

CHICAGO FIRE LEAVES TWO HUNDRED HOMELESS

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT DOWN SOON—DIAZ IS STILL IN CONTROL

EARLY PRESENTATION OF PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES

PREMIER McBRIDE DISCUSSES PANAMA CANAL QUESTION AND MOVES RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY IN ANTARCTIC DISASTER.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 11.—The resolution of the Finance Minister, Hon. Price Ellison, that the Legislature resolve itself into committee of supply next Monday indicates an early presentation of the provincial estimates. It is also expected that the budget will be delivered next week.

Premier McBride discussed the Panama Canal question and a resolution was unanimously passed that in the opinion of the Legislature of British Columbia the free use of the canal for world shipping should be allowed.

The Premier also moved a resolution, seconded by Parker Williams, expressing regret at the death of Captain Scott and party and conveying sympathy to relatives. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Mrs. Scott and the families of the survivors. The Premier reviewed the work of the Antarctic expedition at some length and paid a tribute to the valor of those whose lives had been sacrificed.

NATIONAL APPEAL IN AID OF RELATIVES OF EXPLORERS

ADMIRALTY ISSUES EXPRESSION OF REGRET — TORONTO BOY WITH THE PARTY WIRES HE WILL BE HOME IN JUNE.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 11.—The committee of the British Antarctic Expedition today issued a national appeal for a fund to provide for the relatives of the dead explorers. The Admiralty tonight issued an official expression of regret at the loss of the heroic explorers. While nothing has been

decided as to what steps the government or the admiralty will take, it is believed that ample provision will be made.

Toronto, Feb. 11. — Alfred Wright, a resident of this city, who was with the Scott party, wired his parents here that he will be home in June.

PREMIER WILL NOT RELIEVE CONGESTION IN LAND REGISTRY

WITH THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION IN ARREARS, PREMIER REFUSES TO INCREASE PERMANENT STAFF OR TO PROVIDE FOR RELIEF.

New Westminster, Feb. 11.—Some 19,000 applications for registration are in arrears at the Westminster land registry office, while at Vancouver, thirty thousand are waiting attention. Such is the information laid before the executive council of the provincial government by an influential delegation which visited Victoria from this city.

posed civil service bill. This measure the government will introduce this session with a view to placing the civil service of British Columbia on a similar footing as that of Great Britain.

Mr. Thos. Gifford, M.L.A., for New Westminster, in heated terms urged the government to at once take some steps toward cleaning up the arrears. To this it was stated that the staff were working overtime, an assertion which was countered with the remark that as only a comparatively few applications could be dealt with daily, and that as some applications required days of research before they could be dealt with, it would be years before the decks could be cleared.

Among the questions taken up by the council was that of the necessity for the immediate enlargement of the land registry offices and staffs, and the house. To the appeal of the delegation the premier stated the government realized the difficulty now existing, but regretted that owing to want of accommodation it was impossible to increase the staff.

To Give Accommodation
It was the intention of the government, however, to add an additional storey to the land registry department in the near future, which would provide additional accommodation for the staff and possibly afford relief for some extension.

The subject was to be included in consideration of the proposed civil service bill.

Might Have Been Worse
Regarding the demand for an enlargement of the court house the premier drew attention to the fact that years ago when pressure was brought to bear on the government to erect the present building it was then suggested by the government that it would possibly become necessary to have a much larger building.

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TO THE PUBLIC

We have the day inaugurated a Taxicab Service in the city with rates lower than taxicab rates in Vancouver. As a special inducement we offer a 25% reduction over our own tariff. By buying \$5.00 worth of combination tickets we give \$5.75 in fares. If the public appreciation and patronage is such that we are able to submit a much reduced tariff a very early date.

