

CANADIANS RUSH DRYDOCK PLANS

Big Esquimault Project Inspires Schwab to Act

LOCAL SCHEME CONTEMPLATED SOME MONTHS

Northerners' Activities Cause Magnate to Decide on Hunters Point Improvement

H. C. Holmes, Who Built Two Monster Ship Basins, Tells of Tentative Design

Although the construction of a large drydock at Hunters point has been under consideration by Charles M. Schwab for some time, the reason for his decision to build it now is to be found in British Columbia, where, at Esquimault, work is about to begin on a drydock 928 feet long.

Howard C. Holmes of this city, who built the two drydocks at Hunters point, designed the dock at Esquimault, which will be built by private capital, aided by a subsidy from the Canadian government. The financial arrangements for the Esquimault dock are now being completed in England, and it is knowledge of this fact that has decided Schwab to make his San Francisco plant complete by building the biggest drydock in the world.

Holmes said yesterday that, although he had not been advised by the Union Iron works of their intention to build the big dock right away, he knew that the matter was under contemplation. He discussed the project with Schwab several months ago when he met the head of the Bethlehem Steel works in Paris, and prior to that time had made plans for the kind of dock that is going to be built.

PLANS DOK 1,050 FEET LONG

"The plans I made," said Holmes, "were for a dock 1,050 feet long. I do not think it likely that a larger one will be built. A larger one would not be necessary and would take up more land than is available and would necessitate going out too far into deep water. A dock 1,050 feet long would be the largest in the world. The next in size is the navy dock at Pearl harbor, which is 1,000 feet long. They have an 880 foot dock at Glasgow, an 850 dock at Southampton and one 755 feet long at Bremerhaven. These, I believe, are the largest in Europe.

"The dock I designed for Esquimault, and on which, I understand, work is to be begun shortly, will be 928 feet long and its location is ideal.

The Esquimault dock will be a private enterprise, but the government will pay the owners a subsidy amounting to 2 1/2 per cent on their investment every year for 25 years. In return for this the government will have the first call on the drydock, but all government work done on the dock will pay commercial rates.

WILL REMOVE ONLY OBJECTION

There will be no subsidy for the Hunters Point dock, but Schwab expects to do business with Uncle Sam just the same, as it is believed that construction of this dock will remove the only objection that now exists to the maintenance of the larger type of war vessel on this coast.

The larger of the present Hunters Point drydocks is 750 long and it cost \$474,000, or less than half the cost of the 750 foot drydock at Boston, which cost \$1,051,000. The cost of the Esquimault dock at Hunters point is estimated to be \$1,000,000.

PACIFIC COAST IS SUED FOR \$80,100 DAMAGES

Woman Passenger on Wrecked Santa Rosa the Plaintiff

Suit against the Pacific Coast Steamship company for \$80,100 damages for injuries arising out of the wreck of the steamship Santa Rosa, near Point Arguello on July 7, 1911, in which members of the crew lost their lives and passengers were placed in jeopardy, was filed yesterday in the superior court by the law firm of Cruzan & Denner. The plaintiff is brought on by Mrs. M. McAfee, a passenger, who asserts that she was injured permanently when swept from a life raft, and that she narrowly missed being drowned before she was rescued.

The complaint recites that Mrs. McAfee was among a few passengers put on a life raft after the vessel sank. She alleges that through the carelessness and inefficiency of the company, she and its employees were washed from the raft and thrown by the waves upon the rockbound coast.

