

NUMBER OF LOST IN VOLTURNO DISASTER IN DOUBT

NATIONALISTS WIN AT CHATEAUGUAY BY SMALL MAJORITY—OPENS UP COPPER RIVER COAL

NATIONALISTS BEAT LIBERALS IN CHATEAUGUAY BY-ELECTION

MAJORITY FOR JAMES MORRIS OVER HON. SYDNEY FISHER
ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY—WAS A
STRENUOUS CONTEST.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chateauguay, Oct. 11.—In the election held here today the Liberals were defeated by the Nationalists by about one hundred and fifty votes, James Morris defeating Hon. Sydney Fisher, former minister of agriculture in the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was a strenuous struggle on both sides. The great Liberal leader made two speeches in support of Mr. Fisher, and among other Liberal speakers were Hon. George W. Graham, Hon. Charles Greil, Mr. R. L. Calder and others. Sir Wilfrid asked the Conservatives who attended the meetings at which he spoke: "Do you recognize in the present attitude of jingoism, Toryism and

Nationalism, the old Conservative party of Sir John A. Macdonald?" He urged the government to a revision, admitting such a revision was a delicate operation, but told them not to hesitate, and do what has to be done. "And if you are not able to do it," he stated, "make way for better men. We have done it once and can do it again."
On the naval question Sir Wilfrid referred to the four imperial conferences he had attended and the consistent attitude he had maintained that Canada would attend to her own defence by sea as well as land according as her wealth permitted. The Empire, he declared, could only live on a basis of local autonomy.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR THEFT OF SHOES

Indian From Stewart Again Before Magistrate on Charge of Stealing.

Fred Benson, an Indian from Stewart, was sentenced by Magistrate McMullin to six months in jail at New Westminster on a charge of stealing a pair of ladies' shoes. Benson's explanation of having the shoes in his possession was that they were offered to him for \$2 by a white man at Stewart wharf as the latter was leaving for Vancouver. Benson was offered at a dollar and he bought them. Mrs. George, the owner of the shoes, swore that they were taken from her cabin while she and her husband were away. Later, when they returned, they found them in a pack which the Indian had left there.
Some other articles were also found in the pack which had been stolen from the cabin. When confronted with these the accused could offer no satisfactory explanation.
A few weeks ago Benson appeared before the magistrate on a charge of stealing a blanket. In the present case the evidence was so conclusive that he was found guilty and sentenced.

PHONE MANAGER RESIGNS As to Remain in Scotland, on Account of Wife's Illness.

Mayor Pattullo is just in receipt of a letter from James N. Wilson, manager of the city telephone system, stating that owing to the continued illness of his wife in Scotland he finds it necessary to remain there and must therefore resign his position. Mr. Wilson left here for Scotland on August 15th. Mr. Massy has been acting manager since that date.

Ex-Ald. Montgomery left on the Princess May Saturday afternoon for the south.

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POLLARD OPERA CO. WAS WELL RECEIVED

"Sergeant Brue" Was Thoroughly Enjoyed by a Good House—
"The Mikado" Tonight.

The popularity of the Pollard Juvenile Opera Company was demonstrated on Saturday evening by the fairly well filled house that greeted them on their return from the north. That very amusing comedy, "Sergeant Brue," was presented for the second time and even those who had seen it before were well entertained. For providing the fun Charlie Bennett in the role of Crookie Scrabble, a criminal, and Queenie Williams as Daisy, a servant in Brue's house, deserve most of the credit. In the police court scene particularly Crookie kept the audience in roars of laughter. Of the songs one of the most pleasing was the duet "Only One Old Daddy" in the first act by Nellie McNamara and Pattie Hill. This was repeatedly encored. Queenie Williams brought down the house in both her songs, "Help, I'm Falling in Love" and "I Want to Be Lady-like." Altogether a splendid evening's entertainment was provided.
The bill for tonight is "The Mikado."

SUPT. G. A. McNICHOLL GETS A PROMOTION

Has Been Appointed Commissioner of the Colonization and Industrial Department.

The many friends in this city of Mr. George A. McNicholl, G. T. P. superintendent, will be pleased to learn that he has just been promoted to the position of commissioner of the colonization and industrial department of the Grand Trunk Pacific. This announcement comes from the office of the vice president at Montreal. Mr. McNicholl, who has been spending the last four months in the Yukon and Alaska for the purpose of gathering certain data for the company, is expected home this week.

WRESTLING MATCH WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT

In a wrestling match at the Westholme Theatre on Saturday night P. Sigurdson easily won from the local wrestler, Bob Frisco. The two men were so unevenly matched that the affair was an absolute disappointment to the spectators. Sigurdson threw his opponent twice in about fifteen minutes. Following the wrestling match there was a very good exhibition of boxing in a three round contest between two local boys, Lloyd Conant and Jack Sherman. It was decided a draw.

WILL OUTGROW EDMONTON.

