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Washington Coal Operators In Great Glee at Island Mining Difficulty.

Coal Shipments From Sound Took big Jump Upwards This Month.

Washington coal mine operators are in great glee because of the difficulty which afflicts the industry on Vancouver Island at the present time. The Post-Intelligencer of yesterday publishes a column article rejoicing at the big benefit which accrues to the State of Washington because of the non-operation of the Extension mines. The following is a portion of the article alluded to:

"The strike in the British Columbia mines comes just at a time when the Washington mines were stocking up on coal, and it gives them a chance to unload their surplus. When the tariff was taken off coal it hit the Black Diamond so hard that the mine was shut down for five days a month in January and February. Now that Washington coal has to be depended upon to supply the California markets the mine again will work full time.

"It cannot be denied that the British Columbia coal would shut Washington coal out of California entirely were the mines there able to supply the demand. As it is they ship more coal down there than goes from this state. If the strike becomes general up there, however, Washington will have to supply all the coal used, which will give the miners in this state a chance to work overtime this summer.

"In the last three years the use of oil in California has cut inroads into the use of coal, and had not the general business of California increased greatly in that time coal would have been practically wiped out of the market down there. Last year the shipments of coal to San Francisco and bay ports from Wastington and British Columbia fell off 40,000 tons, while it fell off 50,000 tons the year before. Practically all of the coal shipped to San Francisco and bay points from the mines of the North is used either on steam vessels or for household purposes. Practically all of the stationary plants, the engines in buildings, electrical plants and factories are run by oil in California now. What this means in coal can be surmised from the fact that the stationary plants in Seattle use up about 185,000 tons of coal per year, and that amount would have to be multiplied at least by three to represent the amount used in San Francisco. It is figured out by well posted coal men that the use of oil in California means a difference of 1,000,000 tons of coal per year.

"That the strike in the British Columbia mines makes a difference to the miners in this state is shown by the fact that Seattle and Tacoma shipped 10,000 tons more coal to San Francisco in February than was sent down in January. The miners at Nanaimo were on strike in February, which accounts for the increase. Seattle and Tacoma shipped more than 5,000 tons more coal to California in March than they did in February, due to the fact that the miners at Wellington were on strike. The increase in the shipments of March over January is 15,000 tons.

"If the strike among the miners of British Columbia becomes general, as is now threatened, the only competitor Washington coal will have in California is coal shipped from Australia. Many vessels bring coal as ballast from Australia, and with the tariff of 67 cents per ton taken off that coal can more than hold its own against the Washington product. But there is not enough of it to supply the demand and Washington must be looked to for the balance.

"Well informed men in the coal trade figure that the strike in the mines of British Columbia will just about offset the bad effects of the tariff being taken off of coal, and as the tariff goes back on again next January the mine owners of this state say they will be able to pull out of an uncomfortable position very nicely if the trouble keeps up across the line.

"The local market of British Columbia does not amount to much, and the mines of Nanaimo can very easily supply that demand. California is the market the mine owners of both sides of the line are fighting for. With the tariff of British Columbia and all the best of it, with a strike on in British Columbia the Washington men have the call. The shipments for April show an increase over those of March, and this increase is expected to keep up until the trouble over there is settled and the mines resume shipping.

"The coal shipments from this state fell off considerably last year, due to the fact that the Southern Pacific equipped a great many engines with oil burners and stopped shipping coal from their mines at Carbonado. They have begun to take Carbonado coal again, however, so the figures are going up at a rapid rate."

HAPPENINGS IN THE POLICE COURT

Harper Fined For Shooting a Dog---The Cementing of Family Harmony.

William Harper, milkman, could not get the magistrate to believe his tale of never having discharged firearms—and he was convicted and fined $10 or 20 days in clink yesterday morning.

Detective Macdonald had already told of how he went to Harper at the Davis milk ranch near Gorge road, and asked him about shooting at a dog, and of how Harper had said he had not intended to kill the dog, but to make its hindquarters smart.

Mr. Pamphlett told of seeing a man the build of accused step from the barn and fire at the dog, which yelped and dragged itself away in pain.

