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## WAR VESSEL GOES ASHORE IN THE NORTH

British Cruiser Flora Piles Up on the Rocks in the Gulf of Georgia While Running at High Speed.

Hole is Stove in Her Bow and at High Tide She is Partially Submerged.

DOUBTLESS BE TOTAL LOSS

Navigating Officer Mistakes a Buoy for Beacon and Cruiser Strikes on Reef at Denman.

Victoria, Dec. 3.—The British cruiser Flora, which stranded this morning at Village point, Denman island, Gulf of Georgia, was partially submerged when the tide flooded this afternoon, this part being 19 feet below the surface. When she struck she was going at a high rate of speed and her bow drove up on a shelf of rock with a heavy crash, which shook the seamen from their feet and shivered the cruiser from stern to stern. The after scuppers had been left open and the vessel filled. The sea rushed in quickly through the open scuppers and soon the after part was below the water. The officers were driven from their quarters, which are aft, and were able to save only what few things they could carry in their hands.

Much damage has been done at the bow, and the vessel, which is worth a million and a half of dollars, is believed to be a total loss.

It is believed the wreck was due to the navigating officer mistaking a red spar buoy for a beacon on the opposite side of the channel, four miles south. He turned to port, thinking he was avoiding this, instead of going to starboard, as he should have done. Before he discovered the mistake the cruiser was piled high on the rocks.

H. M. S. Egeria left Esquimaux tonight. H. M. S. Grafton will not be able to leave for the wreck until tomorrow morning.

The Flora is a twin-screw, steel vessel, 220 feet long, drawing 19 feet, with displacement of 4500 tons. She was launched 11 years ago and carries 212 men. Her speed was over 19 knots.

## DEPRESSION IN IRON TRADE

Southern Sellers Do the Business—General Reductions.

Cleveland, Dec. 3.—The Iron Trade Review in its current issue says:

The tone of reports from selling centers is rather more cheerful this week, but the movement of material is not such as to be significant. December is not an active month, and the wage reduction currently announced and the more general ones to come at the end of the year are not calculated to create optimism. Yet there is a general refusal throughout the trade to assume that deep or long drawn depression is abroad. Mills and furnaces shut down, but other mills and furnaces start up, and the volume of shipments indicate average consumption, that only seems small by contrast with a business that could not be handled. Southern pig iron producers, whose operations have been the gauge of the market for so long a time, are evidently making a stand, though not concerted, at \$9.25 Birmingham for No. 2 foundry iron. Buyers who have offered to place business at \$9 have been unable to do so, and but for the increasing number of sales on alysis preventing accurate following of grade prices, it might be said that \$9.25 for No. 2 iron is the minimum. A report of the week, whose importance is determined by events, is that a syndicate, composed chiefly of directors of a large Southern furnace company, has bought and taken off the market 75,000 tons, comprising nearly all the company's accumulated stock. Consumers have made further considerable purchases of Southern iron. Western buying being in some cases for round lots and pipe works are negotiating for additional tonnage. Northern furnaces continue to let Southern sellers take business and will not meet their prices, though in the Pittsburg district and at certain points in Ohio northern prices come closer to the southern basis than was the case a few weeks ago. The readjustment of costs is the problem with the northern furnaces. Some wage reductions have been made and on January 1, western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio furnaces will make general reductions. There remains much higher priced ore to use up, however, and Central Western furnaces, under their drastic curtailment programme will not need next year's ore before August. Coke has already had a considerable fall, but efforts to secure agreement among producers give no great promise of great promise of success.

JAPS WERE HOSTILE FOR A TIME. London, Dec. 3.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is

ported on credible authority that at the Tuesday cabinet meeting it was actually proposed to send an ultimatum to Russia, but that this grave step was eventually abandoned in favor of a milder course, which was ultimately adopted. The correspondent says the tension is acute and it is generally felt that a few days will see important developments.

## GOVERNOR WILL TAKE HAND

Purposes That Conditions at Cripple Creek Shall Cease.

Denver, Dec. 3.—Governor Peabody declares he will take steps to nullify the action of the court of Cripple Creek should it liberate any of the "Bull Pen" prisoners.

"The reign of the law-breaking element in the Western Federation of Mine workers has got to end in this state," said the governor.

