

SURVIVOR TELLS OF SINKING OF THE "CALIFORNIA"

BOY CAMPERS FACE STARVATION — PUBLIC PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR RAIN IN KANSAS

SIX YOUNG ROBINSON CRUSOES HAVE A VERY HUNGRY HOLIDAY

**BOYS WHO LEFT HERE A WEEK AGO ON A CAMPING TRIP
UNDERESTIMATED THEIR GRUB SUPPLY AND
FASTED THREE DAYS.**

The lives of Robinson Crusoe and other dwellers in desert lands are all very nice to read out, but not at all pleasant to experience is the opinion of six hungry boys who were brought yesterday in a somewhat exhausted condition and with very envious appetites after a week's holiday on an island some distance to the southwest of here. A party consisted of George Hebert and several of his companions.

The lads started off a week ago yesterday on a camping trip. They were taken to their destination by Hector Hebert, of Hebert Stein. They said they had abundant provisions to last them ten days and intended to spend a long on their holiday.

No agreement was made with Hebert as to taking them over yesterday morning, however, and see how they were faring. He started off early, before breakfast, and slipped half a dozen or so biscuits in his pocket when he felt hungry.

When he arrived at the island he found Walley and his friends prepared to give him a most enthusiastic reception. Indeed, if he had not had those precious biscuits in his pocket there is no telling but that they might have simply slipped him into the stew pot and enjoyed him that way, for they were ravenously hungry. They had eaten nothing to speak of for days, they said, and they fell on those biscuits like a pack of wolves on a stray steer.

It seemed that they had feasted in royal fashion the first day and taken the crown of glory off their grub pile. The next couple of days they still had as good appetites, but didn't have as good grub. And then they had two or three days without any food at all except some fish they were given by the Indians.

These young Crusoes were pretty glad to leave that desert island and get back where they could catch the pleasant whiff from the cooking of a good dinner.

MONTANA MEN WHO ARE OWNERS OF ROCHER DE BOULE CLAIMS

TELL SEATTLE PEOPLE MINERAL WEALTH NEAR RUPERT REMINDS THEM OF BONANZA DAYS—ORDER LOTS OF MACHINERY.

Seattle, Aug. 22.—Phil, Gillis and Dr. J. R. E. Sievers of Butte, Mont., are Seattle visitors this week, and they relate tales of the mineral wealth in the vicinity of Prince Rupert that remind the old timers of bonanza days.

Mr. Gillis and Dr. Sievers are timers in the mining game, together with Dan J. Williams, who own the Rocher de Boule mine, not far from Hazelton, B. C. Surprisingly, Gillis was both discussing the discovery at the Rocher de Boule properties.

"We have great faith in the country and the samples have convinced the best engineers we have been able to engage that the mine is worth while," said he.

"We have ordered \$50,000 worth of machinery and intend to proceed immediately with development work. The ore doesn't appear to be difficult to handle. It runs high in values and we believe that the mine will become one of the big producers of the Hazelton district."

Mr. Gillis and Dr. Sievers are both Butte men who were heavily interested in Montana copper properties during the days when the metal was worth from 20 to 26 cents per pound. They have recently made a visit to the property, accompanied by Dan J. Williams, a mining engineer of experience.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LOWERS PRICES IN INTERIOR

**WHEAT IS NOW OFFERED FOR \$35.00 PER TON—UNTIL LATELY
IT WAS \$68.00—SMITHERS A GREAT
MINING CENTRE.**

Mr. Cork, the official photographer for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, accompanied by his son, returned last night from a two months' trip into the interior as far as Fraser Lake. All along the line beyond Moricetown Mr. Cork reports remarkable agricultural development and as a result the prices of many products have been reduced. As an example, hay is now being offered in the far interior at \$38 per ton, whereas the contract price for the construction camps was \$68. One rancher this year has grown a small field of wheat which compares favorably with the best that can be produced on the prairies.

Speaking of the mineral prospects, Mr. Cork was most enthusiastic. On the Hudson Bay Mountain, located at Smithers, there are some valuable properties, and preparations are now under way for their development. Now that the railway has arrived there some wonderful developments may be expected. Mr. Cork says that the mines alone in the Hudson Bay Mountain are

sufficient to make Smithers a flourishing business centre. During his trip Mr. Cork secured many photographs which will be used to advertise the unlimited resources of the great interior as well as a large collection showing the unequalled scenic splendor of the Grand Trunk Pacific Route.