Harper said he had never discharged a firearm in his life—had never seen the dog. Had not told the detective that he intended to make its hindquarters smart. Davis—his employer—said there were no firearms about the place.

Yesterday Mr. Pamphlett returned, having had a look at the Davis barn. He was certain that was the barn from which the shot was fired at the dog. He saw Davis with his milkcarts at the barn.

J. P. Walls introduced a work of art—a pencil sketch after Corot, entitled—the two barns. Witness pointed out the barn, the stump field, and all the local scenery.

Davis recalled, said the description which Mr. Pamphlett gave of the barn showed that he knew the place. He was then with his milk carts as stated.

Harper said nothing further—and his previous story had so many holes in it that it might have been a sieve.

Ten dollars or twenty days.

Pat Farrell has been in the cooler for a week. He secured one white man's burden and proceeded home to punch his wife—whereupon two police officers conducted him to the jug.

He would have been tried for assault before the Police Magistrate yesterday but not the dove of peace got in its work.

Mrs. Farrell had appeared with relatives and counsel—and she looked at Farrell with one of those "I don't care if you ever come back" looks. You go away back, I don't want anything more to do with you.

Then Frank Higgins preached a little homily on family bliss, and how one should forgive and forget. He aided the dove of peace to get in its work.

A few minutes later they left the court together, and the records have it, charge withdrawn.

How Yee, the Chinese burglar, who was arrested by Constables O'Leary and Carlow, was met tried on the charge of entering Davis' store on Johnson street yesterday—some of the witnesses not being ready. He was remanded until Monday.

The police have accumulated evidence to connect him with the theft from the store. It has been found that he offered to sell watches, which were identified as those stolen, at the powder works, where he had been employed, at Chinese pawn shops and elsewhere.

Hazel Moore, a lady from the red-light district, who was gathered in for being too full for utterance, did not appear. She gave bail in the sum of $10, which was estreated.

A military officer of the garrison was to have appeared to answer to the charge of infracting the Street's Bylaw, by driving faster than the law allows over one of the city bridges. He sent his man to court with $5.

The case against Simmons and Coker, for refusing to pay the vehicle tax, was put over for another week.

This morning at 9 a. m. the case against the seven small boys who are accused of causing the wounding of the Chinaman Hey, will be continued, when Rev. Canon Beanlands will be called to give evidence regarding the enquiry held by him into the affair.

JEALOUS MAN'S CRIME.

Kills Wife and After Chase by Posse Commits Suicide.

Cumberland, Wis., April 22.—In a fit of jealousy rage last night, John Heymeiser, living South of here, shot and killed his wife, chopped up the remains with an axe, and set fire to his barn. Heymeiser fled, but was surrounded by a posse in the woods near Clayton. After holding the crowd at bay for more than an hour, he killed himself. He had several children.

DEPUTY GORE GIVES EVIDENCE

Continuation of Hon. Mr. Eberts' Examination Tomorrow Morning.

Hon. Mr. Eberts being otherwise engaged yesterday morning, the Oliver committee on the Columbia & Western land grants postponed the further hearing of his testimony and listened to the examination of Deputy Commissioner W. S. Gore, who first of all was questioned as to the amount of land reserved for the purposes of this particular subsidy. The tract was, he said, 124 miles in length by 56 miles in width.

Asked if the total area had been exhausted, the Deputy Minister replied in the negative—there were probably two million acres, approximately, left.

Interrogated as to whether the lands in this reserve could not more properly be classed as "nearly as practicable contiguous to the line of railway" than blocks 4,593 and 4,594 in South East Kootenay, Mr. Gore admitted that they are. Prospecting applications for the part of South East Kootenay had been received as long ago as seven or eight years back.

With reference to the memorandum "B" attached to the order-in-council of the 4th of September 1901, the witness stated that it had not been prepared under his direction in the Lands and Works Department, and must, presumably, have come from the Chief Commissioner's office. Hon. Mr. Wells had cancelled the grants made by order-in-council of the 4th September, in his witness' presence, initialing the cancellation, about the 18th of March. He did not recollect any explanation having been made by the Chief Commissioner at the time. As for any subsequent explanation, it was suggested that Hon. Mr. Wells would be the proper person to examine.

