Sealskin Sale Today in London

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Four New Schooners for Sealing Fleet — More Wreckage Washed Ashore.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The sale of the sealskins taken in Bering Sea is expected to take place today in London, England. Sealers are looking to the result with much anticipation, it being expected that the skins will realize an advance on the prices obtained last year, which were high. The number of skins shipped was about the same as the previous year.

There will be four additional schooners in the sealing fleet operating out of Victoria next season. The sealing schooner Markland, a new vessel, built in Nova Scotia for Messrs. Munsie and Todd to replace the schooner Florence M. Munsie, which went ashore near the southern extremity of this continent, is headed to this port after completing her cruise off Cape Horn, the schooner Beatrice L. Corkum, another of the Cape Horn fleet, in which Capt. J. W. Peppett owns a controlling interest is to be brought here, the schooner Enterprise which went from Victoria to the Cape Horn grounds has been ordered back, and a new schooner will probably be built by Capt. Jacobsen, owner of the three-masted sealing schooner Eva Marie. Capt. Jacobsen announced his intention of building some days ago. The schooner E. B. Marvin may also return to Victoria. It was reported in a local paper that Capt. White, who formerly owned the sealing schooner Emma Louise, intended to bring a schooner from Seattle, but this is denied by Capt. White's friends in Victoria.

WRECKAGE FOUND.

Ship's Boat and Oars Picked Up Near Carmanah.

A despatch received yeterday from Carmanah point stated that a large ship's boat, painted white and long oars, also painted white, had been found on the island coast four miles west of Carmanah, three miles distant from where the wreckage previously reported, came ashore. A few days ago the lightkeeper reported the finding of the starboard bow of a small schooner, a sealing boat, some taffrail, painted white, and some cabin fittings. Before that he reported that a ship's hatch, marked No. 570J, and some white-painted cabin fittings marked "To accommodate ten seamen only" been washed ashore.

The lightkeeper reported "there had been a name on the boat but it was broken away." There was nothing to identify the wreckage. The general opinion among shipping men is that the wreckage is some which has drifted from the southward. The trend of current sets to the northward and wreckage of vessels lost in the latitude of San Francisco has been washed north to the Vancouver Island coast. Oars from the sunken steamer Walla Walla lost near Cape Mendocino was found on the island coast and off the Queen Charlotte islands. No instance has been reported of wreckage being washed on the island coast from the southward. The general belief of sealing men is that the schooner Fawn was lost during the storm of October 8th and 9th when but four days out from the Aleutians and they are not inclined to believe the wreckage found on the island coast came from the lost sealer.

During the winter several vessels have been wrecked on the Californian coast, including the steamers Tricolor and St. Paul and it is not improbable that some of the wreckage found came from one or other of these vessels, which have been broken up by the pounding of the seas.

HAZEL DOLLAR COMING.

Left San Francisco Yesterday With Sulphur for Victoria.

The British steamer Hazel Dollar, one of the recently built steam freighters of the Dollar line, whose steamers, Stanley Dollar and M. S. Dollar, were registered at this port, left San Francisco yesterday for this port with 700 tons of sulphur from Takodate for the Victoria Chemical Works. The Hazel Dollar arrived at San Francisco Sunday from the Orient with a general cargo, including the large shipment of sulphur for the Victoria company.

MANY LINERS.

The steamer Pine Shey of the China Mutual line from Liverpool for this port is due tomorrow from Yokohama, which port she left on the 3rd inst. Several other liners are following the Ping Suey across the Pacific, and next week will see a large number of large ocean steamers at the ocean docks. The steamer Hyades of the Boston Tugboat Company is due from Hongkong and other ports of China and Japan with a fair amount of cargo for Victoria on Tuesday next. The steamer Kanagawa Maru, Capt. J. W. Wale, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is due on the same date. The steamer Tremont is also en route. The big Boston Steamship Company's liner is due on Thursday next from the Orient. The steamer Tartar is also en route from Yokohama. The C. P. R. steamer left the Japanese port on the 9th and is due here on the 23rd.

