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THE BURNING OF THE VOLTURNO.

Yesterday The News published a picture of the steamship Volturmo ablaze in mid-Atlantic. It was made from a photographic of the doomed vessel and from the vivid description of one of the survivors. His experience during the disaster, which almost rivals the tragedy of the Titanic, must have been terrible. Sinking at sea in mid-ocean undoubtedly has not the element of horror of a fire at sea with a gale blowing and waves rolling mountain high. To launch a boat is to perish. To remain with the ship is to be devoured by flames. Many tried the boats and were lost before the eyes of those who remained to risk the flames. Again, sections of the deck collapsed and others fell into the white-hot furnace below. There were witnesses to all these horrors.

What the unfortunate victims suffered in momentary anticipation of death in some of these two terrifying forms none but themselves will ever know. That more did not jump into the sea and deliberately choose the pleasanter element shows how tenacious of life all creatures are.

Of all the company of 657 persons only 136, or 20 per

cent., were lost. Taking the conditions into consideration, there is evidence in these figures that some heroic work of rescue was done, both by the ships standing about and by the officers of the Volturmo.

PERT QUESTIONS FOR MR. BORDEN.

The Prince Albert Times asks: When was the last annual convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at which the Right Hon. R. L. Borden was not present, and which he did not address? Don't all speak at once. No one knows, eh? Here's another: When and where was the last labor or agricultural convention which the Canadian premier attended, and to which he spoke words of wisdom, loyalty and good cheer?

GILBERT PARKER'S TERRIBLE THREAT.

Sir Gilbert Parker says that when the women of England get the vote he will take the veil. This is a terrible threat. The world, and particularly that part of the world which has been illuminated by the author of "Pierre and His People," would suffer a distinct loss if Sir Gilbert were to get him to a nunnery. Will the suffragettes refuse to have compassion?

KIMSQUIT INDIAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

STIKINE JOE, ANOTHER BELLA COOLA INDIAN, IS REMANDED—BELLA COOLA DOCTOR CHARGED WITH THREATENING TO SHOOT WIFE.

Vancouver, Oct. 18.—After a preliminary hearing George Wilson, a Kimsquit Indian, was committed for trial by Magistrate Alexander yesterday afternoon on a charge of murdering Charles Wilson, Emma Wilson and George Paul during a drunken frenzy on the night of September 11th. Stikine Joe, another Kimsquit Indian, who is charged with the murder of Watchee Gus on the same occasion, was remanded until Tuesday.

The evidence of the Indian eye witnesses was to the effect that the parties were, all fishing at midnight about 200 yards out from Kimsquit cannery, when George Wilson, after inviting the others to drink, picked up his rifle and started shooting his friends. The man Watchee Gus is said to have been shot by Stikine Joe when he came out from shore to see what the trouble was. Mary Thompson, a young squaw who was in the boat with George Paul, told of the death of Charles Wilson, Emma Wilson and George Paul. She

said she had a narrow escape as George Wilson fired at her. Jim Pollard told of the death of Watchee Gus, whom he had accompanied to the scene of the tragedy.

Vancouver, Oct. 18.—Charged with threatening to shoot his wife, Dr. Francis Cavanagh of Bella Coola appeared before Judge McInnes yesterday afternoon and elected for speedy trial. Owing to the difficulty connected with bringing witnesses here from such a distance, the trial will not take place until Saturday, October 25th. The accused is defended by Mr. Elmer Jones.

Dr. Cavanagh, who has been practising for some time at Bella Coola, is a finely built man and of good appearance. After a quarrel with his wife, Maud, it is stated that he threatened to shoot her with a revolver. He was brought before the magistrate of the district and committed for trial and brought down here, arriving in Vancouver yesterday morning. He was allowed bail last night.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR BUSINESS MEN'S TRIP

Vice President Donaldson Sends Encouraging Reply to Mr. Mehan.

M. J. Hobin, one of the committee inaugurating the proposed trip across the continent when the G. T. P. is completed, is in receipt of a reply from General Superintendent W. C. C. Mehan, who was communicated with, stating that he had taken the matter up with Mr. Donaldson, vice president. The latter reports that he has referred the matter to the president and has no doubt but that the proposition will be favorably received and that every concession possible in regard to rate will be allowed. The vice president draws attention to the fact that the car builders are overtaxed with orders and there is a possibility that the company might not be in a position to supply the necessary equipment. Although nothing can be said positively at this time, it looks as though satisfactory arrangements will be made for carrying out the proposed trip.

PRINCE GEORGE TO BE RETIRED FIRST

For Regular Winter Overhauling—Prince John to Be Converted Into an Oil Burner.

Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of G. T. P. coast steamships, states that the first vessel to be withdrawn from the northern service this fall will be the Prince George. She will be taken off the Prince Rupert and Stewart run in December, and will be immediately drydocked to repair the damages sustained by her hull when she ran ashore earlier in the summer. The Prince Rupert will maintain the sailings between this port and the northern port, sailing from Victoria on Mondays. When the Prince George is again ready for service she will then replace the Prince Rupert on the run, and the latter will be withdrawn for her annual overhaul.

The Queen Charlotte Island Prince Rupert steamer Prince John will come off the run November 1, to be converted into an oil burner. A fortnightly service will be maintained to the Queen Charlottes by the Prince Albert.



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