



## OVER 350 PILGRIMS TO MECCA DROWN IN FLOOD

### FREIGHT CLERK ON CHESLAKEE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER—WAR NEAR AN END

#### END OF BALKAN WAR SEEMS CLOSE AT HAND

##### GENERAL COUNCIL OF TURKISH EMPIRE ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POWERS.

Constantinople, Jan. 22.—The General Council of the Turkish Empire today agreed to accept the recommendations of the European powers as a means of securing peace in the Balkans. The Porte is expected to ratify the Council's action at once and thus bring to an end the Turko-Balkan war.

London, Jan. 22.—The Balkan peace delegates are pleased over the decision of Turkey to accept the advice of the powers. There is a general belief, however, judging from the prompt action of Turkey that she has cards up her sleeve and will further play the game. The war indemnity will likely be two hundred millions.

#### SENATORS DEFEND PANAMA EXEMPTION

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Washington, Jan. 22.—Senator O'Gorman of New York and Senator Newlands, speaking today on Senator Root's proposed amendment, took a strong stand in defence of the Panama Canal toll exemption.

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#### SIXTY-FIVE BELOW AT LEWISTON, IDAHO

Longest and Severest Cold Snap for Many Years Has Grip on the State.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 22.—The entire state is in the grip of the longest and severest cold wave experienced in many years. The temperature here today went as low as 65 degrees below.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS HAD SHORT SESSION

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The session of the House of Commons today was exceptionally short and was devoted to a discussion of the railway employees' application for a board of conciliation. A number of minor bills were introduced.

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### Big Rally Tonight

Every Liberal in Prince Rupert should make it a point to turn out tonight for the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association. All over the Province of British Columbia there is marked activity in the Liberal camps, due to the growing dissatisfaction with the autocratic methods of the present government. Prince Rupert should join hands with the rest of the province in the movement for responsible government. In numbers there is force. Important business in addition to the annual election of officers will come before the meeting, which will be held in K. of P. Hall, Helgeson Block, at 8 o'clock sharp.

### CAPTAIN BARNEY JOHNSON TENDERED SPLENDID BANQUET LAST NIGHT

#### Representative Gathering of Citizens Did Honor to a Prince of Good Fellows and One of Prince Rupert's Most Loyal Boosters--Presentation of Silver Tea Service

Seldom, if ever before, in the comparatively short history of the City of Prince Rupert has there been such a representative gathering of citizens to do honor to one who has been identified as a resident, as that which assembled at the Premier Hotel last night for the purpose of expressing their kindly feelings for Captain Barney Johnson, the popular skipper of the steamer Prince Rupert, and their regret at his departure from the city to take up his residence in Vancouver, where he has received the much coveted appointment among mariners as member of the Vancouver pilot board. Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock Captain Johnson will leave Prince Rupert for the last time as master of the G. T. P. steamer bearing the city's name. Realizing the unusual popularity of the genial captain, a committee of citizens felt they could not let the opportunity pass without in some manner conveying to him the high esteem in which he has been held and their good wishes for his future success. It was for this purpose that last night's splendid banquet was arranged.

Promptly at 9:15 o'clock nearly seventy-five of Prince Rupert's best citizens took their places around the banquet tables, which looked exceedingly tempting and inviting. As the genial Barney entered, accompanied by the toastmaster, Mr. A. J. Morris, he was given a magnificent reception, the hearty and genuine applause lasting for several minutes.

After all had enjoyed the excellent food and tasty delicacies provided and the King had been honored with the customary toast, Mr. Morris, who performed his duties as toastmaster most agreeably, made a few pleasing references to the guest of the evening. Drawing a vivid picture of the tremendous shipping that is likely to pass in and out of Prince Rupert harbor in the course of a few years, he expressed the hope that at no distant date a position would be open for Captain Johnson in the city of which he has been a most enthusiastic booster, similar to that which he is about to take at Vancouver. One reason, he said, for Captain Johnson's immense popularity was the careful attention he always gave to passengers travelling on his boat, and in this connection the chairman expressed regret at the absence of the ladies. He was sure that many of them would like to be present, for "they all love Barney." Mr. Morris then called on Mr. F. H. Mobley to propose the toast to the guest of the evening. Everybody joined heartily in drinking to the captain's health, and in singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." When the cheers had

subsided Mr. Mobley told an amusing story of Pat and Mike, who, during their lives, had a serious difference between them which had never been settled. When Pat was on his deathbed Mike, after much persuasion, was induced to express forgiveness, but as he was leaving the room he turned back and said: "Now, Pat, remember that if you don't die, begorra, this stuff don't go." This story was to illustrate by contrast the real sincerity of the many complimentary remarks that would be made during the evening. If Captain Johnson should ever come back to Prince Rupert to live, all that was said stood just the same.