UNITED MINE WORKERS.

District Convention Assembles and Is Addressed by President.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14.—The tri-district convention of the United Mine Workers of the anthracite coal fields opened here today with 695 delegates in attendance, representing 108,500 union men.

President John Mitchell, on being unanimously elected chairman, was greeted with hand-clapping and cheers as he stepped forward to address the the convention. He said in part: "I do not know whether you fully realize what a wonderful transformation has taken place among the anthracite miners. Everywhere are evidences of increased intelligence, of a better manhood, of a better womanhood and a better and more cheerful childhood. If by any chances our beloved organization should pass, the

Achievements It Has Already Made

should endear it for all time to every citizen who is dependent on the anthracite coal field for his livelihood or welfare."

After the committee on resolutions and wage scale were appointed the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

The wage scale committee immediately commenced work. Delegates say that unless an air of festivity to the busy scene constantly enacted in this essentially Christmas-tide emporium.

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Christmas Shop Windows

Seasonable Presents to Be Had in Abundance at the Local Stores.

Santa Claus Wants to Visit Every House in the Capital City.

Continuing the review of the store windows on the east side of Government street, the two windows of the Fit Reform claim attention with the appeal, "Something to Wear." There is an assortment of fashionably cut and stylish looking overcoats and suits, fancy vests, dressing gowns and dressing jackets, all at popular prices.

Toys for Children

At Hastie's Fair Santa Claus will surely do a big business, as the store is filled with toys of every kind and color, wagons, carts, dolls, buggies, go-carts and the thousand and one miniature reproductions of the real thing which so delight juveniles, and which are inseparable from a thorough enjoyment of Christmas.

The Slater Shoe

Munday's store makes a specialty of footwear which has earned a reputation throughout the Dominion, and every variety of this celebrated make is on sale. The styles are too numerous to mention, but for women the smart Empress and Smardon are to the fore. In addition there is a consignment of English kip waders, the strongest and best of the kind on the market. This firm also carries a line of rubber boots and waders.

Sweet Melody

The Fletcher music store features an extensive line of gramaphones with records of the latest comic and sentimental songs and dasce music. This store has entered into the popular scheme of prize giving and exhibits a first-class Angelus piano player. There is an extensive assortment of sheet music, both vocal and sentimental.

Notions and Novelties

At Barber's there is a most extensive collection of nick-nacks, novelties, notions and toys, as well as a cheap line of pictorial calendars. The varied stock carried by this firm is specially adapted for the purchaser of moderate means and seems to meet every requirement of the modest purse.

The Christmas Roast

The B. C. Market Company have taken good care that there will be no starvation in Victoria at this season. Their commodious store is filled with choice meats, poultry and game, which in quality and appearance is fit to exhibit alongside the prize animals of the Old Country meat markets. In addition there are minced, potted and cured meats of every kind.

A Fancy Doll

J. Fullerton has a good display of Slater boots and shoes for men and women, and an attractive feature in his window is a large and elegantly dressed doll which he puts up as a first prize in a raffle.

Indian Curios

No visitor to Victoria is satisfied unless he takes away a souvenir of Indian workmanship, and at No. 109 Government street he will find a rare assortment of the wonderful handiwork of the copper-colored native. There is one of the best collections of woven ware to be found in the province. Baskets of every size and shape, all ornamental and useful. Here is seen the usual supply of carved woodwork in the shape of small totem poles, masks, pipes, paddles, etc. A jewelry window displays a well assorted stock of gifts suitable for the Yule-tide.

The First to Decorate

Amonst the grocery and provision stores that of Dixi H. Ross & Co. is the first to commence Christmas decorations in earnest. Their window dresser thoroughly understand the art of making Christmas requirements attractive, and has so arranged the standard commodities at this time as to harmonize them in the general scheme of window decorations. Even raisins, currants, candied and lemon peel, sugar, almonds and figs can be so arranged as to contribute to the general effect, and of these there is a sumptuous supply. Fruits of every kind are in profusion and as fine and well-fed turkeys and chickens as the most exacting purchaser could desire. The most convivial requirements of the season are represented, every well-known brand of wine, spirit, liqueur and malted goods is on display.

