

MINER'S SLOW DEATH IN PIT

DIARY FOUND ON BODY OF VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Describes Futile Efforts of Entombed Men to Escape From Workings.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24.—How it feels to die slowly down in the depths of a coal mine is related in a diary found in the clothing of one of the bodies taken from the St. Paul mine. It was begun on the day of the disaster, and was written by Samuel D. Howard, 21 years of age. It describes the slow death of the men by encroaching black damp, and refers to Samuel's efforts to save his brother Alfred, 16 years of age, who died by his side. The diary follows:

"Alive at 10:30 o'clock yet. By Sam D. Howard.

"Brother Alfred is with me. A good many dead mules and men. I tried to save some, but came almost losing myself. If I am dead, give my diamond ring to Mable Robinson. The ring is coming at the post office. Henry can have the ring I have in my good clothes. The only thing I regret is that my brother could not help my mother after I am dead and gone. I tried my best to get out but could not. I saw Jim Jamieson and Jim Thimble lying along the road and could not stand it any longer. It is five minutes past 11 o'clock and the air is fine, but sometimes it is so bad it almost puts a fellow's light out. It is something fierce to see men and mules lying down all over like that.

"To keep me from thinking I thought I could write these few lines. There is rock falling all over. We have our buckets full of water, pump water, and we drink it and bathe our heads with it. Ten to 12 o'clock, 7 after 10 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock and poor air and black damp; 4:15 o'clock, change of place. One man tried to get out and could not get back; 5:30 o'clock, tired, hungry and sleepy, but I could stand quite a bit of this if I could get out of this hole.

"Seven and fifty o'clock in the morning. This is Sunday. There is no air. We fanned ourself with bits of our buckets. Twenty-five after 9 and black damp coming both ways. Twenty-five after 10, we gave up all hopes. We have done all we could. The fan had better start above soon. Twenty-five after 10 a. m. Sunday. We are still alive. The only hope is the fan.

"I think I won't have strength to write soon. Twenty after 12 p. m., Sunday. If they can't give us air, we will make fans ourselves. We take our turn at the fan. We have three of them going. Twenty-seven to 3 p. m. and the black damp is coming in on us. Only for the fans we would be dead. Eleven to 4 p. m., dying for the want of air. We have six fans going. One fan after another, fifteen feet apart. Twenty-five after 10 p. m. Sunday evening, we all had to come back. We can't move front or backwards. We can stand it with our fans until Monday.

"Fifteen after 2 a. m., Monday morning. Am still alive. We are cold, hungry, weak, sick and everything else. Alfred Howard is still alive. "At 5 a. m. Monday morning. Still breathing. Something better turn up or we will be gone. 11:15 a. m., still alive at this time. Sixteen to 1 p. m. Monday. The lights are going out. I think this is our last. We are getting weak; Alfred Howard is well as all of us."

The diary was scribbled in lead pencil on loose leaves torn from an account book.

MERGER OF COPPER COMPANIES POSTPONED

Corporation Lawyers Believe it Unwise to Proceed With Organization.

New York, Nov. 25.—The proposed \$300,000,000 copper combine has been held up, temporarily at least, according to Wall Street reports. Lawyers for interests concerned can figure out the effect that the Standard Oil decision of last Saturday will have upon the merger. Prominent corporation lawyers were quoted as advising that it would be unwise to proceed with merger plans in the face of a decision so drastic and apparently prohibitive as that of last week.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS ON SHEEP CREEK

Development Work is Being Vigorously Carried Out—New Mills.

Vancouver, Nov. 24.—One of this province's wealthiest mineral districts is the Sheep Creek valley. Development work has been carried out during the past summer to a very large extent, as well as a large amount of exportation of the ore. W. G. Burnham, who has been inspecting that district and the properties opened up, gives an interesting resume of the work done. There are a number of claims being worked, the chief being the Queen. This has been in operation for some eight years, giving a steady output. In all, some \$500,000 has been exported. A 25-stamp mill has been set up, and the property is showing up remarkably well. It has been tunneled for some 500 feet. It was purchased a couple of years ago by a Wisconsin syndicate for \$175,000.