Before taking his seat, Mr. Mobley read the address which follows, and Mr. A. E. McMaster, on behalf of the citizens, presented a beautiful solid silver tea service to Captain and Mrs. Johnson.

From Friends and Citizens of Prince Rupert, B. C.  
To Bernard L. Johnson, Master Mariner.

Dear Captain: We learn with profound regret that you have decided to leave the service of the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company to enter that of a more remunerative position in the City of Vancouver.

As friends, we rejoice at your advancement, and wish to compliment you on your promotion, and take this opportunity of conveying to you our appreciation of the many services that you have rendered our city and ourselves. These are too numerous to detail. We can only reflect on memories of days gone by, when we had the pleasure of travelling on ships under your command, and found you ever ready to do your duty as an able commander and an admirable companion, winning the respect and admiration of all with whom you came in contact.

Having the interest of our city and citizens at heart, words can scarcely express our gratitude, or estimate the advantages accruing to our city, from your untiring efforts. In this we feel that your heart is ever with us. Speaking, personally, we know

that our loss is Vancouver's gain, but feeling that your departure is of a temporary nature we shall look forward to your early return HOME; knowing that your skill, ability and ambition will, in the near future, place within your grasp the best that Northern British Columbia and Prince Rupert in particular has to offer.

As a mark of appreciation of the many kind services rendered to friends and citizens, we request that you accept this small token of our esteem, and trust that Mrs. Johnson and your good self may live long, and enjoy the many privileges and happy hours that we feel should be allotted to you both.

In acknowledging the presentation Capt. Johnson said that words failed him to properly express his appreciation of such an unexpected token of esteem and good feeling. At the very first when he was considering his new appointment regret at leaving Prince Rupert was one great obstacle. His regret was now greater than ever. He heartily thanked the citizens for the honor they were doing him.

#### Judge Young

In an address bristling with wit and humor His Honor Judge Young entertained the guests for a short period and made some pleasing references to the sterling worth of Capt. Johnson. Looking about him, he thought there was a mournful tinge to the gathering, due, no doubt, to the sorrow at losing such a good citizen but, he added, we are here "not to bury Caesar but to praise him." Barney would come back and others who had left Prince Rupert would come back. It was only a few weeks since a similar banquet had been given to an esteemed citizen, Thos. Dunn, but Rupertites need not be surprised to see him back before the frost was out of some of their pipes. Capt. Johnson as a master mariner was a man of sound judgment and perseverance and he was stamped at Lloyd's as A-1. He was one of the four best mariners on the British Columbia coast. The three other names were Capt. Saunders of the marine depot, Capt. Robertson and Capt. McLeod of the Princess May. There was only one blot in the career of Capt. Johnson and that was when he was sea sick crossing Queen Charlotte Sound. This he had on the evidence of Dr. Tremayne and J. M. Christie. The splendid gathering was the biggest bouquet he could throw at the Captain. If he (the speaker) were managing the G.T.P. steamship service Capt. Johnson would continue to retain his position on the Rupert.

#### LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association, for the purpose of electing officers, will be held on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 1913, in the K. of P. Hall, Helgeson Block. 3071f  
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### CHESLAKEE FREIGHT CLERK CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

#### INVESTIGATION INTO THE FOUNDERING OF UNION STEAMSHIP CO. BOAT LEADS TO ARREST OF GILBERT JOHN VAUX.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—The jury conducting the investigation into the death of seven passengers aboard the ill fated Cheslakee, which foundered near Vananda about ten days ago, after an all night deliberation found that in their opinion had the freight clerk, Gilbert John Vaux, obeyed Captain Cockle and called all the passengers to the starboard side of the ship there would have been no lives lost. It was also their opinion that Chief Steward Booth, who came on deck, did not fully realize the extreme danger the ship was in, although it was half sinking. Had he done so, it appeared that there was ample time to save all the passengers if they had been called.

As a result of the finding, Coroner Jeffs this afternoon issued a warrant for the arrest of Vaux on a charge of manslaughter. Much sympathy is felt for Vaux, who is only 20 years of age.

#### SUFFRAGISTS ARE WORKING HARD ON FRANCHISE BILL

London, Jan. 22.—The lobbies and precincts of the House of Commons, as well as political clubs and drawing rooms, are seething with intrigue. Suffragists everywhere are seeking for passage of Eir Edward Grey's amendment to the franchise bill, which was voted on Friday, by a large majority, the word "male" being eliminated from the first clause. The amendments in the franchise bill giving votes to the great army of women made an issue which likely decided a score of votes either way.