Attorney-General Miller advised the governor to re-arrest and hold at Camp Goldenfield any of the prisoners charged with crimes who may be set free by the civil authorities at Cripple Creek.

"Teller county is in a state of anarchy," said Miller. "There no attempt is being made to sustain law and order. The civil officers are aiding and abetting the lawless element. No man can get a fair trial in the county and no trials should be held until matters become more normal."

## BELIEVES REPORT IS TRUE.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Speaking of the report emanating from Paris that Japan and Russia are on the verge of a settlement, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, said he believed this gratifying news to be true, although he had not been officially advised of the progress of the negotiations.

## ANTI-CHRISTIAN UPRISING.

London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a report is current in Pootar, originating in Chinese quarters, of an anti-Christian rising in the province of Szechuan.

## BRITAIN BOUGHT WARSHIPS.

London, Dec. 3.—It was officially admitted at the admiralty tonight that Great Britain purchased the two battleships Libertad and Constitution, built on the Clyde for Chile, the price being \$9,375,000, inclusive of all expenses.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The paint shops and car shops of the Southern Pacific Company were burned tonight. The loss is \$40,000.

Tonight the registration books will be closed, so those who have not gone through the formality will have to hurry. There are now 1199 registrations.

## ARE GLAD TREATY IS SIGNED

Panama's Congregate and Fittingly Celebrate Event.

Panama, Dec. 3.—The demonstration following the signing of the canal treaty was most enthusiastic. About 2,000 persons took part in it, which for Panama was a large crowd. There were cheers for the United States and for President Roosevelt. From the palace the crowd went to the residence of United States consul Guder and also to the headquarters of Admiral Walker, where there was more cheering and playing of national airs by a band of music.

The treaty will be turned over to Mr. Guder, who will immediately advise Washington thereof. It will be enveloped in the Panaman and American flags. Mr. Guder will keep the document until December 8, when he will send it to the United States. If Admiral Walker leaves for New York December 8 he may take the treaty with him.

## TO PREPARE CITIES' CENSUS

Municipal Wealth and Standing Will Be Systematized.

New York, Dec. 3.—A conference was recently called in Washington by Director of Census North to discuss and prepare forms for schedules of Municipal Wealth, Debt and Taxation and the essentials of a system of uniform classification for municipal accounts and reports.

The following special committee of experts to take up the technical questions relating to definition of terms, revenue and expense and balance sheets has been appointed:

Harvey S. Chase, of Boston; Elijah W. Betts, of New York; F. A. Cleveland, professor of finance at the University of Pennsylvania; Richard Chapman and S. E. Duncan McInnes of the Department of Finance of New York City and Frederick D. Barard of the Merchant's Association of New York.

The intention is to so exhibit the business affairs of cities by means of accurate and uniform classification of items as to permit the outlays of any city to be exactly compared with those of all other cities and by such comparison to disclose all abnormal outlays or wastes.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The so-called Baron De Adelward and Count De Warren were today found guilty of exciting minors to debauchery. Each was sentenced to six months imprisonment and deprived of civil rights for a period of five years.

## URGES MEN TO KEEP UP THE STRIKE

President Mitchell Reaches Trinidad and Addresses an Enormous Crowd of Striking Mine Workers.

Says Struggle May Be Hard One, but That Union Can Not Be Defeated.

THE LAW MUST BE OBSERVED

Famous Leader Says Conditions Are Unchanged, With no Chance for Immediate Settlement.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 3.—With the temperature at freezing point, President Mitchell addressed a crowd estimated at 40,000 in the open air this afternoon. He said in part:

"I cannot tell you when or how the strike will end, whether in a day, a month or a year; that depends upon yourselves. You can not hope to win without making sacrifices. I have been in many strikes and seen starvation and evictions. Strikes are serious things, not a pleasure, and men must strike bravely. An organization that has met victory in the great Pennsylvania strikes can not be driven from Colorado. Our organization is 300,000 strong—too strong to be beaten in this state. You should all obey the law. This good union men will do. You must fight peacefully. If you feel as I do, you will mine no more coal until you receive better pay, better hours and better conditions—until the companies obey the law as they ask you to do. Be peaceable and law-abiding, and strike and strike and strike until you win."