During yesterday's sitting, caustic comment was made by the chairman as to the garbled report of Mr. George McL. Brown's evidence appearing in the Daily Times. As no reporter of that paper had been in attendance, it would be interesting to know, he observed, where the report originated.

Mr. Oliver admitted that he had furnished the reporter data from his notes, and endorsed the published resume as in his view practically correct.

The incident passed with a suggestion that subsequent reports of the evidence be published without comment or sensational display.

CLEVER ENTERTAINERS.

Concert at Spring Ridge Last Night Proves Great Success.

The dramatic entertainment and concert given in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Fernwood road, last night, merited and deserved the applause which it received.

The rector opened the proceedings with a few remarks, followed by a song, "The Vagabond," which was rendered in his usual happy style. The Petch Brothers gained an encore with their well chosen quartette, as did also Miss Kneeshaw with her splendid number of "Whisper and I Shall Hear." Mr. A. Petch took his turn next with two laughter-creating songs. The first part closed with an admirable and touching rendition of "Ole Mistis," by Miss Ethel Green. Her accomplishment as an elocutionist was unmistakable, and all listened with rapt attention.

With a few notes on the piano, the curtain raised to exhibit the parlor of an apothecary's establishment—Taraxicum Twitters—the honored apothecary appears in the role of a newly-married man. He was ably assisted by his faithful confidential clerk, Tim Bolus, and his friend, the commercial traveler, Tom Trap. In the role of the lad es—his bright wifey, Mrs. Twitters' alias Brown, alias White, alias Black, alias Green, proved herself true to her married life, much to the discomfort of Peggy, the humorous, though heart-broken housekeeper. Mrs. Twitters brings her younger sister, Cicely, who is made happy in the company of Tom Trap, and they make up their minds, not only to get their prescriptions filled by the genial apothecary, but their vegetables from Farmer Wheatear, who plays his role as another friend of Mr. Twitters.

CONFERENCE WITH MINISTERS.

Provincial Mining Association Executive Cordially Received by Government.

The executive of the Provincial Mining Association held a conference with the members of the cabinet yesterday morning and placed before the ministry reasons why the resolutions adopted by the executive in relation to the mining laws should be favorably considered.

The executive were most cordially received and the representations made received careful consideration from the entire cabinet. Among the members of the executive who addressed the ministers on special phases of the mining laws were John Keen, J. B. Hobson, A. L. Belyea, D. W. Higgins, A. E. Howse, Chris. Foley, C. Phillipps-Wolley, H. Croft, A. C. Galt and W. M. Brown. The Premier and Hon. J. D. Prentice replied on behalf of the government, it being pointed out that without in anyway minimizing the importance of the proposed amendments, that they had in some measure to be considered in relation to the question of revenue. Some of the amendments, it was also pointed out, had been taken up by the government, and the assurance was given that the suggestions of the executive would receive every consideration. A copy of the draft bill amending the Placer Mining Act was also submitted, and the ministers gave the assurance that it would be carefully examined.

The members of the executive retired eminently satisfied with the manner in which they had been heard and with the feeling that their representations would receive the fullest consideration.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver, and regulate the bowels, but do not purge. They are sure to please. Try them.

The Unhappy Captain Dreyfus

Victim of Gross Injustice Again Seeks Rehabilitation of Name.

Living in Paris He Patiently Gathers New Material for Appeal.

Paris, April 22.—Alfred Dreyfus has submitted to Minister of War Andre a lengthy letter in which he earnestly asks for a re-opening of his case by means of an investigation by the minister as the supreme head of military justice. The letter, which is dated Paris, April 11, confirms the report that Dreyfus has been living quietly here for some time past. It promises to cause a tremendous agitation among the various groups both for and against Dreyfus. The first part of the letter is a calm, earnest plea that the court which condemned him at Rennes, was improperly influenced; first by the annotated documents ascribed to the Emperor William, and second by the false testimony of one of the witness Czernuski. After arguing on the extent to which these contributed to his condemnation, Dreyfus recalls in graphic terms the long series of horrors to which he had been subjected. The letter throughout is couched in a highly dramatic style, which is likely to make it one of the notable papers of the case.