Visitor Expresses This Opinion Concerning Prince Rupert

Alfred Wright of Toronto, who is in the city on a visit to his son, A. E. Wright, and who makes regular trips throughout the west in the interests of insurance companies with which he is connected, is only one of many visitors to this city who are impressed with the great future before it. Mr. Wright has absolutely no doubt but that in a very few years Prince Rupert will outgrow the city of Edmonton.

Winding Up Order.

An order was made on the 7th inst. winding up the Prince Rupert Fish & Cold Storage Co., Ltd. The Continental Trust Co. of this city has been appointed liquidator.



Scene from "The Mikado," to be presented by the Pollards at Westholme Opera House Tonight

UKRAINIAN WEDDING

Solemnized at the Greek Church on Saturday Evening

A very pretty and decidedly unique wedding was solemnized at the Greek Hall, Ninth Avenue, on Saturday evening at 9.30, when Andrew Kunka and Miss Maria Cherniameski, natives of Ukraine, were united in marriage. Rev. F. Kerr performed the ceremony in the presence of quite a large gathering of the countrymen of the participating parties. The happy couple will reside in the city.

Rev. and Mrs. Gurd of Metlakalla, left for Vancouver on the Prince Rupert this morning on a short holiday trip for the benefit of Mr. Gurd's health. Miss Gurd, who went to Vancouver a couple of weeks ago to attend the wedding of Miss Wallace, daughter of Mr. Wallace of the Claxton cannery, will return with them.

LIVES LOST BY BURNING AT SEA OF STEAMER VOLTURNO

Ten Great Ships Stood By and Watched the Movements of the Frenzied Passengers Without Being Able to Aid---
Number Lost in Doubt

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Oct. 13.—The news of the burning at sea of the steamer Volturno in mid-Atlantic Thursday night, with a large passenger list, caused nearly as great a thrill of excitement as when the Titanic struck an iceberg on her first trip across the Atlantic. But the calamity did not strike so near home, as the Titanic was bound to this port direct and had on board many in whom a deep personal interest was felt. The Volturno sailed from Rotterdam October 2, bound for Halifax and New York. She carried 564 passengers and a crew of 92. The larger part of the passengers were immigrants bound for Canada. There were rescued 521, leaving the number lost at 143.

When the fire took place wireless messages were dispatched from the doomed steamer and the Carmania and nine other liners were quickly on the scene, and in plenty of time to save all on board under ordinary circumstances. But for hours the rescue vessels stood by the blazing vessel impotent to aid those on board because of the storm that raged. It was impossible to reach the agonized men, women and children that were crowding the upper part of the doomed ship, which was within a stone's throw of the rescuers.

All night Thursday the life boats from the fleet of watching steamers made desperate efforts to get alongside the Volturno, but the waves beat them back time and time again. In the meantime the flames were steadily gaining on the doomed ship and the situation for those on board the rescuing vessels was tantalizing in the extreme.

It was not until the storm abated about daylight on Friday that the rescuers succeeded in removing the survivors from the doomed ship.
Exactly how the rescue was effected is not yet known. The death of those reported missing is said to have been due to the life boats of the Volturno being swamped or smashed when they were being launched.

Immigrants Lost.

Medicine Hat, Oct. 13.—Immigration Agent Howson, who is here, says he was expecting about

300 immigrants from the steamer Volturno to pass through Medicine Hat for this and other Alberta points. No names of those expected are available.

Fish Guard, Oct. 11.—Ten steamers responded to the wireless calls for help and fought for hours during a raging gale to rescue passengers and crew.

Captain Barr of the Carmania received the distress call of the Volturno when seventy-eight miles distant in latitude 48°25' north, longitude 34°33' west. The Carmania crowded on full steam and with extra stokers made more than twenty knots an hour in the teeth of the gale. When the Carmania reached the vicinity of the Volturno at noon she found the forward end of the distressed vessel burning fiercely.

The flaming ship was rolling heavily while her propellers were fouled with the tackle used in lowering her six life boats. It was learned by the captain of the Carmania that only two out of six life boats succeeded in getting safely away from the Volturno. The other four, crowded with passengers and members of the crew, had smashed against the side of the vessel and their occupants had been thrown into the sea and drowned.

Not being able to get alongside with his life boats, Captain Barr then manoeuvred his big vessel very close to the Volturno and within a hundred feet of the Volturno's stern. It was found impossible, however, to get a line on board the Volturno or to take anybody off her.

It was a terrifying sight for the passengers and crew of the Carmania to see so close to them the hundreds of passengers, including women and children, horror stricken, on the decks of the Volturno, and yet unable to help them.

Captain Barr kept his wireless apparatus at work communicating with all the vessels within the radius of his instruments. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Grosser Kurfurst and Seydlitz came in sight and these two were joined later in the afternoon by the Kronland, the Devonia, Rappahannock, Minneapolis, LaTouraine and the Asian.

The spectacle of the great vessel being consumed by fire

with over 500 souls on board and surrounded by a fleet of huge lighted hulls filled with thousands of spectators, all anxious but unable to help owing to the mountainous seas, was terrifying.