Loud and long cheers greeted the speaker's last words and the crowd swarmed around to shake hands with Mr. Mitchell.

"The conditions of the strike are unchanged, I see no immediate chance for a settlement," said President Mitchell to a representative of the Associated Press tonight. Mr. Mitchell leaves tomorrow for Walsenburg to address the miners and will arrive at Denver Friday night. State Labor Commissioner Montgomery has arranged a conference with Mr. Mitchell and Governor Peabody at the state capitol for Saturday morning.

This afternoon President Mitchell received word from Hastings that the Victor Fuel Company was tearing down the houses of the men there. These houses are owned by the men, but are built on ground owned by the fuel company, and the miners pay for use of the ground. The houses are being

torn down over the heads of the families. Steps will be taken at once to start criminal and civil proceedings against the company if the report proves true.

## FARMERS ARE UNIONIZED

Texas Tillers of the Soil Form Strong Unions.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 3.—The farmers of Texas are being unionized at a rapid rate. There are today 3000 unions in Texas, with a total membership of 40,000 or more, and the organization is spreading like wildfire.

It began at Emory, Raines county, about ten months ago under the name of the Farmer's Educational and Co-operative Union of America and is now established in nearly every populous county in Texas. About the middle of February next a meeting will be held for completing a state organization, and it is believed the movement will spread to other states as the Farmer's Alliance which organized in Kansas did a few years ago.

The purpose of the union is to buy and sell in bulk, to educate along agricultural lines and to eschew politics but to nevertheless discuss political economy.

## WOMEN ARE AFTER SENATOR

Union Formed to Carry on Fight Against Smoot.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A union of women's clubs, with headquarters at Washington, was formed here today to fight for the expulsion of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, from the United States senate. The formation of the union was the result of a conference called by Mrs. Frederick Schoff, of Philadelphia, president of the National Congress of Mothers. Half a dozen other national organizations were represented at the meeting.

A call will be sent out to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of employing an attorney to assist in the fight, and a pamphlet will be issued. A committee from the meeting called on the president. The presence of the private secretary to Senator Smoot and the secretary's wife at the meeting caused some comment. They left before the meeting had concluded.

## MANY PAINTINGS ARE MISSING

Omaha Collection for St. Louis Fair Probably Stolen.

Omaha, Dec. 3.—Paintings valued at \$200,000 several of which were to have been exhibited at the St. Louis exposition, have been lost. They were painted by Charles R. Hall and his brother, both of Omaha. Mr. Hall left the paintings, 800 in number, in a studio in Seattle. He ordered them shipped to Omaha and received what purported to be a bill of lading. Two months have elapsed since their alleged shipment and no trace of them has been found. Mr. Hall believes they have been stolen.

## DOWIE WILL BE QUIZZED UNDER OATH

Judge Kohlsaat Orders That De-funct Zionists Shall Be Examined as to City's Financial Status.

Closing of Town's Industries Impossible, Because of Dependence of Zionists.

MR. REDIESKI IS SKEPTICAL

Says Dowie May Have a Million or Two Up His Sleeve, but That There Is No Evidence of It.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—John Alexander Dowie will be put on the witness stand before Referee Sydney C. Eastman and under oath be required to answer all questions regarding the financial affairs of Zion City. While the date for the inquiry has not yet been set, Judge Kohlsaat this afternoon entered an order which might turn Zion City into a deserted village. That Zion City's two chief industries, the lace works and the candy factory—are not making expenses was disclosed today in examination of the plants by Chief Custodian Redieski.

Mr. Redieski is skeptical regarding Dowie's ability to vacate the receivership. "Dowie may have a million or two up his sleeve for all I know," he said, "but I have been unable to see any evidence of financial strength in Zion City."

ROBBERS KILL BAR TENDER. Seattle, Dec. 2.—Emil D. Schmidt, was shot and killed by highwaymen about 11 o'clock this evening in the Maple saloon at Van Asselt a few miles south of Seattle. The holdups, two in number, entered the saloon and ordered the 12 men in it at the time to hold up their hands. De Schmidt and another man started for the robbers with chairs. De Schmidt was shot through the brain. The chair was knocked from the other man's hand and the highwaymen then made their escape without securing any booty.

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