

PROUD LINER HELD ON ROCKS



Driven on rocks by gale and heavy seas, the White Star liner Celtic is shown held fast off Roches Point, near Queenstown, Ireland. Among the 266 passengers taken off safely were several survivors of the S. S. Vestris disaster.

at Calgary, where Mrs. Russell is visiting.

Weather in Smithers has been anything but Christmassy and has included a good deal of rain.

Christmas business was rather slow in getting under way in Smithers this year and Monday was reported by most of the merchants to be the biggest shopping day.

Extensive improvements are being made to the community hall at Burns Lake.

Miss Irene McIntyre is home for Christmas and New Year from her studies at Columbian College, New Westminster. Miss Marjorie Warner and Misses A. and N. Harmon are home from convent at Prince Rupert.

NEW HAZELTON

The Felix Bridge Club met this week at the home of Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Miss L. Morrice has resigned, after having been teacher of the Hazelton children's school at Kispiox for six years, and left at the end of last week for her home in Vancouver.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment for Hazelton children was held in the Assembly Hall this afternoon, the feature of

the festivities being a visit from Santa Claus.

Miss Jacquot, school teacher, has been spending the holiday at Evelyn with friends.

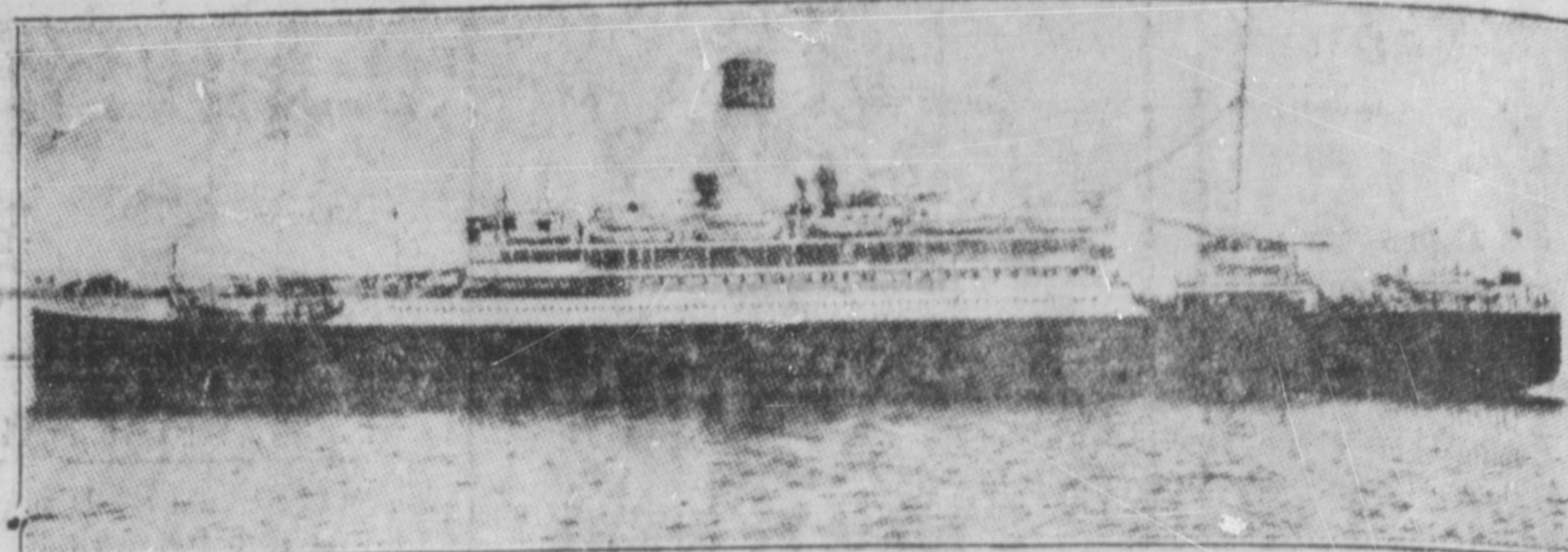
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Benson and family spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mrs. Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanley, Francois Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wrench entertained the nursing staff of

the Hazelton Hospital and other friends at a big Christmas dinner. There were 30 guests in all.

An American music critic remarked of a young lady who sang at a high-class concert that she "was pretty enough to make a wonderful singer some day."

VESTRIS' SISTER SHIP TO BE USED IN TEST



The owners of the ill-fated Vestris, which went down off the Virginia Capes after springing leaks and listing, causing the deaths of more than one hundred passengers, have decided to allow the sister ship, Vauban, to be tilted in a similar manner, in an effort to solve the mystery of the Vestris' sinking. Above is a picture of the liner Vauban, which is now on her regular South American voyage.

Dominion of Canada Shows Much Progress in Various Directions During the Closing Year

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Nineteen twenty-eight was a good year to Canada—a good year for the farmers and the factory hands; a good year for the financiers and investors. It was a year with large crops, and fair prices, even though bad weather reduced the quality of wheat in the west; a year of industrial prosperity and full pay envelopes. Railway earnings increased beyond the most optimistic hopes of the managements. Climatic conditions throughout the year were good.