It refers to Esterhazy as "One who stands before the entire world as the culprit." One of the leading passages is as follows: "I will not recall, Mr. Minister, what I have endured since 1894. Picture to yourself the horrors of a soldier whose whole life was devoted to duty, work to loyalty, and to profound devotion for his country, and who in an instant is stripped of his good name, and dispoiled of the honor of himself and his children. For five years this soldier is subjected to horrible sufferings. They seek to crush him physically, to annihilate him morally. He is absolutely innocent of all crime and continually again and again to penetrate to the ministry, proclaiming his innocence and struggling with all the forces of his mind and body for that extreme pleasure of vindicating his good name and character as months and years pass, thus in most cruel agony, amid the injurious and murderous climate. At last he is brought back to France the guilty one is discovered, and the soldier hears himself proclaimed innocent by those who before reviled him as a traitor. It was, thus, Mr. Minister, that I hoped to see my martyrdom end. Must my martyrdom end? Alas, if I returned to find the devotion of friends who had battled for the truth, it was to find also that deadly hatreds had been unloosed.

"In the processes of 1894, I was stabbed in the back. I cannot imagine how such conditions can prevail through falsehood and deception. But as it was, and my condemnation was but an aggravated reaffirmation of what occurred in 1894. When the guilty was known and unmasked, it was Esterhazy who was recognized as the author of the treason, the same men who had cheated justice in 1894, again sought to cheat justice for the second time by the same criminal manoeuvres. Conscious of these methods, the government of the Republic will not permit itself to keep in prison one who is known to be innocent.

"In constant thought of ultimate legal revision, I have reassembled little by little all the divergent elements of testimony contributing to my conviction. I have scorned calumnies and falsehoods. I have remained silent with the firm conviction that justice surely would have its day of triumph. The victim of criminal tactics and violation of the law, twice condemned against me, I now address myself by new facts which have been elicited, and by the existence of the pretended "bordereau" annotated by Emperor William, I beg to ask that you institute an inquiry first upon the uses made of this false document at Rennes and the consequences it produced on those rendering judgment; second, upon the false and fraudulent testimony of Czernuski at Rennes." After a deferential salutation, the letter is signed Alfred Dreyfus."

CORBEN THEORISTS.

Toronto, April 22.—The Star's London cable says: The Cobden club, through Secretary Harold Cox today jeers at what he calls, in the Westminster Gazette, "Pseudo preferential tariff."

"I assert," he says, "without fear of contradiction, that the main Canadian tariff is deliberately framed to shut out manufactures specially from Britain, while admitting freely raw materials from the United States. Only a few British manufacturers have been able to take advantage of the price. It's not surprising that the percentage of imports from Britain is now less than at any previous period. I fail to see the reason for British gratitude. The boot ought to be put on the other leg, for we admit everything Canada has sent free without tax at all."

PHOSPHORUS MATCHES.

German Lawmaker Gives Reichstag Benefit of Scientific Knowledge.

Berlin, April 22.—Interior Secretary Von Posadowsky Weiner, speaking in the Reichstag today, during the discussion of the second reading of the bill forbidding the use of white or yellow phosphorus in match making after January 1, 1908, said that to reject the scientific proof of the ruinous effect of phosphorous vapors on the human bone system was "to refuse to see the sun on a bright day." Phosphorous, he claimed, not only caused necrosis sometimes three or four years after a workman has left the factory, but it was hereditally transmitted so that whole families were afflicted. The opponents of the measure sought delay, expressing doubts regarding the value of the patent processes acquired by the government, and offered to place match manufacturers, and which was tested during the Reichstag recess by a committee, which reported it. The House eventually passed the law.

PLOT TO MURDER JOSEPH.

Vienna, April 22.—The Post reports the arrest of a Hungarian soldier in connection with an alleged plot among Hungarian troops to murder Emperor Franz Joseph during the military manoeuvres, a serious nature, although efforts to trace these rumors to a reliable source have not resulted in anything definite being elicited. Yesterday it was reported that it had been decided to amputate Mr. Martin's leg, but enquiry at the hospital late last evening resulted in the stereotyped non-committal reply that the patient was progressing as favorably as could be expected under the circumstances.