Second in importance is the Mother Lode, a property recently purchased for \$150,000 by J. L. McMartin, of Cobalt. Development work has occupied all the time of its owners, and some \$500,000 worth of ore has been exposed. The lower tunnel is a half mile long, from three to five feet with an excellent showing. In addition to this extensive work, new offices and bunk-houses have been erected; a new trail has been constructed where a mill will be constructed shortly.

The Nugget claim is the next most highly developed property. For the past twelve months, a five-stamp mill has been in operation, turning out from \$8,000 to \$10,000 monthly entirely from the stoping. Four levels have been opened for some 500 feet. In the lower tunnel, a shaft and a half foot high grade milling ore has been uncovered, which runs from \$40 to \$80. There is half a million dollars worth of ore in sight alone, and when exportation begins it is expected that the claims will be one of the richest in the district.

The Golden Fawn property has two parallel veins to the Nugget claim. It is only in the early stages of development, but the surface outcroppings show from \$33 to \$325. Two tunnels are being excavated, and a paystreak has been unearthed in the centre for some twenty feet, assaying \$185 to \$225. The property is being controlled and managed by Vancouver people. Other properties which are showing up very rich are the Searchlight, Bluebird, Lodestone, Clyde and Golden Bell. These have all excellent surface showings, but are only in the early stages of development.

The Bonanza claim is another healthy property, and was taken over last week for \$75,000 by a Vancouver syndicate.

As an instance of the wealth of this district, Mr. Burnham recalled that when looking after the Mother Lode on a 60-day lease, a \$250 gold ingot had been made during five days with a four-stamp mill. In spite of the fact that a carload of the best ore had been shipped, in addition to that there was another \$200 recovered from the concentrates.

At present there are scarcely 200 men at work, but shortly this force will have to be doubled; other properties are sure to be opened, and there is great probability of some extremely rich discoveries being made.

CASHIER SENTENCED.

Former Employee of Portland Post Office Gives Notice of Appeal.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—Charles S. Straus, former cashier of the Portland post office, who was convicted last July in the United States district court on a charge of embezzlement, was yesterday sentenced to serve eighteen months in the county jail and a fine of \$4,015.78, the amount of his discrepancy, imposed.

After the sentence had been imposed, Attorney John Stevenson, appearing for Straus, gave notice of appeal, and a stay bond of \$5,000 acknowledged by the court. Straus is given until January 4th to file on the appeal.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

New Westminster, Nov. 21.—The death occurred at St. Mary's hospital yesterday of Cameron Clifford, the three-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford, 1237 Richard street, Vancouver. The boy was kicked by the head and had his skull fractured by a horse while he was visiting his grandfather, D. D. Bourke, of Cariboo street, last Friday.

BY-LAWS PASSED BY ROYAL CITY COUNCIL

The Proposal to Build Old People's Home on Lower Mainland.

New Westminster, Nov. 24.—At the last meeting of the city council a letter was received from F. J. Underhill asking the opinion of the council in regard to building an old people's home somewhere in the lower mainland. If nothing were done by the government, it was his intention to bring it before the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. The mayor thought that it should be under the management of the government, rather than under municipal control. He referred to the mayor with power to act. The resignation of R. C. McKay as captain of No. 1 fire hall was received and accepted. The choice of a successor was left in the hands of Chief Watson.

The Columbia street local improvement sewer assessment by-law and the sidewalk assessment by-law were read a third time and finally passed. The amendment to the liquor license by-law was also given its final reading and passed.

Alderman Jardine brought in a motion that a referendum be submitted to the people as to the advisability of continuing under the old city charter or making a change to the general municipal act. The motion was passed.

MINER KILLED AT SOUTH WELLINGTON

Death Caused by Premature Explosion of Giant Powder.

Nanaimo, Nov. 24.—A fatal accident occurred last night in the South Wellington coal mine, a miner named Alex. Thompson, receiving such terrible injuries from the premature explosion of giant powder that he died in great agony two hours after the accident.

From what can be learned of the tragic event, Thompson was preparing a charge when in some manner it was exploded, blowing off his leg one hand and blowing out both eyes, besides other serious injuries. In spite of all these injuries he lived two hours and was conscious to the last.