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APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE IN CHICAGO

Two Hundred Persons Were Left Homeless as Result of Disastrous Fire — Loss \$300,000

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chicago, Feb. 11.—Two hundred persons are homeless today as a result of a disastrous fire which destroyed Ingram and Kail apartment buildings. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC IS ON THE INCREASE

The Prince Rupert Brought in Another Large Crowd of Passengers this Morning

The ss. Prince Rupert, Capt. Duncan Mackenzie, arrived on time this morning with 83 saloon and 102 third class passengers, and a full complement of general freight. The list of saloon passengers is as follows:

Miss Doris Mason, Mrs. J. H. Mason, Miss Alice Mason, W. C. Durant, E. W. Smith, Miss Fenwick, Miss Helena Willis, Mr. Fleming, R. J. McDonald, Miss Crason, Mrs. John R. Beatty, Mrs. D. Harris, William Bunting, J. G. McCarty, Mrs. McCarty, C. E. Gatten, T. E. Vandermeiker, Frank C. Wright and wife, F. A. Douglass, D. C. McRae, Dr. Stone H. Winch, W. J. Jefferson, G. W. Maynard, James Cross, H. C. Francis, Jack Flenner, Mrs. Flenner, H. Scott, G. Munyard, Robt. Brown, F. Graham, W. H. Menzies and wife, J. W. Stewart, R. Retallack, Angus Stewart, Stella Klein, Marie Lammer, Miss S. Roy, Miss K. Brown, F. G. Hutchinson, H. E. Wickett, W. Spencer, H. Middlestead, Mrs. Leborgne, A. R. McDonald, R. S. Wright, H. A. Harris, W. Wright, M. McKenzie, D. P. Wardopp, R. Leonard, E. Langevin, M. Hicks, Beach, S. Cullington, Mrs. Gernyk and child, Mrs. W. Boroboz and child, A. D. Ford, W. Baldwin, W. R. McDonald, O. C. Peterson and wife, J. Sherman Haynes and wife, Andrew Hesland, Mrs. Hesland, Mrs. H. W. Crouse and daughter, Mrs. H. L. Robertson, Mrs. Chas. Peterson, J. H. McKinley, A. D. McLachlan, Lyn Coleman, J. Fred Ritchie, Frank R. Frazier, Mrs. Morte-Craig, Mrs. M. Marshall, Miss I. Harvell, W. C. Sanders, Duncan Ross.

LADIES AUXILIARY WILL HOLD BAZAAR

Local Hotel Men Will Donate Silver Tea Service, to Be Disposed of by Raffle.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hospital, held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hubert Ward, it was decided to hold a grand bazaar at the time of the opening of the new wing of the hospital. Various committees were appointed to look after the arrangements. Mrs. Besner will have charge of the fancy work booth, Mrs. Ward the plain sewing, Mrs. Halsey the candy booth and Mrs. L. W. Kerwin and Mrs. Mobley the tea.

The Licensed Vintners' Association of Prince Rupert have offered to donate a solid silver tea service, which will be disposed of by raffle during the bazaar.

Mr. Murdoch McKenzie, chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the G. T. P., arrived in the city this morning on the Prince Rupert from his headquarters at Norwood Grove, Manitoba, and was welcomed by representatives of the engineers of the G. T. P. in this city.

RUSSIAN STEAMSHIP SIX DAYS OVERDUE

Encountered Rough Weather on the Atlantic and Ran Short of Coal—Reported at Louisburg

(Special to The Daily News.)
Louisburg, N.S., Feb. 11.—The Russian steamship, Virma, arrived today from Lisbon with 1068 passengers bound for New York. She is six days overdue. Extremely heavy weather was encountered and the steamer was running short of coal.

THE WEATHER.

The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer 30.14; maximum, 34.0; minimum 39.0; precip., 1.01.

GRAND TRUNK INN IS AGAIN OPEN

Has Been Redecorated and Refurnished Better Than Ever—Numerous Guests Registered This Morning.

Manager G. A. Sweet, of the G. T. P. Inn, is there with the smile and the glad hand this morning, beaming behind the register in the newly decorated hotel office. It is now two months since the disastrous fire put this popular hostelry temporarily out of business. This morning the hotel opened again for the accommodation of guests, which fact will be the subject of much congratulation, both to the travelling public and residents of the city.