FIGHTING PACKERS' TRUST.

United States Government Taking Steps to Enforce Anti-Combine Law.

Chicago, April 22.—A formal order of default was ordered by Judge Grosscup today against the packers who have failed to answer the government's anti-trust bill. The final order or injunction was not entered against the defendants owing to the absence of District Attorney Bethea from this city. It is expected the packers will appeal when the final order is entered.

CHINA'S FISCAL SYSTEM.

Pekin, April 22.—An imperial edict just issued, orders Prince Ching, the grand secretary, to re-organize the fiscal system of the empire by establishing a monetary standard for the entire country and starting a mint at Pekin to supply the provinces with a uniform coinage. This step, which is due to Japanese influence, does not necessarily mean that the scheme will be carried out. Former edicts have been nullified by the indifference of the Pekin officials and the opposition of reactionary viceroys.

GERMAN DUELLISTS.

Fight Bloodless Battle and Get Four Months in Prison.

Berlin, April 22.—Two medical students, Boehme and Witt, have been sentenced by the criminal court to four months' imprisonment for fighting a bloodless duel with pistols. Boehme averred that Witt purposely jostled him in the street, but a court of honor of university students decided that a challenge was not necessary, as Witt was lame and probably did not mean to touch Boehme's person. Boehme then, in the court of honor, slapped Witt, who struck in turn. The court of honor decided that they must fight a duel with pistols, as Boehme's right arm was weakened in a recent sabre affray. Three shots were exchanged at five paces in the Grundwald forest. Neither of the duellists was touched.

RUNNING THE YELLOW MAN

Operations of a Well Organized Gang of Chinese Smugglers Nipped.

Buffalo, April 22.—The operations of a well organized gang of smugglers, who have, it is alleged, brought hundreds of Chinaman into the United States over the Niagara river, were disclosed today by James Fox, 22 years of age, while on the witness stand. Fox was placed under arrest while riding on a street car with a "contraband" Chinaman named Boeck Ban. Upon the advice of his mother, Fox told the authorities he would make a clean breast of all he knew about the Chinamen in this vicinity.

During his conversation, Fox told the authorities that there were regular organized firms in Canada who make it their business to bring Chinamen across the Pacific to Vancouver, thence by rail to Toronto, and finally across the border into the United States. Upon the testimony of Fox the federal authorities have arrested George E. Judson of this city, who, it is alleged, is the leader of the smugglers. The hearing today was merely preliminary to a trial, when, it is said, evidence will be coming showing the smuggling operations, and the participation therein of persons doing business in New York, Chicago and Toronto. Only a few names were made public today. They include Sam Lee, alleged to be head of a Toronto syndicate, and a man named Mumford, who does business in Fort Erie.

"Has Judson ever said anything about firms in Canada that smuggle Chinamen?" Fox was asked by the prosecuting attorney.

Fox's counsel objected, and Mr. Ban repeated the question, but this time applied to the case of Boeck Can.

..About three or four days before Boeck Can was brought over, Judson said he was going to Toronto to get some more boys. He came back about said there were no boys to be had. Later he told me he had got one boy and that boy was at Mumford's. Sam Lee receives Chinamen from Vancouver. Judson told me that he had received Boeck Can, and Boeck Can had given him $80 to get into this country without difficulty. Judson told me that he was going to Sam Lee to get a boy. He took me and I went to his house, where he told me he had a boy, and that the boy was Boeck Can, but that he was at Mumford's."

Fox admitted that he went to Mumford's and brought Boeck Can over the international boundary bridge.

NEWS OF BLACK DIAMOND CITY

Huff Perjury Case to be Prolonged -- No Strike at Cumberland.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., April 22—The hearing of the Huff perjury case was resumed this morning, His Honor taking occasion to warn the court stenographer to take every word uttered by the witnesses as possibly a dozen perjury cases might arise out of that one.