NEW POST OFFICE

Work on Excavation to Begin Shortly.

Word has been received here that work on the excavation for the new post office, which is to be erected on Third avenue, facing the Provincial buildings, will be under the charge of G. B. Hull, the local engineer of the public works department. The work is to commence as soon as Mr. Hull returns from the south.

Launch Alice B for hire. Telephone Green 394, Davis' Float. 155-1f

FIRE AT TERRACE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

**Section Foreman's House and
Work Train Sleeping Car
Destroyed**

Terrace, Aug. 23.—A disastrous fire occurred in the early hours of Friday morning which destroyed the sleeping car of the work train, and also the section foreman's house here. It was discovered by one of the railroad gang about 2.30 a.m. He immediately awakened the other occupants of the car and the majority of them were able to save their personal possessions. Five or six men lost everything. Within a few minutes of the first alarm the roof of the car appeared to be a mass of flames which very soon leaped across and caught the roof of the building near.

It was then impossible on account of the heat and smoke to save the latter. Meanwhile the gang were working energetically to save the rest of the train, and by means of crowbars, etc., were able to move it along the track sufficiently far to be out of the fire zone. Two men were slightly hurt while fighting the fire but in neither case was the injury serious.

An accident occurred at the mill on Friday morning, when Mr. Davis had his foot injured while attending to part of the machinery.

Mr. Vigiers returned on Saturday from a visit to the East.

Mr. J. Kircaldy's tent was burned out at Lakelse on Thursday night.

Mrs. Ross, of Kitsumkalum Lake, left on Thursday for Prince Rupert.

Rev. A. J. Wilson is spending a few days in the coast city.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS

**Change at Noon Recess Made—
Miss Eason Takes Place of
Miss Wilson.**

There has been a slight change in the hours of the public school. An extra half hour has been added to the time for luncheon at noon and the school is accordingly in session until half an hour later in the afternoon.

The principal is specially anxious that all the new pupils will present themselves during the coming week. A number of the pupils were missing at the opening of the Seal Cove school today. Miss Taylor is taking the place for a few days of Miss Moore at the Seal Cove school. The place left vacant by the presumed death of Miss Wilson is being taken by Miss Eason of Vancouver, a sister of the Miss Eason who has been on the teaching staff here for some time.

MAPLE BAY CLAIMS

**Now Being Surveyed by Ritchie,
Agnew & Co.**

The Flewin holdings at Maple Bay, embracing a large area of mineral claims, are being surveyed by A. E. Wright, a member of the firm of Ritchie, Agnew & Co., provincial land surveyors of Prince Rupert. Walter Flewin is accompanying the party, who have taken the launch Lakanian. They will be here sometime next week before returning to Prince Rupert.—Portland Canal Miner.

THE WEATHER.

The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer, 29.806; maximum temperature, 60; minimum temperature, 58; precipitation, .34 inch.

The steamship Camosun discharged a cargo of building material for the new Premier Hotel building on Saturday.

SHUSHANNA STAMPEDE.

That the city of Prince Rupert should derive untold benefits from the present rush to Shushanna cannot be denied. Everybody knows that the Klondike rush was responsible for Seattle's first great boom. If Prince Rupert is to derive any appreciable advantage from the present rush it will do so only by united action on the part of its business men. One concern in this city, J. Piercy, Morris & Co., Ltd., has set a splendid example for some of the other business men in using the newspapers to advertise for this business. Prince Rupert, on account of its geographical situation should secure a large proportion of the outfitting business in this present rush for gold, but it must get busy and go after it. Let the outside world know that we are catering for the business and capable of handling it and we shall get it. The business men should get together and discuss ways and means of identifying Prince Rupert with the Shushanna rush.