The decorations are not yet completed, but are being fancifully carried out in the time honored holly, which is tastefully massed around the electric lights set in pillars and trimmings of pink and evergreens. The interior of the store shows a lavish use of discreet colored bunting and streamers, which lends an air of festivity to the busy scene constantly enacted in this essentially Christmas-tide emporium.

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Culinary Articles

The old established firm of Bowness tempts the thrifty housewife with a number of ingenious appliances for rendering the heavy work of Xmas cooking somewhat lighter. These include the Universal cake-maker, meat mincers, pudding moulds and tin and graniteware of every conceivable size and shape, not forgetting their celebrated cook stove.

Sea & Gowen

Sea & Gowen are presenting gentlemen's dress goods and furnishings including striped wool knitted vests, fancy vests, dressing jackets and gowns and a new line of pleated colored shirts, which are just the latest thing. They also have the best grade of silk neckwear in a wide range of colors and designs, especially suitable for Xmas gifts.

High Class Furniture

The B. C. Furniture Company, one of the oldest firms in the furniture business have added to their splendid stock a number of seasonable attractions. Among these may be specially mentioned elegant dressers in golden oak, rosewood and mahogany. One window is devoted to the display of dining room furniture and shows off to advantage a handsome suite in golden oak upholstered in red morocco. Noticeable in the interior of the store are whatnots, occasional tables, card tables and chairs in the newest fashionable designs.

Paterson Shoe Co.

This well known firm displays a wide range of footwear at their two stores featuring ladies Parisian boots, white gold boots, red felt slippers and infants' shoes. At their store on the corner of Government and Johnson streets in addition to a number of grades which are reduced for selling-off purposes they specially feature the George E. Keith shooting boot, as well as many lines of serviceable wear.

Beautiful Flowers

Mrs. M. A. Farrington, of the Fairview Nursery is kept busy supplying bouquets, button holes and table decorations from her beautiful collection of choice flowers and plants. The window of her store is massed with roses, crysanthemums, violets, azaleas and carnations and in the back ground is an extensive selection of palms, and other suitable decorative plants. This firm is only store in Victoria and indeed on the coast where the curious green carnation can be procured.

Sheffield Cutlery Store

Fox's establishment is well replenished with every requirement of the best Sheffield cutlery, among which a variety of carvers may be regarded as a seasonable present. In addition is noticed their Victoria souvenir in the shape of a blueware butter dish in a carved oak stand, a specially cheap and attractive line, ready packed for mailing. Other offerings are Ladies companions, gentlemen's shaving sets and a fine line of English pig-skin purses and pocket goods.

Smoking Supplies

The Army & Navy cigar stand is replete with everything that gladdens the smoker's heart in pipes and cases, cigarette and cigar cases, racks, trays, cellarettes and sundries.

Musical Instruments

Hicks & Lovick, the Victoria agents for the celebrated Mason & Risch piano prime minister's declarations of the day are doing a large business with this increasingly popular instrument which is the leader in the west. They carry a large stock covering a wide range of prices and make terms which bring this delightful of every well furnished house within the range of the most modest purse.

Display of Silverware

J. Wenger, the watchmaker, has supplemented his stock with a variety of Xmas presents in silverware, embracing some very pretty silver backed brushes and comb sets, and manicure sets. The window also contains a line of collapsible gold serviette rings, opera glasses, rings nad scarf pins.

A Jewel Display

A. Andermach has arranged in his window a great variety of jewels and gold and silver knicknacks which are displayed on a revolving stand. Other lines are gun metal and silver cigarette cases, the latter beautifully chased, silver goblets, silver fish slices and a very handsome brush and comb set with silver mountings.

Christmas Books

O. B. Ormond appeals to the children with a large collection of fables and fairy tales without which no youngster is happy at Xmas. Such well known story books as "Jack and the Beanstalk," and "Mother Goose" are to the fore besides scores of others, together with all the popular magazines.