Carpenters, painters and plumbers have been busily engaged for several weeks past in thoroughly repairing and fixing up the hotel, so that at the present time it is in better shape than it ever was. There is still work to be completed in the upper storey of the building which can be carried on, however, without any inconvenience to guests in the house.

Among those registering their names this morning were: J. Jefferson, Albert; Lyn Coleman, Joliet, Ill.; F. R. Frazier, Los Angeles; J. E. McCarty, New York; J. A. Douglas, Vancouver; G. W. Maynard, Vancouver, and Duncan Ross, Hazelton.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

D. C. McRae, of McRae Bros., wholesale and retail stationers of this city, returned this morning from a business trip to the lower coast cities.

Mrs. Morte Craig, who has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Duncan McTavish, at Victoria, was amongst the arrivals this morning from the south.

C. A. Vaughan, of the Bryant Co., Ltd., men's furnishings, left on this morning's train on a month's business trip to the interior.

Walter Noel, pioneer store keeper of Old Hazelton, returned this morning on the Prince Rupert from a holiday in the south, continuing his homeward journey on this morning's train.

Vernor W. Smith, chief accountant for Foley, Welch & Stewart, with headquarters at New Hazelton, returned from the south this morning and left by today's train for the interior.

Mrs. H. L. Roberson, who went south on the last trip of the Prince Rupert, returned again this morning after a short but pleasant little visit to Vancouver and Victoria.

GENERAL DIAZ IS STILL IN CONTROL

A Number of Persons Were Killed in a Battle Fought in Mexico Yesterday

(Special to The Daily News.)
Mexico City, Feb. 11.—All is quiet tonight in the capital after a battle in the streets in which a number of persons were killed. General Diaz still has control of the situation.

CHORUS OF SNEEZES AT CHICAGO FIRE

Everybody Was "Doin' It" When Sulphur Storehouse Burned

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chicago, Feb. 11.—This year of grace may pass into history as the year of the great sneeze, taking rank with the year of great wind.

The chorus of sneezes was on the first floor of a wholesale drugstore on West Lake street. In two minutes the wave of sneezes spread over the second floor until presently 125 employees, hatless, coatless, and "kerchewing" explosively, rushed to the street.

Explanation of the outburst was found in the burning of 225 bags of sulphur in the basement. Crowds, attracted by the gongs of the fire engines, rushed to the scene but retired sneezing. The fumes spread to adjoining buildings and their occupants emerged on the street, red-nosed, red-eyed and sneezing.

Firemen rushed into the basements but quickly retreated dragging with them twelve of their number who had been overcome by the fumes. They too were sneezing. The sulphur burned stubbornly but finally was extinguished. Still sneezing the firemen returned to their stations.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock from Hayner Bros.' undertaking parlors the funeral of Knute Byrman, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Byrman, of Seventh avenue and Dunsuir street, will be held. The child was only ill a short while, death being due to natural causes. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

TURKISH BATTLESHIP DRIVEN ASHORE

Is in Helpless Condition with a Large Force of Bulgarians Firing on Her.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 11.—It is becoming increasingly evident that Turkey is taking steps to resume peace negotiations, but it is not likely that any direct action will be taken until the result of the fight in Gallipoli Peninsula becomes known.

The Turkish battleship Assar Twefk has been driven ashore and is in an almost helpless condition. The Bulgarians hold the shore in strength and are firing on the steamers.

Loyal Order of Moose.

A regular meeting will be held in the K. of P. Hall Thursday, the 13th inst., at 8 o'clock.

J. D. MEIKLE, Secy.

E. H. Shockley has obtained the contract for the erection of a residence for Mr. A. W. Wright on Fifth avenue. The house will be a frame building fitted with all modern conveniences and in first class style. The architect is Mr. J. W. Potter.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE

YOUNG NORWEGIAN, FORMERLY A PORTER FOR THE KNOX HOTEL, DIED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Harry Helliokson, a young Norwegian, thought to be about 29 years of age, was found dead in his bed at the Grand Hotel yesterday afternoon. The exact time of his death is not known, although he was seen around the hotel about 2 o'clock. Complaining of not feeling well, he retired to his room, where he was discovered at 7 in the evening by the housekeeper, life being extinct. The police were immediately notified and Dr. Tremayne was summoned. The latter pronounced death to be due to heart disease. The body was removed to Hay-

ner Bros.' undertaking parlors, awaiting word as to its disposal. The deceased was a particularly fine and striking looking man, six feet tall and of a handsome and attractive appearance. For several months his face was familiar on the waterfront, he being engaged as porter for the Knox Hotel, meeting trains and boats. At one time he was engaged as head of a station gang on the G. T. P. construction. He had a good education along business lines, with special experience in that of hotels. As far as is known he had no immediate relatives in the city.

WILL INSPECT CONSTRUCTION RIGHT THROUGH TO EDMONTON

J. W. STEWART, HEAD OF FOLEY, WELCH & STEWART, ACCOMPANIED BY MINING EXPERT, WILL VISIT SILVER STANDARD AND TRAVEL OVERLAND TO EDMONTON.

Among the prominent arrivals on the Prince Rupert this morning was J. W. Stewart, head of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart. He has returned from a trip to Europe, where he was engaged in financing the Pacific & Great Eastern Railway, which is being built by his firm. Accompanying Mr. Stewart was John L. Retallack, a well known Sloean mining man, who is going to Hazelton to again inspect the Silver Standard mine, which is owned by Mr. Stewart and his associates. After visiting the Silver Standard, Messrs Stewart and Retallack intend going overland to Edmonton.

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ANOTHER BIG SCHOONER FOR COLD STORAGE FLEET

THREE-MASTED SCHOONER, ALBERT MEYER HAS JUST BEEN PURCHASED — WILL BRING 800 TONS OF SALT TO PRINCE RUPERT

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—Making the first of two big schooners to be secured by the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company for cod fishing purposes in the Behring Sea, the American three-masted schooner, Albert Meyer, has been purchased by the company from Mr. J. H. Baxter, of San Francisco.

will be discharged at the company's plant at Prince Rupert.

Mr. Greer Starrett, head of the huge Canadian fishing concern, who appointed an agent to take a trip down the coast in search of two wind jammers, received confirmation of the purchase yesterday. He stated that the schooner just purchased, along with another craft, for which negotiations were under way would continue to use sail power and that no auxiliaries would be installed.

Bald-Headed Schooner
The new Canadian schooner is of the "bald-headed" type of coasting schooners in the lumber trade, having pole masts with no top masts. She is of the same type as the G.T.P.'s three-masted barge North Bend. She was built at Eureka in 1896 and is 156 feet long, 36 feet beam and 12 feet draught. She is 459 gross tons.

To Preserve Fish
They will act in conjunction with the deep-sea trawlers brought from England by the company and will care for all edible varieties of fish brought up by the fishing vessels. They will carry hundreds of tons of salt for preserving the fish until loads are secured for the trip to Prince Rupert cannery and storage plant. The schooners will make alternate trips to port.

The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage company's new halibut schooner, built at the Vancouver shipyards, was launched from the ways successfully yesterday morning shortly after 7 o'clock. The craft looks well in the water and has sufficient freeboard to insure good carrying capacity. She will have a 125-horse power engine installed before being returned to the ways for the finishing touches.

The Albert Meyer recently discharged 40,000 feet of lumber taken on at Gray's harbor for San Diego. Her master was Captain Holmes, of San Francisco, who has turned his command over to a master selected to bring the schooner to British Columbia from San Diego. The Albert Meyer will be registered under the Canadian flag after being brought north. She is taking on a cargo of 800 tons of salt at the California port which

Tickets for the Bethany Girls Skating Party can be had at Orme's 3rd Avenue Drug Store. 36

Mr. F. W. Hart begs to announce that his store in the Hart Block, 3rd Ave., will be closed until his return from Victoria, in a week or ten days' time. The key of the store has been left with the Mack Realty Co. 281f

Mrs. J. R. Beatty was amongst the arrivals this morning on the Prince Rupert.

For sale by McCaffery & Gibbons, two ten acre tracts at Terrace, \$550.00 each on good terms. 36-40