LARGE CROWD ON STEAMER RUPERT

**The Prince Rupert Arrived from
the South on Saturday with
Many on Board.**

The steamer Prince Rupert arrived from the south Saturday morning with a big crowd of passengers, among whom were the following: J. MacAuley, Mr. Knott, G. J. Anderson, Miss Knott, G. H. Caig, Miss Klippert, Mr. Goldbloom, G. Rock, W. C. Tickle, Mrs. Nathmall, Miss Nathmall, Mr. Lambert, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Seamure, Mr. Kurston, Dr. Montizambert, Mrs. McGregor, Miss Montizambert, W. J. Bray, H. Fingstrom, Mr. Allison, F. Hiscocke, C. R. Murray, Mr. Creighton, F. G. Kelly, Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Dr. Pallant, Mrs. Ensign, Miss Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Collart, C. Pratt, J. Jones, Mrs. Sowbarry, Mrs. Van Zanlen, H. Cochrane, H. J. Ward, T. Taggett, J. Ritchie, Mrs. Lindsay and child, Miss Shrubbsall, Mr. Davis, Miss Martin, J. Rutherford, Ida Roberts, D. Hunter, A. J. Hunter, J. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Macklens, Mrs. and Miss Jenns, Miss Kate McDonald, S. M. Frome, Mr. Coutey, Miss Grant, Mrs. Coyney and Miss Coyney, Rev. E. O'Meara, R. S. O'Meara, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Holland, Miss Johnstone, Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Agnew, Mrs. McLean, Miss Teane, Miss Noble, Miss Kuster, C. B. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elliott, W. Rooney, Mrs. M. Guerris, Mrs. Elkmoot, T. A. Kelly, F. Haydon, F. H. Taylor, E. Gamon, Captain Stride, Ensign Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Weekes.

QUARANTINE OFFICIAL

**Dr. Montizambert Arrived Here
Saturday Morning.**

Dr. F. Montizambert, I. S. O., director general of public health, arrived here Saturday morning by the steamer Prince Rupert to begin an inspection of the Pacific Coast quarantine service. On the return trip he will spend several days in Vancouver before visiting Victoria and the quarantine station at William Head.

Dr. Montizambert has stated that he intends to make an especially detailed inspection of the latter station with a view to making recommendations for improvements in the service owing to the rapid development of the shipping trade. Later he will attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association at Colorado Springs, Colo., before proceeding to Regina, where the Canadian Public Health Association will assemble on September 18th.

CAMPBELL WINS

He Will Fight Ritchie on Labor Day.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—Ray Campbell defeated Eddie Moy on points in a ten round fight here today. The former will now meet Willie Ritchie for the lightweight title on Labor Day.

The two boys fought at 135 pounds each. Ritchie is matched with the winner in Vancouver on Labor Day, as the fight with Welsh has been postponed until the 20th on account of an injury to the latter's ankle.

BLOOMQUIST FINED

For Carelessness in His Blasting Operations.

Peter Bloomquist, foreman for Archie McDougall, was fined \$5 and \$2 costs in the police court this morning for having allowed some carelessness in blasting operations, whereby a rock was blown on to the verandah of H. E. Gampp's house, six hundred feet away from the scene of operations.



WILLIAM G. MARTIN.

The Toronto milliner who was mysteriously murdered in New York. He was found murdered in a room on West Fifty-seventh street, New York City, late Tuesday night. His head was beaten in by some blunt instrument, and there were stabs behind each of his ears. The motive was evidently robbery, as the man's pockets were rifled and many valuables from his person were gone. He was visiting New York for the purpose of purchasing his fall stock of millinery.

* Many a man's cordial handshake is due to the fact that he needs that dollar in your pocket.

**EXCEPTIONALLY
Good Programme
AT THE
MAJESTIC
THEATRE**

All This Week

No Advance in Prices

Admission 10c and 15c

SURVIVOR'S VIVID ACCOUNT OF GAMBIER BAY DISASTER

**THE FIRST TO REACH HERE OF THE SAVED FROM WRECK
TELLS OF TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES DURING THE
SINKING**

The first of the survivors from the wreck of the steamship State of California to arrive here was Mr. Shaw, of Vancouver, who came down on the ss. Princess Sophia on Saturday evening and spent a few hours here before continuing on his way south in that vessel. D. R. O'Neill and Thurmont Brown, who were expected to arrive by the Princess Sophia will not be here till Wednesday.

Mr. Shaw was one of the passengers who went on board the "State of California" at Prince Rupert. He had been here for some months in connection with the winding up of the Renworth & Jefferson business. He went north for a pleasure trip before returning to Vancouver.