Bowes, the Chemist

In addition to the fullest stock of pure drugs and medicines, Bowes has a great variety of Xmas novelties to offer. One window features a line of ebony goods in handkerchiefs, brushes and mirrors. Another window displays a unique collection of shaving cups and brushes, whilst the third is monopolized by popular perfumes.

Hunters' Supplies

W. H. Adams offers sporting goods of every kind, both for the field and gymnasium, including rifles, guns, decoy birds, silver flasks, clubs, footballs, punching bags and other athletic articles.

Canton Bazaar

This is a typical Yule-tide emporium replete with every dainty article in silk which displays the handiwork of the Oriental. Here may be found the flowing kimono, the flowery dressing gown, the silken kerchief and a thousand and one of the dainty products of the Land of Nippon.

Salmon's Cigar Stand

The windows of H. L. Salmon's cigar stand are packed with the 60 prizes he is offering to those who secure the lucky numbers in the New Year's raffle. He has on display a new supply of cigars of the Irving and Majestic brands and of the celebrated Craven and Garrick smoking tobaccos.

Harness and Saddlery

For the lucky owner of that noble animal that is so rapidly being displaced by the automobile Frederick Norris offers the best make of saddlery and harness with an unlimited range of stable requisites. He also carries a fine line of leather trunks, suit cases and bags indispensible to the traveler.

Shore's Hardware

This well known store is noted for the utility of the extensive stock which it carries. Pots, pans, kettles, moulds, mincers, choppers, hammers and saws are among the staples which everybody needs and which are found here. Shore caters for the million and has well studied their needs.

Mikado Bazaar

The representative of Crysanthemum country has collected a charming array of dainty goods to attract Xmas purchasers, among which are displayed in the windows exquisite kimonas, dressing gowns, dressing jackets, handkerchiefs and tea cosys ad libitum.

Professor F. De Martens, who formerly held the chair of international law in the university of St. Petersburg and who was a member of the Russian peace commission, has been invited to deliver a course of 20 lectures at Columbia university, New York city.

Was Interviewed At Montreal

Hon. Mr. Tatlow Minister of Finance Discusses Affairs of This Province.

Says Party Government Has as an Experiment Worked Satisfactory.

The Montreal Gazette in its issue of December 9th last, had the following: "We had a surplus last year, we expect a larger one this year, and I think the people will recognize the fact that government by party, especially when it is the Conservative party, is what is required in British Columbia."

This declaration was made at the Windsor yesterday by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance and agriculture in the McBride administration. The minister, besides representing the city of Vancouver, in the legislature carries around in his belt the scalp of "Joe" Martin, having defeated that political warrior at the last provincial election.

Non party government had brought British Columbia to anything but a stable condition financially, but Mr. Tatlow was able to show $25,000 to the good at the end of the last fiscal year, and he expects that the surplus will be a good deal larger this year. In 1900 the revenue of the province was only $1,500,000, and it is to the credit of a Conservative government that it has now reached the handsome of $2,900,000 and that without adding much additional taxation.

The treasurer believes the local Conservative party have the province well in hand from a political point of view and that the administration is the

Most Capable and Energetic

the province has possessed for many years. He explained that although the revenue had increased over a million in a few years, or since 1900, there had only been an increase in taxing at something like a quarter of a million. When the present government took hold of the reins of power, it required a great deal of careful management to steer the ship through the many difficulties, financial and otherwise, which had been the legacy of preceding regimes.

There was a time, Hon. Mr. Tatlow says, when a great deal of criticism arose over the Liberal policy the government had pursued with regard to the new mining districts. Critics said that all the money was being spent on the Kootenay, but time has proved that the policy was a wise one, for the Kootenay has become one of the best revenue producing sections of the province.

The debt of British Columbia, says the treasurer, is not excessive, when all things are considered, and the province is paying a comparatively low rate of interest. The debt is now about $11,000,000, and the interest all round is about 3½ per cent.