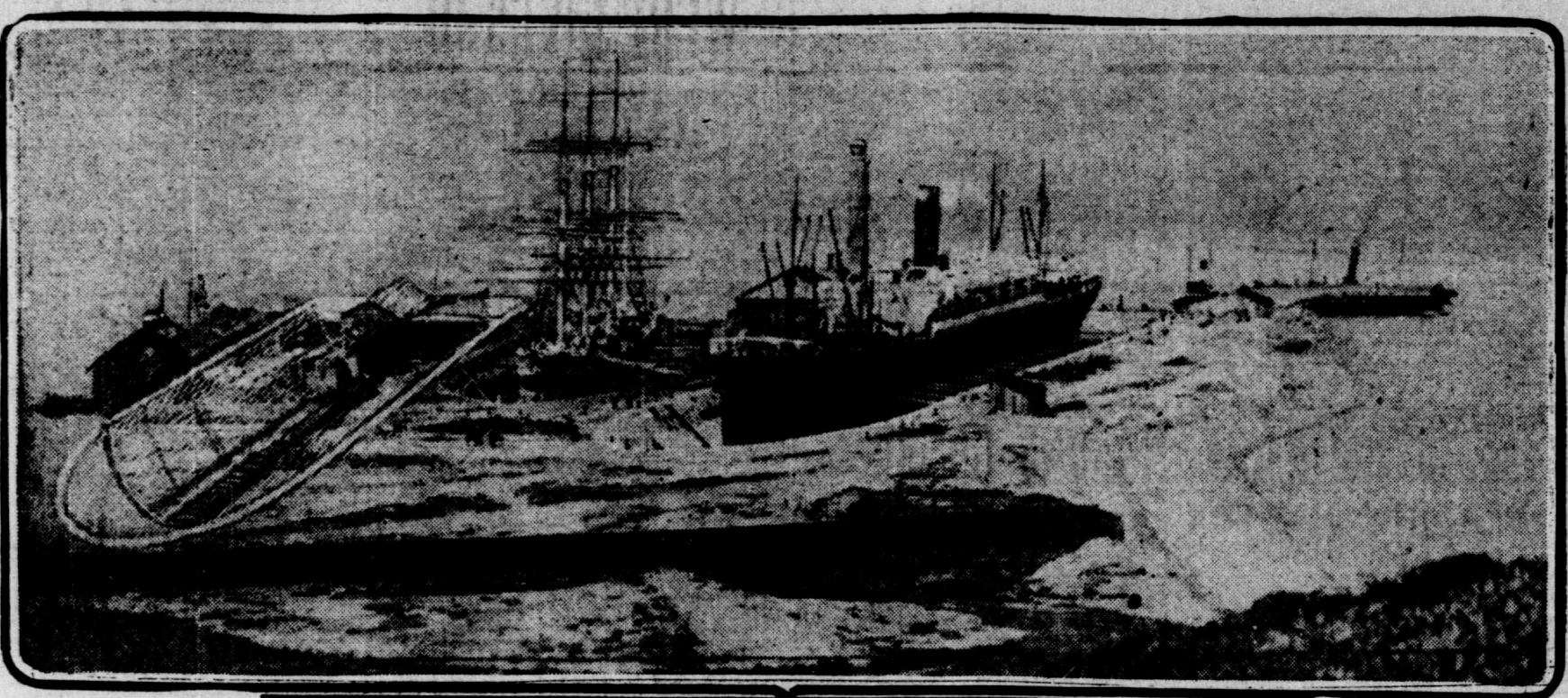
For permanent injuries Mrs. McAfee asks \$40,000; for special damages, \$100, and for exemplary damages, \$40,000. The complaint embodies mention of the series of telegrams that passed between officers of the Santa Rosa and officials of the company ashore with reference to saving the vessel and disposing of the passengers.

DETECTIVE ACTS AS BEST MAN FOR HIS PRISONER

Justice of the Peace Charles E. Creighton married James Norland and Miss Jennie Oikari in his chambers yesterday morning with Detective Thomas Furman acting as best man. Norland and Furman had battered countenances as evidence of a struggle between the two men last Thursday night, when Furman arrested Norland on a charge of betrayal. After the marriage, Norland and his bride went to Judge Weller's court, where the charge against Norland was dismissed. Norland lives in a cottage on Bernal heights, and when Furman attempted to take him into custody a fierce fight ensued.

WOMAN WHO NURSED WRITER GETS ESTATE

Distribution of the estate of the late Louis S. Whitcomb, political writer and reporter, was ordered yesterday by Judge Thomas F. Graham upon recommendation of Public Administrator M. H. Hynes. The inventory of the estate showed that Whitcomb left \$2,500 in property to Mrs. Mary Russell. Hynes stated that investigation showed that Mrs. Russell had nursed Whitcomb during the last years of his life and that her care was entitled to reward. Pursuant to this Hynes and his attorney relinquished their fees in the case in favor of the beneficiary.