The whole of the morning session was occupied by the examination and cross-examination of Mr. L. Seymour, who took notes of the original trial. The Crown attempted to put in Mr. Seymour's notes as proof of the evidence given by Mr. Huff, but Mr. Young, for the defence, insisted that it was essential that a witness should be able to swear of his own knowledge that specific statements had been made by the defendant. This Mr. Seymour could not do as he professed to no recollection of what had transpired, and merely guaranteed that the notes had been taken at the time. His Honor reserved the point, and witness read long extracts from his note books purporting to be the statements made in court by Mr. Huff.

Mr. Young put the witness through a severe cross-examination.

It was the middle of the afternoon before Mr. Seymour was released.

As counsel for the defence is combatting every point in a case full of technical difficulties, there is every probability of the trial lasting for another day or two at least.

So far the Cumberland men have not responded to the request sent from Ladysmith that they strike in sympathy with them. Contrary to expectation, Organizer Baker has not gone up to Cumberland. A mass meeting is being held there tonight. It is in any event impossible for the men to strike unless a three-fourths majority votes a stoppage. All is perfectly quiet at the collieries.

The usual Victoria Day celebration will be held here May 25, the festivities being limited to one day. The time-honored features will be presented, baseball, lacrosse, regatta, etc. The principal events of the latter will be brought off in the evening, making a new departure, as the boating and canoe races have hitherto taken place in the morning. The affair will conclude with a water concert, illuminated procession of boats, and a display of fireworks.

The Star of Italy sails this evening for Bristol Bay with a cargo of coal. The steamer Titania, and the ships Charles E. Moody and Gerard C. Sobey, are in port.

Derangement of the liver, with constipation, injures the complexion, causes pimples, sallow skin. Remove the cause by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One a dose. Try them.

Fleet Of Liners Now en Route

Many Big Carriers Now on the Way to Victoria From the Far East.

Oanfa Will Discharge Much Cargo Here---A Disastrous Collision.

There is now quite a fleet of liners en route to Victoria. As was told yesterday, the ocean docks presented a very animated scene on Tuesday as the result of the coming of four large ocean carriers of an aggregate tonnage of over 20,000 tons, and there is equally as much tonnage now on the Pacific en route to this port. The big China Mutual liner, which is now completing the last leg of her maiden voyage around the world, left Yokohama on the 14th for this port, and is due here on Tuesday. The steamer Olympia, of the Northern Pacific line, left Yokohama on Saturday last for Victoria, and is due on the 2nd prox. The steamer Tosa Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line left Yokohama on Tuesday, and she is expected to arrive at the ocean docks on the 5th prox., when the steamer Shinano Maru will sail outward for the Orient. The Kaga Maru left Hongkong on her return voyage to Victoria and the Sound on Tuesday.

The steamer Oanfa, which is due on Tuesday next, is bringing a heavy freight to be landed at Victoria, and she will be at the ocean docks for several days putting out freight. She has nearly 1,700 tons of freight to discharge here. This is made up of 275 tons of general cargo for Victoria merchants from Liverpool, Europe, and the Orient, 185 tons of naval stores and supplies from England for the naval forces, 75 tons of general cargo for San Francisco, which is to be discharged here for transshipment South, and 1,147 tons of steel rails, cannery supplies and merchandise for Vancouver, which is in all probability to be put out at the ocean docks for transshipment to the Mainland.

The Oanfa, which is a new twin screw steamer, was launched on November 18 for the China Mutual line by Messrs. David and William Henderson, of Glasgow. She is a sister ship of the fine steamer Ning Chow, which was so much admired on her recent visit to this port. The Oanfa is 497ft. long over all, 58ft. 3in. broad, and 35ft. 10in. deep, with a gross tonnage of 7,600 tons. The builders also constructed the machinery, which consists of twin-screw triple-expansion engines, with cylinders 23in., 38½in. and 63½in. in diameter by 48in. stroke, and working at a pressure of 200lbs. She is built to Lloyd's highest class, has 18 steam winches, and is replete with every appliance for the rapid discharge of her cargo. The crew is berthed aft, and the officers, engineers, etc., are quartered on the bridge deck. A complete installation of electric light has been fitted throughout, and everything supplied that can add to the comfort of those on board and the safety of the vessel.