Thompson was a young man well known in the city. He first came to the city three years ago from England, but afterwards left for Fernie, and visited parts in the States, returning to Nanaimo a short time ago, securing employment in the mine at South Wellington, where he met his death, as reported above.

TWO SKATERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Fall Into Water Through Broken Ice on Lake at Cranbrook.

Cranbrook, Nov. 24.—Mrs. J. F. Charbonneau and Ralph Bradley, the operator at Crow's Nest, had a narrow escape from drowning while skating with one or two others on the lake. The ice was new and not very thick and Mrs. Charbonneau and Mr. Bradley fell through the broken ice and for a time were helpless. Fortunately both parties maintained their presence of mind and their companions secured a pole and placed it out so that they were able to be rescued. It was a most miraculous escape, as there is no beach in that lake, and if the victims had not been able to hold on to the edge of the ice until help arrived there would have been no chance to have saved them.

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FELL 500 FEET AND LIVED

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 25.—George Drew, a member of a party of aeronauts, has been giving exhibitions of balloon ascensions at Savin Rock. At the ascension to-day, Drew had risen fully five hundred feet when he leaped out of the balloon, parachute in hand. The parachute failed to open and he dived head down. He was seen falling downward. Fortunately the strong wind carried him into Long Island Sound where he was picked up unhurt. Equally marvelous have been many of the cases of those who have been saved by taking "Fruit-a-tives," the famous fruit juice tablets. For Rheumatism, Neuralgia, serious Kidney Trouble, Chronic Constipation, and Biliousness, Indigestion and Dyspepsia, these fruit liver tablets never fail to give the most gratifying results.

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WILL BUILD LARGE MILL ON THE FRASER

Logging Operations in Full Swing in Brooks-Scanlon Camps.

New Westminster, Nov. 24.—"Logging operations are in full swing on our part of the Fraser river district, and in a very short time we shall be placing logs on the New Westminster market, in fact as soon as our stern wheel towing steamer is completed."

This statement was made by Mr. Blackford, manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co., in the province. Eventually a large mill will be built on the river, and the logs from the extensive limits of the company will be manufactured close to the city by the company's own plant. Two sites are under consideration for the new mill, and while Mr. Blackford was very reticent regarding the plans, he admitted that the policy of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. had always been to build large mills as more economical than small ones. One of the chief reasons why the work of building a mill on the Fraser had not been commenced already was that the company had found it necessary to erect a paper mill at Powell river and the coast, and a sawmill will be built there almost immediately, in order to develop some large purchases of timber made by them there recently, and since their plan for the Fraser had been made. Nothing, said Mr. Blackford, would be done here until the mill at Powell river was built.

The company's new boat which is at present being equipped with engines at the works of the Schaeke Machine works, will be named the Helen M. Scanlon, in honor of the daughter of M. J. Scanlon, the millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis.

The boat is expected to be in commission in ten days' time. She is 126 feet in length, 24 feet beam, equipped with Schaeke engines, and steam towing bits. Her policy will be made in salt. On the coast she has accommodation for a limited number of passengers and holds a passenger license. Her regular run during the winter will be on the Fraser lake, but in the summer months she will run direct between Harrison lake and New Westminster, towing boats and logs.

TOUR OF JAPANESE TRADE COMMISSION

Will Arrive in San Francisco on Saturday—Entertainments Planned.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 25.—Comprehensive plans for the entertainment of the Japanese trade commission, now completing its tour of the United States, are being arranged by the San Francisco chamber of commerce. The entertainment of the Japanese business men will include automobile rides, garden parties, receptions and banquets.

As a crowning event of their welcome here the local committee has arranged to give a banquet and reception at the Hotel St. Francis, which will be attended by the public spirited and prominent men of the city.

The commissioners will arrive here November 27th, and will be met at the station by a delegation of local business men. On the same day the visitors will be taken on a tour into the surrounding country. Following will come a series of entertainments which will be climaxed November 28th by the civic banquet at the St. Francis hotel.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.

New Move by Attorneys for Former Adjutant-General of Washington.