A view of Hunters point, showing the two drydocks there at present with the steamship Mongolia in the larger. The white outline on the left shows the location of the enormous new one that is soon to be built. It will be the largest drydock in the world.

WEDDING SECRET IS ON THE WING

Percy L. Henderson to Marry Miss Marie Genevieve Nealon

Miss Marie Genevieve Nealon, daughter of James C. Nealon, former assessor and prominent figure in San Francisco's public life, and Percy L. Henderson, former police commissioner, will be married this evening at the bride's home, 960 Haight street, by Rev. Father Joseph McQuaid. Immediately after the ceremony the couple will start on a six months' honeymoon tour of Europe.

William F. Humphrey, president of the Olympic club, will act as best man at the wedding, and Miss Margaret Nealon, sister of the bride, will be bridesmaid. Only the immediate families of the pair will be present, for the ceremony will be very quiet. No formal invitations have been issued. Every effort has been made to keep the marriage secret, for the couple hoped to be well on their way across the continent before their friends learned of the event and began to shower them with congratulations. At a card party at the Nealon home last Saturday Miss Nealon made the first announcement to a group of friends, but all were sworn to secrecy. Not even while selecting her trousseau has the bride been admitted that a wedding was contemplated. It was hoped by the couple that they would steal a march on their friends and not "face the music" of congratulations until the reception that will follow their return from abroad.

Mrs. Edward Brown, Henderson's sister, will be one of the few guests at the wedding, with the bride's father. In all, there will not be a dozen present.

The newly wedded pair will take a leisurely course on their journey, remaining about two weeks in New York and leaving on the Carmania in May. They will start at the British Isles and slowly drift down the map, taking care to turn north for Stockholm when the Olympic games are given. Both Henderson and Miss Nealon are enthusiastic lovers of athletics.

Henderson was removed from the police board by former Mayor P. H. McCarthy because the commissioner would not "take program" when McCarthy wished to oust former Chief Seymour. James C. Nealon had been one of McCarthy's staunchest supporters in the campaign that resulted in placing McCarthy in the mayor's chair, and there were many who asserted that Nealon's aid had meant hundreds of votes for the mayor. But when Henderson was dropped, Nealon withdrew from the circle of McCarthy's friends and in the last campaign opposed the former mayor's efforts to be re-elected. At that time it was hinted that Nealon's interest in Henderson was that of a prospective father in law.

HOSPITAL PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED

Prominent Medical Authorities Will Attend Meeting Friday Evening

Final plans for the new San Francisco general hospital will be discussed and decided upon by the board of health at a meeting Friday evening. The meeting will be one of the most important of the present administration. Physicians of the city, members of the medical faculties of several colleges of the coast have signified their intention of being present.

At the meeting of the board yesterday, Mrs. Josephine Monahan, a hospital matron, president of the Women's Chalmers Club, was denied the privilege of resignation from the service. Mrs. Monahan is charged with obtaining leave of absence from duty on the ground of sickness, and then devoting her time to political activities. The case has been laid before the civil service commission for decision.

On recommendation of the hospital committee of the board, Dr. A. E. Skooneberg, emergency surgeon, was relieved from duty and succeeded by Dr. E. M. McKewitt, the appointment to take effect May 1. Dr. Alfred Roncivieri was appointed in place of Dr. J. C. Egeberg, emergency surgeon. Linwood Dozier, Lionel D. Prince, H. W. Belgin and A. L. Grinnel were appointed internes in the city and county hospital. Dr. N. D. Morgan was appointed relief surgeon.

A recommendation of the hospital committee relative to the retirement of emergency surgeons at stated intervals according to seniority of service, the vacancies to be filled by internes, was laid over for one week. A protest from residents in the vicinity of Ashbury and Frederick streets, directed against the maintenance of a sanitarium at the Ashbury street, was referred to the hospital committee.