As to Better Terms

As far as the better terms are concerned, the finance minister repeated the province's claims of the day before, and he added that British Columbia's claims for better treatment could not be very well overlooked.

Speaking of the agricultural section of his department the minister said that no country had made more rapid progress of late than had British Columbia, and especially in fruit raising. Hundreds of men from the province of Manitoba, and the prairie country who bought their land early and who have sold it at good profits are taking up fruit holdings in the valleys of British Columbia, and they claim that it is both a pleasant and profitable employment.

As already stated, the car load of fruit which the Canadian Pacific brought across the continent, and which was landed in London in such excellent condition, has been most advantageous to British Columbia. This exhibition of British Columbia fruit, the minster says, has been pronounced the finest ever seen in London, and has made the name of the province as a first class fruit raising country.

On the railway question, Hon. Mr. Tatlow spoke even more freely than his leader. He declared that when corporation after corporation crowded over to Victoria asking for aid in lands, they had decided that none would be granted. He fully believed the Grand Trunk Pacific would soon get to the coast. They were bound to do so, and it was only a short time ago that they paid $60,000 for a charter for a road extending inland a distance of 150 miles and a subsidy to this line would expire next year he thought the company would get to work before long.

DODGE-MORSE DIVORCE.

Celebrated Case Reopened by Prosecution of New York Lawyer

New York, Dec. 15.—The prosecution opened its case today in the trial of Abraham S. Hummel, the lawyer, charged with conspiracy in the celebrated divorce case of Dodge-Morse. Assistant District Attorney Rand, in opening, said: "In this case the act of conspiracy is described in law as committed and the goods sold and paid for. This particular project was a bold one. It was aimed not only at the laws of the state, but its object of attack was nothing less than the institution of marriage and the administration of justice.

"Capt. Jas. T. Morrice, of the city of Portland, a ship owner, had heard Mrs. Dodge was a divorced woman. He started to work to see if he could not break his nephew's marriage. He went to the office of Hummel, the defendant, and a few days later Hummel telephoned to Morrice in Boston that he had found such clear traces of fraud in the proceedings that he would take the matter if Capt. Morrice would pay him $15,000. Capt. Morrice paid him $15,000 to

Upset His Nephew's Marriage

"In January, 1904, the grand jury presented a charge of perjury against Dodge. On the same day Dodge was at the St. Charles hotel, New Orleans, on his way to Mexico. He knew before the district attorney about it. Why should Hummel want to get Dodge across the border? But Dodge was pulled off the train in Texas.

"Hummel phoned to Capt. Morrice: 'They have got our man; send us money.'

"There was a constant demand by Hummel from Capt. Morrise and not less than $50,000 was paid by him. It was not paid by checks. No; Capt. Morrice came down as far as Stamford with the cash in a bag, where he was met by Nathaniel Cohen, and

The Money Was Handed Over

The first witness was Abraham H. Kaufenburg, a member of Hummel's law firm. He was asked whether he had employed counsel in Texas to prevent the extradition of Chas. P. Dodge, and whether, also, under Hummel's instructions, he attempted to keep Dodge in a perpetual state of intoxication, but to this and to other questions he replied: "I decline to answer on the ground that it might degrade and incriminate me." He was excused after a short questioning.

Alleged payments of Capt. Morrice to Hummel were then taken up with Nathaniel Cohen, a member of Hummel's firm, in the witness chair. He was asked whether he did not receive sums of money varying from $1,500 to $21,250 at a time from Capt. Morrise. He was asked whether one of these alleged payments of $5,500 was not made on March 4 of the present year, and still another for $5,500 still later than that. Mr. Cohen declined to answer all these questions.

COAL MINERS' DEMANDS.

Committee of United Workers Prepare to Meet the Owners.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—The third district convention of United Mine Workers endorsed several resolutions today, most of which were referred to the special committee appointed to present their demands to the coal operators. Delegates are reticent tonight relating to the power of their special committee. They said this committee would take care of their interests and the eight-hour day would be strongly fought for, as well as recognition of the unions.

