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## HEARTRENDING TALE OF THE SEA

### Schooner Driven Ashore In Alaska And Broken In Two—Crew Suffer Hardship Before Securing Assistance

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(Special)—The schooner *Czarina*, which arrived today from Pirate Cove, Alaska, brought news that the schooner *John A. Milton*, which sailed from San Francisco, Nov. 21, for Bear Harbor, Alaska, was driven ashore during a gale on Jan. 8, at Loatoc's Peninsula, and was broken in two. Ten of the crew died from exposure and it is believed twenty-five of the survivors are still on the Peninsula. Two of the crew put out in a dory for assistance, and arrived at Wand Point after six days' hardships.

## SAYS U.S. NAVY IS ALMOST USELESS

### Commander Sims Gave Senate Committee Frank Opinion On Ships Also Declared American Squadron's Gunnery "Most Disgraceful Exhibition"

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7.—Commander William H. Sims, naval aide to President Roosevelt, by his own statement, is responsible for the "row" over criticisms of battleship construction. At the outset of his testimony before the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, yesterday, he gave the committee to understand it could expect some sensations. "The armor belt on all our battleships is too low," Commander Sims stated broadly. He charged that the statements made by Rear Admirals Converse and Capps were misleading. "There might be a heavy sea running and the fleet not able to use their guns for a week. Then the ships would need full bunkers." Admiral Capps asked the witness if he knew whether the bottoms of the ships were full of water when they arrived at Rio. Commander Sims had no data in this regard, so Admiral Capps declined to continue. He commented that it was "obvious" that the witness had no data on which to base his criticism. The question of turret construction and the relative merit of direct and interrupted ammunition hoists were then taken up. The commander gave a description of the open turret with the direct hoists, which pictured the dangers in a graphic manner. Commander Sims characterized the shooting by the American squadron as the "most disgraceful exhibition of gunnery that ever took place on the face of the globe." He said that only one-half per cent. of hits were averaged and four per cent was the best average by the big guns.

### TRIBESMEN ARE TOO WELL ARMED

LONDON, March 7.—An interesting result of the diffusion of modern arms of precision among uncivilized peoples is recorded by the correspondent accompanying the British expedition against the Zakhia Khol tribesmen on the Indian border. The war-like Afridis, whose blood feud customs are notorious, have long made sacrifices to obtain modern weapons. Now every man possesses a high class rifle and life has become so insecure among them that there is not a man or woman but goes in constant fear of death, and every one passes his life trying to kill his enemies in order to save himself.

### ANOTHER MERCHANDISE NIGHT TONIGHT

\$2.50 in Gold as the Leader in Prizes. A Handsome Oak Table; Another Rocking Chair—Sett of Flat Irons, Nickle Plated; a Bag of Flour etc.

Such are the leading prizes for another Merchandise Night at Wonderland, the date for it being this evening. The list of handsome prizes is added to by an elegant oak table and the choice of articles was so uniform in the same lines have been followed, making the selections for tonight. Where an improvement could be made it has been done, as for instance the handsome table, gives still more value to the list. The remaining prizes are good, a joke sandwiched in here and there with a monetary value, or the usefulness of the gift. Merchandise Night at Wonderland has become a recognized feature of the house, and nothing so popular has ever been thought of in the line of getting good entertainment thrown in with free gifts, as this same Merchandise evening. Twenty prizes in all are given a-

## HAS EMPEROR BEEN INDISCREET

### Quite AFurore In England Over The Correspondence Between German Emperor And Lord Tweedmouth

LONDON, Mar. 8.—(Special)—As a result of official explanation that are given here and in Berlin of Emperor William's Tweedmouth correspondence opinion is expressed by the majority of the morning newspapers that *The Times* has discovered a "mare's nest" or at least has unnecessarily magnified the importance of the affair. Pending Lord Tweedmouth's promised statement on Monday next, however, decided comments are withheld. The Daily Telegraph in a statement claiming to be a true explanation of the affair, describes the Emperor's letter as an innocent, and hastily-penned, afterdinner note of colloquial character, unsuited for publication in its verbatim form. While all the newspapers agree as to the advisability of publishing the correspondence if the Emperor's consent is obtained, in order to clear up all suspicions, it is considered impossible that either house of parliament could call for its publication; as such an action would amount to an insult to the Emperor. That both the Emperor William and Lord Tweedmouth have been guilty of a serious indiscretion there is but one opinion, and even newspapers friendly to the government remind Lord Tweedmouth that it was his duty to submit such a communication to the cabinet. Lord Tweedmouth is seriously taken to task for allowing the contents of the letter to become known.

## PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND BOYS COMING TO CANADA IN HOCKEY MATCH

OTTAWA, March 7.—In a debate in the Dominion House of Commons recently regarding the celebration to take place this summer of the Plains of Abraham, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the King was expected to attend at the first but His Majesty could not come. It was expected the British fleet and the French fleet would be present. The Governor General has received the assurance that the Prince of Wales had expressed his willingness to be present. In this connection Sir Wilfrid read the following letter from Lord Grey:—

Government House, Ottawa, March 3rd, 1908. My Dear Sir Wilfrid:—It gives me great pleasure to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in response to your invitation has graciously signified his willingness to attend the Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec by Champlain, provided they can be held during the last week of July. The rearranged movements of the Atlantic Fleet which will accompany the Prince of Wales makes it necessary for his Royal Highness to arrive on the 22nd of July and to depart on the morning of the 29th of July. His Royal Highness regrets that for this reason his stay in the Dominion must be curtailed so as to make it impossible for him to visit places other than Quebec on this occasion. Lord Elgin, who is anxious to do everything in his power to make the Tercentenary a success, wishes to congratulate the Dominion on the important announcement which it is my privilege to request you to make my friend, of His Royal Highness' approaching visit, joining most sincerely in those congratulations, I remain, Yours very sincerely, (Sgd.) GREY.

## TO COMPLY WITH NINE HOUR LAW

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—American railways in compliance with the provisions of the "Nine-hour law," the operation of the law will mean the employment by railroad companies of several thousand additional operators, and the closing of a large number of small stations on the 4th of March. The discontinuance of railway service at many points, it is realized, will induce at least temporary inconvenience to the travelling and shipping public, but in order to reduce operating expenses which now seems necessary, the operating officials believe this is the only way they possibly can meet the situation.

## MISS HARRADEN IS SUFFRAGIST

LONDON, March 7.—Beatrice Harraden, the author of "Ships That Pass in the Night," and other novels, is championing the cause of the suffragettes with voice and pen. The imprisonment of Mrs. Pankhurst for her attempted raid on parliament roused her to issue this rallying call to women: "If Mrs. Pankhurst spoke the truth—and there is no reason to believe that a woman of her character and ideals would stand in the dock and lie like a trooper, she was not only wrongfully arrested, but wrongfully imprisoned. It would be cowardly in us who believe in the same principle, not to rally round her."

### Author Of Ships That Pass, Etc—Wants To Vote

## THE FISHERY QUESTION UP

### Is Practically In a Fair Way To Be Settled—Terms Of a Treaty Being Drawn Up

OTTAWA, March 8.—(Special)—The Provisions will probably be made basis of an agreement has practically been reached between the United States and Canada relative to a final settlement of the fisheries question on all boundary waters; and arrangements are being made for the drafting of a special treaty between the two countries. The fisheries question is the first to be settled of the outstanding issues between two countries which were caused by Ambassador Bryce's visit to the Government during his recent visit.

## CHINAMEN ARE FOUND GUILTY

### Of The Murder Of Their Country Men In Boston Last August

BOSTON, Mass., March 8.—(Special)—The jury in the Chinese murder trial brought in a verdict of guilty of murder, in the first degree, against the nine Chinamen who have been on trial on the charge of murdering four Chinamen in Boston on August 2nd last.

## BIG SENSATION IN OLD ENGLAND

### Over Supposed Attempt of German Emperor to Meddle in Naval Affairs, Now Partially Explained, Still an Awkward Episode.

LONDON, March 8.—(Special)—An outburst of anger against Emperor William by the British public, equaling that caused by the German Emperor's famous message to President Kruger some years ago, has followed the announcement made this morning by *The Times* that Emperor William tried to influence the British Prime minister to issue a statement on official matters.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserve tomorrow night for the lecture in Grace Church. A silver collection will be taken at the door.

### COMING EVENTS

Red Rose meeting, Lodge Prince Edward S. O. E., Tuesday, March 10. Minard's Liniment Cures Burns.

## HOOK NIGHT AT FAIRYLAND

### FIRST PRIZE—GOLD PIECE

There Will also be a Consolation Prize for the Loser. Change of Moving Pictures, Illustrated Songs by Maddison and Harney. Fun will hold high carnival at "Fairyland" tonight and enjoyment will reign undisputed. Tonight will be "Hook" Night when the amateurs will have their innings. Already quite a number of representatives of local talent have entered. All others who desire to compete will kindly send in their names either to Mr. Maddison at the Hotel Plaza or to Mr. Harney at the Queen Hotel. The first prize will be a gold piece and there will be a consolation prize also for the loser.

### THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 7.—(Special)—Southernly and westerly winds, cloudy and mild, with some light showers.

### THE STEAMER ROTTERDAM LAUNCHED

BELFAST, March 7.—The steamer "Rotterdam," the 24,170-ton Holland-American liner, has been successfully launched here. An attempt was made on Feb. 23 to launch the "Rotterdam," but the liner refused to take the water owing to the tremendous pressure on the ways which had not been properly greased.

### THE CURE FOR SICK WOMEN.

When pains gather round the hips and lodge in the small of the back—when to stoop or bend seems impossible, when dizzy spells and bearing down pains are ever present,—that's the time to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. The irregularities disappear, vital energy is restored, back trouble is forgotten. The ailing sick woman gains strength improves in looks, increases in spirit by using Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They cure the conditions that rob her of health and vigor. No medicine so helpful as Dr. Hamilton's Pills. 25c. at all dealers.

## The Ice Is In Perfect Condition For Skating At the Big Arena Rink To-night.