Intention of Building New Steamer for Northern Run.

The quarterly meeting of the board of trade was held Friday afternoon. There was a fair attendance, presided over by President J. S. Pitts.

In opening the president stated that the council had held eleven meetings since the last quarterly meeting. He outlined the work taken up. This embraced action in preventing the amalgamation of the Vancouver Island and Mainland boards of traders.

On motion of W. T. Oliver the action of the board of trade was approved in the matter and a request made that the board of underwriters for Vancouver Island should formally rescind the motion with respect to this amalgamation.

The chairman further explained that they had been working to get from the C. P. R. the same terminal rates in Victoria as were granted to Vancouver. Concessions had been received which gave the merchants the same rates on shipments. The shipments of salmon from Victoria were also to be given the same rates as those shipped from Vancouver.

The motion of Mr. Oliver was carried. A vote of thanks was accorded the committee for its work in getting this from the C. P. R.

The committee on trade, commerce and transportation was preparing to make representations to the royal commission on transportation which was to visit the coast.

A double mail service, the president said, had been obtained between here and Puget Sound.

The chairman also referred to the representations made to Hon. R. Prefontaine on his visit to the coast.

The officials of the Grand Trunk-Pacific had been approached, and the importance of Victoria as a terminal point urged upon them. Mr. Hays had promised that Victoria would be given consideration, but he did not say whether by rail or by steamer.

The president said that he and the vice-president had waited upon Hon. Senator Templeman with respect to the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk-Pacific to Victoria. An inspector was appointed for Vancouver Island independent of those on the Mainland. Hon. Senator Templeman assured them of his support in this.

Commodore Goodrich had been thanked for the assistance rendered by the members of the board of trade in the matter of the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk-Pacific to Victoria. The gathering took place at the offices of Theo. Hooper, Five Sisters' block. Besides choosing Mr. Hays, the president, the board formally agreed to have to be entered into by the B. C. Electric Railway Company regarding a lease of the grounds for a proposed extension of the Grand Trunk-Pacific to Victoria.

It had also been brought to the attention of the board of trade by Mr. Hays that something should be done for the running of cars along Wharf street. An arrangement, it was suggested, could be made between the C. P. R. and the B. C. E. R. by which a turn table should be put in at the E. & N. station, and connection made with a street railway line along Wharf street.

The board of trade also discussed the matter of the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk-Pacific to Victoria. The distance from the city was naturally the principal objection. This, however, was offset by the promise of A. T. Howay, manager of the local branch of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, to provide a five-minute service to and from the grounds.

Finally it was agreed that, in view of the fact that the Grand Trunk-Pacific has been purchased by a syndicate for building purposes, it would be in the interest of sport to agree to play at Oak Bay, according to the wishes of the Grand Trunk-Pacific.

The appended motion was then introduced and carried unanimously: "That we, the representatives of the Victoria Amateur Athletic Association, Association and Rugby football and hockey, pledge ourselves to play all matches at the Oak Bay grounds, other grounds being equally eligible and up-to-date service."

J. F. Shallcross moved that this be left over until the next monthly meeting as there was further information likely to be available. He said that it appeared that the vessels carrying the American flag had a decided advantage in the carrying trade, and it was said to be after the next steamer to be used in the northern trade, and which it was contemplated should be used by the B. C. E. R. American flag and sail from Seattle.

Mr. Lugin seconded the motion, and said that it was necessary to remember that the order-in-council which was now being considered was passed at the request of the board of trade of this city. If Victoria was suffering any loss it would be its own seeking.

Mr. Pauline thought it well to postpone action, but he thought they should look at it from all standpoints. Victoria was nothing if not a seaport. It was to the interests of the city to get all the vessels to call here which could be brought to do so. He welcomed competition in the interests of the city.

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OAK BAY WILL BE RECREATION CENTRE

Agreement Reached by Committee Representing Local Athletic Association Last Night.

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PILOTAGE AFFAIRS TO BE INVESTIGATED

R. F. Elliott Will Inquire into the Complaints Made Against Secretary of Board.

A special dispatch to the Times from Ottawa says: "Richard Thomas Elliott, of Victoria, is appointed commissioner to investigate the state of the management of business pertaining to the Victoria and Esquimalt pilotage district."

Mr. Elliott has not received his commission yet, and has no instructions in the matter. He is therefore not in a position to say just when the investigation will begin.

The inquiry arises out of the complaint of the pilots, with an affidavit by one of their number, Pilot Buchanan. The complaint was made to Joshua Kingham, one of the pilotage commission, and had reference to the administrative management of the pilotage business by E. Crow Baker, the secretary of the pilotage board. Mr. Kingham felt his duty, in view of the serious character of the complaint, to report the matter to the Dominion government through the minister of marine and fisheries. He did so in regular order, acting in accordance with the provisions of the act governing the pilotage board.

The result has been that the government has sent to press for a full investigation of the pilotage board, and the appointment of Mr. Elliott. Possessed of a judicial mind, he will make a full inquiry into the charges laid against the secretary of the pilotage board, and the subject will thus be cleared up.

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