All that could be done by the would-be helpers was to throw overboard from their vessels dozens of lighted life buoys and stand by in the hope of picking up some of those who had been cast into the sea.

At daybreak the Volturno was still floating with her freight of human cargo huddled in masses in her poop. The sea had moderated considerably and a flotilla of boats gathered around the stern of the Volturno.

Of the total number lost there appears to be a doubt whether it is 136 or 236.

Officials of the Uranium Line declared this morning that those on board included 24 cabin and 540 steerage passengers and a crew of 93, making a total of 657. The wireless despatch received from the Carmania said that 521 had been saved and 236 had lost their lives. This makes a total of 757, or just 100 more than the number on board as given by the company. Checking from all available sources, however, would indicate that an error in the wireless transmission of the figures has been made, and that the lower total, 136, is correct.

Captain Barr of the Carmania has reported that the number saved and on board the ten assisting steamers is as follows: Carmania, 11; LaTouraine, 40; Minneapolis, 30; Rappahannock, 19; Czar, 102; Narragansett, 29; Devonia, 59; Kronland, 90; Grosser Kurfurst, 105; Seydlitz, 36. Captain Barr continues: "The crew of the Volturno was saved by the Kronland; the captain, the chief, second, third and fifth engineers and two telegraphers by the Narragansett. The bakers and a steerage steward by the Czar; the purser and the surgeon by the Grosser Kurfurst."

Demers.

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WILL WORK ON COPPER RIVER COAL PROPERTY THIS WINTER

ENGINEER RICE HAS COMPLETED A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THESE COAL FIELDS—REPORT WILL BE FAVORABLE.

After two weeks spent on the property, F. B. Chettleburgh and L. V. Rice returned yesterday from the Copper River coal fields. Mr. Rice made an examination of the property for the National Finance Co. of Vancouver, who own the coal lands, and, although he would not say very much before turning in his report, Mr. Chettleburgh is confident it will be of a nature to cause the company to do considerable work this winter, as he is quite sure that it will be favorable.

When asked as to the most logical route for the Copper River coal to come out, Mr. Rice stated that he did not think there was any doubt but that it would come by way of the Telkwa River by a branch line making a junction

with the main line somewhere between Smithers and Telkwa, as this was the most feasible route.

Mr. Rice is an engineer of considerable standing, and comes from Chicago, where he is connected with Robert W. Hunt & Co. He makes a business of examining and testing coal and mineral properties, and his operations have extended over many parts of the continent. At the present time he is carrying on tests for the G. T. P. in Alberta, a few miles out of Edson, to which place he will proceed upon leaving here.

Twenty years ago, as construction engineer for Mr. Ferris, he built the famous Ferris wheel for the Chicago exposition.—Telkwa Thibune.

CANADIAN AIDS TO NAVIGATION BEGINNING TO BE APPRECIATED

FOLLOWING OPERATION OF LANGARA LIGHT, THE TOWER AT CAPE ST. JAMES, QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, WILL SOON BE READY

In maritime circles the British Columbia coast has long been recognized as one of the best lighted coasts throughout the world, and the fact that serious wrecks are conspicuous by their absence along the rugged shores between Victoria and the Alaskan boundary speaks volumes for the efficiency of the service maintained by the Canadian Marine & Fisheries Department.

But a comparative few days have elapsed since a first-order light house was placed in operation at Langara Island, and before the end of the year another powerful light will be flashing its rays across the broad expanse of the Pacific.

Within two months, the big concrete lighthouse tower now in course of construction at Cape St. James, situated at the extreme south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands will be brought to a state of completion, and it is the intention of the Marine and Fisheries department to have this light in operation by Christmas, providing the winter storms do not hamper the work now well under way. All the machinery necessary for the operation of the Cape St. James lighthouse is now stored at Prince Rupert, and just as soon as the concrete structure is completed, no time will be lost in getting the machinery installed and the powerful light in position.

The Cape St. James structure will be similar in design to the

one now in operation on Langara Island. For several months past, large gangs of workmen have been engaged on the Cape St. James tower, and so rapidly has the work progressed, that the department is now in a position to announce the approximate date when it will be placed in operation.

The steamer Leebro, under charter to the Canadian Marine Department, has been exclusively engaged in transporting cement, lumber and other materials used in the building of the huge tower. Upon the completion of her next voyage North, it is expected that sufficient material will be on line spot to complete the lighthouse. At the present time the D. G. S. Quadra is at Cape St. James unloading supplies. With the lights at Langara and Cape St. James in operation, shipping off the Queen Charlotte Islands will be well protected. Dotted along the British Columbia coast line there are in operation in the vicinity of 100 lights of varying power.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a ten cent tea and domestic table at the home of Mrs. Andrew Stewart, 508 Fifth avenue east, on Wednesday, October 15th, from three to five o'clock.

The Borealis, belonging to the Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., is in with 33,000 pounds of halibut.

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