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 25.—Attorneys representing former Adjutant-General Orin Hamilton, appeared before the state supreme court yesterday and asked for a writ of error that would have the effect of taking the case to the United States supreme court on appeal. The court denied the request.

Attorneys for Hamilton then mailed their appeal direct to Washington, D. C., where it will be presented to the Federal supreme court by an attorney of the national capital.

If the Federal supreme court grants the appeal it will nullify the setting aside of the present trial.

The morning was spent in the supreme court in examining talesmen for a jury to try Hamilton.

BANKER REMANDED.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 25.—S. V. Prather, former president of the Union National Bank of Oakland, and Warren B. English, who are charged with misuse of the bank's funds, were brought

before United States District Judge De Haven for a hearing yesterday. By consent of the prosecution a continuance of two weeks was granted. Prather is one of the best known bankers in the state and has been prominent in politics, as has English. It is alleged that Prather loaned the bank's money to English, who it is alleged, acted as a "dummy" for him and gave security said to have been worthless. They were indicted several weeks ago.

PEARY WILL NOT LECTURE.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Commander Robert E. Peary announced yesterday that he would not go on the lecture platform. He called at the White House yesterday to pay his respects to the president. Peary said that in his opinion of the south pole, it would be easier to reach than that of the north, because the south pole is surrounded by a continent or group of islands cemented together by ice.

The following advertisement appears in a Buda-Pest newspaper: "Young man wanted as accountant. Preference will be given to applicants who are not likely to fall in love with the good-looking typist."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act authorizing the Vancouver Island and Eastern Railway Company to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Seymour Narrows, on Vancouver Island, in a northerly direction, and by the most feasible route to a point on Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island, in extension of the line of railway authorized to be constructed by the Act of the Parliament of Canada passed in the Session 7th, Edward VII., Chapter 167, and intitled: "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Island and Eastern Railway Company," and applying the provisions of the said above-named Act to the said extension, and for the continuation of the said line of railway by the said above-named Act authorized to be constructed.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this nineteenth day of October, A.D. 1909.
R. C. LOWE,
Solicitor for the Applicants,
P. O. Box 1, Victoria, B. C.

No. 60.
Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum upon the following described lands situate in the Nootka District of Vancouver Island, British Columbia: Commencing at a point placed at the southeast corner of H. W. Smith's Location No. 37 and marked F. A. Burns' northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement. Containing 640 acres or less.

Located this 2nd day of June, A. D. 1909.
F. A. BURNS, Locator.
By her Agent, M. KING.

No. 37.
Notice is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum upon the following described lands situate under the name of and under the name of the lands in and opposite the Nootka District of Vancouver Island, British Columbia: Commencing at a point placed at the northwest corner of M. G. Key's Location No. 36 and marked H. W. Smith's northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement. Containing 640 acres or less.

Located this 23rd day of May, A. D. 1909.
H. W. SMITH, Locator.
By her Agent, M. KING.

Form No. 9.
LAND ACT.
FORM OF NOTICE.

Victoria Land District, District of Victoria.

Take notice that Earl Winton Clarke, of Victoria, B. C., occupation, clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a point placed on the north shore of Gouge Island, which lies a little to the west of Coal Island, situate at the head of the Saanich Peninsula, thence following round the shore line of said Gouge Island to point of commencement.

EARL WINTON CLARKE.

May 25th, 1909.

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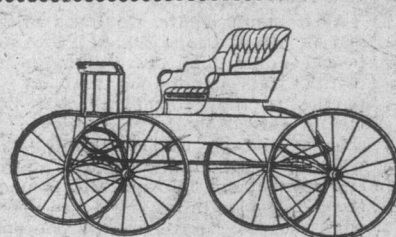
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LAND ACT.
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Victoria Land District, District of Victoria.

Take notice that Earl Winton Clarke, of Victoria, B. C., occupation, clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a point placed on the north shore of Young Island, which lies a little to the west of Coal Island, situate at the head of Saanich Peninsula, thence following round the coast line of said Young Island to point of commencement.

EARL WINTON CLARKE.

May 25th, 1909.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Section 88, Renfrew District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above lands, issued to Henry John Kirby on the 20th day of September, 1907, and numbered 478.

S. Y. WOOLTON,

Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of November, 1909.