The results of the quinquennial censuses of the three prairie provinces showed substantial increases in population, especially in Saskatchewan and Alberta, while both Ontario and Quebec showed substantial growth, largely urban. Two important events in railway development during the year were the purchase by the C. P. R. of the Lacombe and Northwestern railway from the Alberta government and a joint purchase by the C.P.R. and C.N.R. of the Alberta railways into the Peace River country, which foreshadowed big developments in that section and in northern British Columbia during the coming year. Experiments in the haulage of Alberta coal to Ontario and of Nova Scotia coal to Central Canada were subsidized by the Dominion, but did not reach the proportions hoped for, despite substantial reductions in freight rates. In other inter-provincial trade exchanges there was considerable progress, western fruit and product invading the eastern markets to a marked degree.

Taken altogether the year 1928 was not marked by any great event of domestic importance in federal politics, its chief developments being external. Parliament met in January when Hon. R. B. Bennett assumed his duties as leader

of the opposition and during its four months passed considerable legislation. The budget resolutions reduced the duties on textiles and a few other articles and lowered the income tax. The former departments governing health and soldiers' civil re-establishment were merged as the department of pensions and health. There was some debating about the natural resources of the western provinces and also concerning the St. Lawrence waterway.

Diplomatically the year has been an epoch-making one. It has seen the arrival of the first British commissioner to Canada, in the person of Sir William Clark, who assumed his duties at Ottawa on September 22; the appointment of the first Canadian minister to France, Hon. Philippe Roy, and the arrival of Hon. G. J. Knight, the first French minister to Canada, who presented his credentials on November 16. On July 20 Japan opened her first legation at Ottawa. The government has intimated that diplomatic relations with Japan will be extended further in the near future.

Canada participated largely in world events in the 12 months. Premier Mackenzie King proceeded to Paris to sign the anti-war treaty which originated with Hon. F. B. Kellogg, secretary of state at Washington, and also took part in several meetings of the League of Nations, of which he was elected a vice-president. He opened the new Canadian embassy in Paris.

British Columbia began the payment of old age pensions, in co-operation with the Dominion, during the year; and Manitoba and Saskatchewan also adopted the proposal. The Yukon council adopted a resolution which will bring the system into force there in 1929. In Ontario, Premier Ferguson announced that his province, too, would have some proposals on the subject.

A royal commission is investigating the financial relations between the Dominion and Manitoba in connection with the transfer of the natural resources, and it is possible that a similar arrangement will have to be made with British Columbia in regard to a claim for the revenue from railway lands involved in the construction of the C.P.R. over 40 years ago.

A convention of Liberal women representative of the whole Dominion was held at Ottawa in April at which Hon. Mary Ellen Smith of Vancouver was elected president; and in November a big Conservative convention at Toronto brought the women into action on equal terms with the men.

District News

TERRACE

C. H. Castle of Vanderhoof, was a visitor here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Holmwood returned on Saturday from Prince Rupert.

Dudley Little accompanied the Terrace Basketball Team to Prince Rupert on Thursday and returned on Saturday.

Miss Ruby Krikevsky of Prince Rupert is a holiday visitor at the home of Miss Mona Greig.

The members of the Anglican Church children's choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Colthurst on Thursday evening. A jolly evening was spent by the youngsters in games and frolics. Santa Claus also made a special trip and treated them during the evening. Refreshments were much enjoyed by the boys and girls before leaving for home.

John Smith and A. A. McDonald of U.S. were in town at the end of the week.

Miss Kathleen Burnett returned on Saturday from Prince Rupert where she was bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Mayme Dobb to G. S. Anderson on Wednesday last.

Jas. Turnbull of Hazelton was a business visitor here Thursday.

Matt Allard was in from Kalam Lake on Friday.

The B. D. Bridge Club met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. George Dover.

Miss Halliwell of Prince Rupert, who has been holidaying at her home here left on Saturday for Smithers where she will spend the remainder of her vacation.

Orval Kenney left on Saturday for Prince Rupert to receive treatment for an injured knee.

Mrs. J. Raven, who returned on Wednesday after accompanying Mr. Raven to the Prince Rupert hospital, left on Saturday for her home in Remo after spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. Hunter.

The Misses Alice, Dorothy and Marjorie Steinhoff of Dorreen are visitors at the home of Mrs. George Graham, Park Avenue.

Miss Esther Moore of Vancouver arrived on Saturday to spend a holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore.

George Little of Terrace, who is at present in eastern Canada, spent Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, Attwood, Ont. Mrs. Morrison is Mrs. George Dover's mother.

SMITHERS

P. G. Russell, assistant superintendent for the Canadian National Railways, spent Christmas



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TO those dear to you, you are the greatest man in the world . . . the wisest and the most far-sighted. They trust you to protect them from hardship and privation. And to the best of your ability you would do so.

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You realize that their confidence challenges you to greater vigilance in their behalf. Have you made the provision for them that you know to be

necessary? Is your Life Insurance sufficient to meet their needs? Do you realize that \$5,000 invested at 6% yields an income of less than \$6 per week?

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