The special committee will organize before leaving here. It is thought the members of the committee will prepare a list of demands soon and then set out in their attempt to reach the companies. The demands to be laid before the companies will be kept secret until after the coal operators have been seen.

NEW YORK ELECTIONS.

Inspectors Directed to Consider the Question of Correcting Errors.

New York, Dec. 14.—William R. Hearst's legal campaign to recount the ballots in New York November municipal election was extended today to include the acts of many election inspectors. An order to show cause why the inspectors should not appear before the board of election canvassers and correct errors was signed by Justice Stover of the supreme court. The order is returnable next Monday.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS.

Further details from Saskatchewan go to show that the Scott government has been sustained. The fight was one of the most keenly contested in Canada since Confederation. Both sides worked to the full limit of their strength and means. Had Mr. Haultain been victorious it would have been wonderful indeed. He had to contend practically single-handed against all the forces at the command of two governments, against money, against Dominion ministers and politicians, against a great misuse of the public service, against clerical influence and against many other odds. There is a large Catholic population in the Northwest, and they had the direct personal appeal of the Archbishop, practically an instruction, to vote as a man against the leader of the opposition. There were unlimited funds at the disposal of the government, and there were all the influences, direct and indirect, that the two governments and their friends could bring to bear, and there was the pressure the officials could exert on the settlers.

"I have just returned from working in the northwest portion of the province, amongst the Barr colony," writes a Haultain supporter in Saskatchewan to the Toronto News, "where sympathies of these people are undoubtedly with us, but from the beginning of November they are all exercising the right to their patents, and the homestead inspectors driving the local candidate and Peter Talbot, M. P., to canvass them. The promises that can be made in such circumstances will, I am afraid, weigh more with the principles at stake, of which they necessarily are still very imperfectly informed. The minister of the interior and his whole staff in the province appear to be busily at work and form an organized staff of election agents, paid from public funds, against which our voluntary workers—few in number, owing to the amount of work in this most busy season—can put up but a poor fight."

"Once," says the News, "the Liberal party protested against unfair election methods. Once the Liberal party resisted clerical interference with the free exercise of the franchise. Once the Liberal party was the champion of the public school. Thousands of Liberals still hold the old doctrines, but the leaders of the party have abandoned the principles of the party. The evils they once denounced they now are using with cold-blooded and shameless skill and thoroughness. The entire coercion episode has been most disgraceful to a party with such a past, and the discredit deepens."

Though defeated now, Mr. Haultain is not "downed." The real fight over the issues he has championed has only just begun. He will no doubt take steps to test the constitutionality of the educational clauses in the constitutions of the new provinces, and there is just as little doubt that he will ultimately succeed.

May Wind Up.—The New Westminster correspondent of the Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "At a special general meeting of the B. C. Dairymen's and Live Stock association, held on Wednesday, it was decided to send the books of the association down to the auditor-general's department, Victoria, to be audited, including the old standing deficit of $1,100 the Association now has an overdraft at the bank amounting to $2,278.50 and other liabilities aggregating $636. There is, however, live stock on hand to off-set part of this liability. From the trend of the meeting it is evident that the proposal to wind up the association, and organize it as two separate bodies, one to deal with the dairying and the other with live stock, is assuming more definite form. Mr. King having given notice that he will, at the annual meeting bring the matter up formally.

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Long Litigation Finally Ended

Judge Martin Decides a Celebrated Mining Case at Rossland.

Skip Tender Meets a Tragic Death in Shaft of the Le Roi.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 14.—Mr. Justice Martin, in the supreme court today decided adversely to the plaintiff in the suit of W. J. Harris vs. The English-Canadian Mining Company. In substance the court held that the alleged meeting of the directors which gave the authority to an agent of the company to execute a mortgage was irregular and therefore not binding on the company. In 1900 Walter Moorehead forced a meeting of the company by following Wm. Pierson into the office of his attorney in London and declaring that a meeting of the company after forcing some others who were present to act as directors. The alleged quorum, so formed, passed a resolution giving Mr. Moorehead a power of attorney that was in terms absolute. He came to this country and

Gave Haris a Mortgage

for $40,000 on the property of the company, consisting of valuable placer ground in Oregon and mineral claims in this district. Harris had been manager of the company and it is claimed had expended moneys on account of the company to the extent of the sum named in the mortgage. The case has been before the courts ever since 1901, being postponed from time to time for various reasons and was known here as the case of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce. A similar suit is pending in Oregon under the same mortgage for property owned by that company in southern Oregon.