Attorney Robert McNab appeared before the board and asked that the city trustees of Point Arena be allowed to name an inspector for meats consigned to San Francisco passing through that port, the inspector to be approved by the health board. The board decided that a satisfactory inspector would be approved and that his inspections would be recognized by the board.

The resignation of Dr. E. L. Wemple as chief medical inspector of schools, was accepted. It is probable that Dr. C. R. Brice will be appointed to the vacancy.

CLUB TO HOLD EVENING AT WHIST AND "500"

Laurel Hall club will hold a social meeting Friday night at the club rooms, 1750 Clay street. Bridge whist and five hundred will be played.

WIFE FREED FROM 'CHILD' WHO DRANK

Girl Declares Mate She Likened to Infant Was Generally Intoxicated

"My husband was a stubborn, willful child; although he was a bookkeeper in the First National bank he was only a child," said Mrs. W. W. Woodward, a pretty Seattle girl, living here at the Grand hotel, who yesterday obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce from Judge Thomas F. Graham.

Mrs. Woodward also said that her childlike husband had struck her, that he was generally intoxicated, especially when she was ill at the German hospital here in September and October of 1911. Mrs. Woodward brought a nurse from the hospital into court to support her testimony. Janie Woodward married at Seattle, January 5, 1906, and have been separated once. Letters were brought forward to show that the husband was of a roving disposition and fond of gaiety. Judge Graham allowed Mrs. Woodward \$50 a month alimony. She was represented by Attorney Walter H. Duane.

The legal sea was not so smooth to sail for Mrs. Edna S. Lake, wife of Dr. Edward H. Lake, surgeon aboard the Pacific Mail liner San Juan, as the wife failed to establish sufficient grounds to convince Judge Hunt that she was entitled to a decree.

The following were granted interlocutory decrees yesterday:

By Judge Murasky—Ben from Rose Stachel, cruelty; Estelle from William Jacobs, failure to provide.

By Judge Graham—Minnie A. against Joseph P. Donaldson, cruelty.

The following complaints were filed yesterday in the superior court:

Edith against Stephen Demastros, failure to provide; Pearl L. against W. F. Dignan, desertion.

WIDOW FILES WILL OF EDWARD BALDWIN

Petition for probate of the estate of Edward L. Baldwin, who shot himself and died April 16, was filed yesterday by Nellie E. Baldwin, widow of the druggist. The petition was accompanied by a will of a few lines bequeathing the testator's estate consisting of personal property to his wife. The property comprises shares of stock in the Ferry Drug company and the Edward L. Baldwin Company celery soda. The property is valued at \$40,000. The will provided that in case of the death of Mrs. Baldwin the estate should go to the daughter, Marion D., and in the event of her death to relatives in the east.

AD MEN TO MEET—The regular meeting and luncheon of the Advertising association of San Francisco will be held today at 12:15 p. m. in the Tebbau Tavern. S. P. Johnston will preside. Nolan Davis will read a paper entitled "The Street Car as Advertising Medium," and John F. Sheehan has prepared a paper on "Billboard and Painted Bulletin as Advertising Mediums."

WIDOW BRINGS SUIT FOR STOCK

Alleges That Money Box Left by Her Husband Was Rifled

Allegations that Peter, John and Chris Wichman, candy manufacturers, and their sister, Mrs. Catherine von Borden, converted to their own use \$9,955 worth of mining stocks, alleged to have been left in a money box by Hans G. Kuhl, stock broker, are contained in a suit brought yesterday by Mrs. Kuhl, the widow, in the superior court to regain possession of the securities. Mrs. J. Kuhl charges that the certificates were taken from the money box on the day Kuhl died, April 23, 1909.

According to the complaint no person was allowed to see Kuhl for some time before his death and the stock broker and his widow had been separated for many years. It is alleged that a third party at the Von Borden home, where Kuhl died, was in the room at the time the alleged transaction, but was requested to leave the room when the box actually was opened.

When Mrs. Kuhl sought to obtain possession of her husband's effects she declares that she was given some books and jewelry and told that her husband left nothing else. The widow, who is more than 80 years of age, states that cheap jewelry was substituted for more valuable trinkets. Several other actions are filed against various mining companies to prevent or set aside transfer of stock to the Wichmans.

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