Mr. Shaw gave a graphic description of the catastrophe and its attendant circumstances. The steamer had not left the cannery at Gambier Bay more than a quarter of a mile, when, while going ahead at full speed she

struck a rock. The whole ship shuddered with the shock of the impact so that her passengers realized that some terrible accident had occurred and great numbers of them came rushing to the decks.

The captain immediately ordered the engines to be reversed and headed the vessel for a point on the shore, a little ahead, where it would be possible to make a good landing. Seeing shortly that there would not be any time for this, he then turned her for the nearest shore, although it was so shelving that it would have been hoping almost too much to expect to make a safe landing there. However the vessel had not ploughed her way more than a few hundred feet when she sank. As she was at the same time pointing downward and going at full speed she appeared like an immense monster diving into the water. With

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PUBLIC PRAYERS FOR RAIN NOW BEING MADE IN KANSAS

**GOVERNOR REFUSED TO ISSUE PROCLAMATION, BELIEVING
EFFICACY OF PRAYER DID NOT EXTEND TO
FLOODS OR DROUGHTS.**

Kansas City, Aug. 22.—Prayers for rain were asked for in Kansas and Missouri today by citizens and clergymen who believe that sporadic prayers are not sufficient to end the drought that has beset the southwest for more than three weeks. In Kansas hundreds of persons wrote to Governor Hodges asking him to issue a proclamation calling for a day of public prayer. The governor declined.

"I believe in the efficacy of prayer," he said, "but not in the case of flood or drought."

Bishop J. J. Hennessey, of the

Roman Catholic diocese of Wichita, issued an order that on next Sunday an hour should be given in each church in the diocese for special devotions and "ferveat in prayer to our blessed Lord to terminate the present unusually protracted dry spell."

At Springfield, Mo., the Rev. J. F. McDonald, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, announced public services would be held tomorrow to offer prayer for rain. The region around Springfield is experiencing one of the most serious droughts ever known.

MORE BIG VESSELS FOR COAST SERVICE

**C. P. R. Has Placed Order for Two
New Ships—Biggest on
the Coast.**

The order for two new boats for the British Columbia coast service of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been placed with Denny Bros., Dumbarton, Scotland. They will be the biggest vessels in the coast service, as they will have a length of 380 feet and 54 feet beam. They are required to have a trial speed of 22 1-2 knots. The boats are to be ready in the spring of 1915.

SCORES AT THE RANGES

**Private Lamb Won the Handicap
Shoot for the Spoon.**

Although the weather was decidedly unpleasant yesterday and not conducive to good shooting, there was a good turnout of the members of the Earl Grey's Rifles. Private Lamb won the handicap shoot for the spoon. Following are the scores:

	200	500	600	Total
Lieut. McMordie	33	32	31	96
Serjt. Brown	34	32	29	95
Pte. Little	30	32	32	94
Serjt. Jack	30	30	33	93
Pte. Matheson	31	31	31	93
Corp. Averill	27	31	31	89
Pte. Lamb	32	30	26	88
Pte. Holland	26	31	29	86
Pte. McLean	27	30	28	85
Col. Serjt. Leck	29	27	28	84
Pte. Russell	28	32	20	80
Pte. Roche	25	32	21	78
Pte. Baird	22	16	25	63
Pte. Duff	21	11	13	45

JAP VESSEL IS AT GOVERNMENT WHARF

**Simple Explanation Given for the
Taking On of More Ballast
at Digby Island.**

The Japanese vessel which has been such a centre of mystery for the last few days is now tied up at the Government wharf. She was an object of great interest yesterday, and almost all day a crowd of people was gazing at her, watching the wiry little Japs with their dark faces, close cropped heads and sandaled feet. Overhead was the flak of the Land of the Rising Sun, a red disc on a white ground.

The Japs give a very simple account of their reason for taking in ballast at Digby Island. It was thought strange by many local people that the vessel should need to take in more ballast here for the short trip to New Westminster after having made the long trans-Pacific trip without any. The Japs say, however, that they had two hundred tons of coal in ballast on the way over. As they struck bad weather for sailing they consumed this coal on the voyage. They had therefore to take in ballast for the trip to New Westminster.

The barque is likely to be here for some days yet, and she still remains an object of mystery to the general public.

Men like to talk as well as women do, but they want pay for it.