

have passed the storstad a greater distance on his beam than he originally intended. We do not think, however, that his stopping, which was really done for greater caution, can be said to have been an unseamanlike act, nor do we consider his failure to give a wider berth as a contributory cause of the disaster."

Dealing with the porting of the Storstad's helm, the report says the commission is unable to accept the view that it was done to counteract the effect of a current and as an act of prudent navigation.

Chief Officer Negligent.

"We are of the opinion," the report proceeds, "that Chief Officer Tuftens of the Storstad was negligent in omitting to call the captain when the fog was coming on. The captain is the man who ought to have been there. Mr. Tuftens says that he thought there was no danger and therefore, it did not matter. He was wrong. There was danger, and anyway it was his duty to obey the order which he had received to call the captain when the fog came on.

"We can come to no other conclusion than that Tuftens was wrong and negligent in altering his course in the fog, as he undoubtedly did, and that he was wrong and negligent in keeping the navigation of the vessel in his own hands, and in failing to call the captain when he saw the fog coming on.

The section closes with the remark that the disaster is not to be attributed to any characteristic of the St. Lawrence route. The recommendations of the commission include the closing of all watertight doors in foggy weather, and that wherever practicable all watertight doors and portholes below the water levels should be closed at sunset and kept closed to sunrise. Also that rafts be placed on deck in such a position that they will float automatically as the ship sinks.

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CELEBRATION AT CHILLIWACK

Orangemen of Districts 1 and 2 Hold Festivities in Fraser Valley Town Celebrating Boyne Day.

Special to the News-Advertiser.

New Westminster, B. C. July 11.—The largest Orange celebration in which only Districts Nos. 1 and 2 were represented took place yesterday at Chilliwack, when the festivities incidental to the glorification of the historic Twelfth were carried out in splendid style. Superb weather favored the Orangemen, and the programme of sports and races left nothing to be desired.

The number of Orangemen at Chilliwack was estimated at between 2200 and 2300. Of this number about a thousand were from No. 1 District, which includes Chilliwack, Mission, Agassiz, Rosedale, Hammond and other nearby points. The balance came from No. 2 District, Westminster sending the biggest contingent, ten electric cars being required for the journey. Other sections which were well represented included Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam, Strawberry Hill, Aldergrove, Murrayville, White Rock, Hazelmore, Burnaby, Ladner, Surrey Centre, Port Moody and Milner.

The Hammond contingent chartered the Skeena river boat for the trip to Chilliwack, most of the Orangemen being accompanied by their wives and families.

On the arrival of Lodges 1150 and 1593, with W.M. W. F. Hansford in charge, Mayor Barber welcomed the

ferred to other boats which were despatched to the scene from the harbor.

CONSIGNEES MAY PROVISION MARU

Local Agents of Owners of Komagata Maru Said to Have Agreed to Put Supplies on Board for Return Voyage.

The Komagata Maru, with her 352 disappointed passengers, may weigh anchor in the near future and proceed whence she came. A well-founded report to the effect that Messrs. C. Gardner-Johnson & Company, as consignees of the vessel, had agreed to supply the necessary provisions for the return voyage, was in circulation, but Mr. C. Gardner-Johnson, head of the shipping company, is out of town for the week-end and confirmation could not be secured. Other officers of the company were not familiar with the transactions being carried on in connection with the Maru, and therefore could not make any statement. Should the report turn out to be authentic in all probability the ship will sail for other ports before this time next week and a history-making incident will thereby be closed.

Hindus Ashore Protesting

Hindus aboard the Komagata Maru are now looking forward to the time when the boat will be laden with stores sufficient to enable them to reach their native shores. It is no longer a question of continuing the fight here. So far as the Hindus on board are concerned their hope now is to get provisions to last them on their homeward journey.

Hindus ashore, however, are endeavoring to exercise their rights as charterers of the vessel and are contending that the cargo of coal should be unloaded and the ship turned over to them in order that they may load her for the return voyage with lumber or some other commodity. Action has not yet been taken to this end through the courts so far as could be learned. So the fight now, if there is still one, is entirely between the Japanese owners of the vessel and the shore Hindus as the charterers.

Gurdit Singh Responsible

It was asserted that damages would be asked by the Hindus from the Japanese owners of the vessel because they failed to carry out their part of the contract in agreeing to land the Hindus in Canada. Mr. J. Edward Bird, however, thinks the local Hindus as charterers have no responsibility for the provisioning of the ship. "He is of the opinion that Gurdit Singh, by reason of the passengers' contracts and tickets should be held responsible.

So that the Hindus might not go hungry over Sunday the immigration authorities saw to it that a fresh consignment of flour, cabbages, rice and water were sent aboard yesterday. They hope to recover the cost of these from the owners of the vessel. Thinking they would like to have their Sunday diet of a more toothsome order that the menu provided since short rations have prevailed, the Hindus yesterday requested that fifty fowl be sent aboard by the immigration authorities. They were informed, however, that the "hens were all busy laying eggs down on Lulu Island at the present time and could not be spared to them."

MAJORITY OF THREE

placing Esteva Ruiz, the acting minister, who will arrive here tomorrow on his way to Europe, would be named Provisional President. This appointment is said to have been sanctioned secretly by both General Venustiano Carranza, chief of the Constitutionals, and the United States, and assurances are said to have been given by the Constitutionals that hostilities will cease with Carbajal's assumption of office.

To Escort General to Coast.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock of the British squadron is now in Mexico City and it was generally reported today that the real purpose of his visit was to escort General Huerta and the latter's family personally to the coast, where they probably would board a British warship.

While it was impossible to obtain positive confirmation here the reports pointed out that many recent developments indicate the probability of some such plan having been made at the capital.

The departure of Senor De La Lama, Generals Joaquin and Mario, Maas and Roberto Esteva Ruiz is considered highly significant. All of these men have served Huerta faithfully and are among his closest counsellors. The Maas brothers are related to him by marriage and Senor De La Lama is second only to General Blanquet in position in the Huerta Cabinet. It is believed that General Huerta is giving them an opportunity to leave the country in safety before he himself departs, in the belief that their lives would be in danger in the capital after his departure.

The American consul at Vera Cruz, Mr. W. W. Canada, received a request from the Brazilian minister that De La Lama and Esteva Ruiz be protected when they reach this port and that all courtesies be extended to them by the American authorities.

First of Kind Received.

It is thought these messages were sent at the request of General Huerta. They are the first of the kind Consul Canada has received, although other officials of

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FIRST AID WORK BEFORE ROYALTY

Mr. Jonathan Rogers' Grounds to Be Scene of St. John Ambulance Demonstration During the Duke's Visit to City.

Major F. C. McTavish, honorary secretary of the St. John Ambulance Association of British Columbia yesterday received a communication from Mr. Arthur F. Sladen, private secretary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught stating that the royal party would be in Vancouver on August 17, 18 and 19, and repeating former assurances that His Royal Highness and members of the royal party would be pleased to attend a demonstration of the St. John Ambulance Association work when in this city.

This demonstration will be held in the handsome grounds of Mr. Jonathan Rogers on Nelson Street, the tennis court and other surroundings of the residence making an ideal setting for such an occasion. It is probable that the demonstration will take place during the afternoon of Monday, the first day of the royal visit. In view of the large number of Vancouver people who have always manifested a very deep interest in the St. John Ambulance work the affair promises to be one of the most important items on the programme of entertainment for the royal party.

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