### BAD MAN ARRESTED AT PREMIER HOTEL

#### Threatened to Clean Up House, but Constable Adams Landed Him in Short Order.

Yesterday afternoon a phone message was received at the police station from the Premier Hotel that a bad man had just blown in and was threatening to clean up the house. He demanded more liquor, of which he had already partaken somewhat freely. This being refused him, he became decidedly obstreperous. Upon the arrival of Constable Adams, who in his official capacity requested the man in question to behave himself and leave the house, the officer by way of a reply received a prompt left to the jaw. Although for the moment somewhat disconcerted, Constable Adams grabbed his man and landed him straight away in the city lockup. This morning the accused, whose name is James Crossett, appeared before Magistrate McMullin and was very mild and subdued. He was fined \$10 and costs for obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty.

#### Latest Magazines and Novels.

A shipment of the very latest magazines and popular novels by some of the best authors at 10, 15 and 25 cents just received at Hyde's Cigar Store. 19

It was rumored about town this afternoon that the British Columbia, a vessel laden with coal for Rogers & Black, Prince Rupert, had gone ashore near Union Bay. The report could not be confirmed at the wireless station.

### OVER THREE HUNDRED DROWNED WHILE ON PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

#### FLOOD OVERWHELMED ENTIRE CARAVAN AND MOHAMMEDAN PILGRIMS WERE DROWNED.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Suakin, Egypt, Jan. 22.—Three hundred and fifty Mohammedan pilgrims from India, en route to Mecca, the holy city, were drowned today by a flood which overwhelmed the entire caravan between Medina and Port Saide, on the Red Sea.

### DROWNING ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

#### Fishing Boat Struck Rock and Sank—Three Brown Men Rescued in the Nick o Time.

What might have easily proved a sad drowning fatality was narrowly averted last evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock. A boat in which three Japanese were freighting two ton of nails over to the dry dock struck a rock just at the point at Cow Bay, where Captain Babington's float used to lie. It was partially stove in and proceeded to take in water whilst the raging wind drove the unfortunate men out to sea. Getting farther and farther away from shore and gradually sinking, the occupants shouted their loudest and frantically waved a lantern. Fortunately some men who were passing realized the situation and two of them at once rushed to their rescue in a frail skiff they found on the beach. Another man hurried over to the Government wharf to apprise the power boat men of the accident. Several of the latter immediately hastened to the scene. However, their services were unnecessary, as the three men found struggling in the water had been picked up in the nick of time by the skiff, one in an unconscious condition. They were at once taken to Captain Davis' boat house, where everything was done to assist them. Very shortly all three of them were quite recovered from their immersion.

Constable Gargill, who was quickly at the scene of the accident, found the three little brown men, who could not speak a word of English, sitting comfortably ensconced around Captain Davis' big stove smiling blandly and smoking cigarettes. The power boats spent a good part of the night scouring the harbor in search of the lost boat, but without success. This morning dragging operations were being carried on about a couple of hundred yards from Davis' boat house in the hope of recovering the little craft and its freight.

### MALIBUT TRAWLER ARRIVED YESTERDAY

#### The Zebassa, First of Six for the Canada Fish & Cold Storage, Made Trip from Vancouver in Fifty-two Hours.

There tied up yesterday morning at the Canada Fish & Cold Storage wharves, near Seal Cove, the first of a fleet of halibut trawlers for use in the company's service. This is the Zebassa, named after a famous chief of the Kitkatla Indians. It will be followed shortly by a number of other crafts of a similar character.

The Zebassa is 85 feet long and is rigged as a schooner, enabling it to be operated with sails in suitable weather. When this is impracticable auxiliary power is available in the shape of 125 horse power Imperial engine, which will be run with distillate, a cheaper form of fuel than straight gasoline. The run from Vancouver to Prince Rupert was accomplished in 52 hours, an excellent record considering the weather conditions.

These trawlers, being built in Vancouver, are in addition to the large steam trawlers that are in process of construction in the British Isles for the company and are expected to be in operation in these waters in the not very distant future. Altogether there will be six of the smaller boats built in Vancouver, the next to arrive being due some time this coming week. They will carry, all told, eighteen men, twelve fishermen and six of a crew.

Mr. W. R. Lord, superintendent of the company's canneries, made the trip up from Vancouver on the Zebassa and will make a tour on her of the surrounding waters on business in connection with his company during the next few days.

#### TONIGHT

### GOLD PRIZE DRAWING AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE

### EMPRESS THEATRE

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### TO-NIGHT

The Great Kalem Feature Release

### "The Siege of Petersburg"

This is a magnificent military picture. The burning of military bridge across the Appamattox River. The mine explosion beneath the battlefield. Charge upon charge by both the northern and southern cavalry. Batteries of artillery in full action. Marching and countermarching of regiment after regiment of the infantry of both sides. All go to make up the most perfect war picture yet produced. Prices: 10 Cts. and 15 Cts.

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