Skip Tender Killed

Autoine Richeill, skip tender, had his head fatally crushed tonight in the shaft at the Eleventh level of the War Eagle. Richelli had brought the skip to the surface and was descending in it when his tragic death occurred. It was supposed that he stuck his head out thinking he was at the Eleventh level where he got there, and stuck his head and was knocked from the skip. His body was found behind the skip, with the head fearfully crushed. Deceased had worked in the camp for the past four years, each for a short time and lately in Mexico. This was his second shift at the War Eagle. He was a native of Italy.

LOSE LITTLE SPAWN.

Sound Hatcheries Recover From the September Rise.

John Crawford, superintendent of state fish hatcheries, was in the city yesterday on his way to Chehalis and Auburn to inspect the hatcheries at those places, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of Wednesday. Mr. Crawford expects to visit all the state hatcheries on this trip.

When seen by a reporter for the Post-Intelligencer a tthe Seattle hotel yesterday Mr. Crawford stated that all of the hatcheries had recovered much better than was expected from the losses occasioned by the September rise of water on the different streams and that the total loss of the combined hatcheries of the state would not exceed 10,000,000 eggs.

"I have been engaged in the artificial propagation of food fishes for the past thirteen years," said Mr. Crawford, "and this is the second season in that period that such a rise has occurred. It looked at first as if the loss of spawn would be enormous, but the recovery was very rapid and the shortage will not be nearly as great as was expected.

"The Auburn hatchery is filled with Royal Chinook salmon and Fish Commissioner Kershaw is planning to have some new rearing ponds built to accommodate the overflow.

"Fish Commissioner Kershaw is having great success with the experiments which he is conducting with the sockeye in the experimental hatchery at Belingham. The loss up to this time has been practically nothing, and in about four weeks there will be over 300,000 sockeye turned from the experimental station into the Nooksack and Skagit rivers. We secured between 300,000 and 400,000 sockeye eggs from one of the British Columbia hatcheries, and from this number have hatched more than 300,000 young sockeye. This is a much smaller percentage of loss than usually occurs in the artificial propagation of salmon, but the greatest care was exercised at the experimental station in handling the spawn, which is not possible in the large hatcheries.

"It was the intention of Fish Commissioner Kershaw when he started the experiments with the sockeye to stock American streams to ascertain if it were possible to divert the sockeye from its native spawning grounds on the Fraser river. From observations made by the department during the season just passed tangible evidence was secured which leads to a strong belief that this may prove successful. We learned that a considerable number of sockeye went up the Nooksack river, in Whatcom county, and one of the streams that Mr. Kershaw proposes to stock, for the purpose of spawning."

RIOTS IN LODZ.

Roughs Attack Jews, and Cossacks Open Fire on Crowd.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 14.—A band of roughs this afternoon attacked Jewish shons and residences in Zicizesena street. Fighting ensued and 20 persons were wounded with knives and revolvers. Cossacks were then summoned and they dispersed the rioters by firing a volley, which resulted in the wounding of many more.

HEARST IS SANGUINE.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 14.—W. R. Hearst arrived here today. When asked about the decision of the court of appeal of New York refusing to order the opening of the ballot boxes, he said that was only one of the many avenues along which his counsel was working.

"The contest is not over," said Mr. Hearst. "One line of action is closed to us, but there are others where the contest will progress rapidly. Personally I would almost venture to hope that I might lose, as I am not in the position of a man seeking an office for itself. My position is that of a citizen fighting for his rights, and of those who voted for him upon a definite platform that they want to see upheld."

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