THE SAILERS.

Lorne Goes to Meet Inbound Ship—Lonsdale is Coming.

The tug Lorne left last night for the Cape to meet a vessel in ballast which was sailing up—her identity was not learned. The British ship Rahane, which is discharging cargo at Vancouver has been chartered to load wheat at 20 shillings for U. K. by K. J. Moore at Tacoma. The British ship Lonsdale, Capt. Fraser, is headed this way in ballast. She sailed from Valparaiso for Royal Roads on March 18th. The coal laden ship Mytomene, which is bringing coal from Cardiff for the navy at Esquimalt, is now about 130 days out from the Welsh port. Several other loaded ships are getting about due, and within a couple of weeks quite a fleet will probably arrive. The Lamona, laden with cargo from Glasgow, is now 114 days out; the Astoria is out 106 and the Maelgwyn 104 days from Rotterdam with rails for the C. P. R. at Vancouver, and the Alice is out 113 days from Antwerp with rails.

FOR THE NORTH.

Steamer Princess May of the C. P. R., left last night for Vancouver en route to Skagway. She had a small complement of passengers from this port and a light cargo—for the larger shipments of freight will not commence to move north until the river is breaking and navigation is close at hand. Capt. W. Bragg of this city, was one of the passengers on the steamer Princess May. He leaves for White Horse to take command of the fine sternwheel steamer Sybil.

Steamer Spokane is due from Skagway and Alaskan ports.

Steamer Tees, which was loading cannery supplies at the ocean docks yesterday, will leave tonight for Naas and way ports.

A LONG DRIFT.

Sailors of Norwegian Tramp, Board Derelict of Fannie Kerr.

Following close on the news that the steamer Heathdene had sighted the derelict coal-laden ship Fannie Kerr, which was abandoned a year ago off Maui, comes a report that the Norwegian steamer Taurus, which reached Yokohama from Rangoon on April 6th, sighted the derelict drifting about north of the coast of Formosa on April 2nd. The crew of the Taurus expected that she would go ashore. All her rigging was gone, except the bowsprit, and her deck was severely buckled, as if an explosion had taken place on board. A little smoke was coming from the vessel. Some of the men of the Norwegian steamer lowered a boat and went over to the derelict. They boarded her, but found nothing on board, other than a piece of soap. The crew had evidently entirely taken everything out of her before they left her off Honolulu twelve months ago. The officers of the Taurus decided that the wreck was not worth taking in tow, so they left her drifting toward the coast of Formosa, where they expected that she would pile up.

EVENTFUL VOYAGE.

Of the Bark Lord Templetown to Far East.

Details were received in the mails from the Orient of the stormy passage of the bark Lord Templetown, Capt. C. C. Morse, which is partly owned in Victoria, and was registered at this port until with the flurry over the proposed purchase of the Danish West Indies, she was transferred to St. Thomas and registered under the Danish flag—like many a vessel owned in U. S. ports—in the hope that she would thus crawl into the merchant service of that country.

The Lord Templetown was eight months, 22 days in reaching Hakodate. She left New York on the 5th July last year, and on the 12th of the same month the vessel encountered a heavy thunderstorm with strong squalls, during which the foretopgallant mast was struck by lightning, cutting the mast off above the cap. Shortly after the lightning struck the mizzentop mast, cutting off the pole and traveling down the spanker boom lift. It knocked four men, who were engaged in furling the spanker, senseless on to the deck; fortunately none of them were killed; but one man was injured so severely that it was three months before he was able to "turn to" again. After encountering several gales the vessel was sixty miles of her destination, on December 23rd, when the wind increased and began to blow with typhoon force.

The vessel was hove on to her beam ends; the foremastmast back stays, which had been injured at the time the vessel was struck by lightning, was carried away, while the rudder-head was twisted off. The sea at this time was making a clean sweep over the vessel, while the water stood to the windward of the main hatch and all on board expected that she would founder.

Fortunately at the last moment the lower maintopsail, the only remaining sail set at the time, blew out of the bolt ropes and the vessel righted a little. A hawser was then placed out over the stern, and eventually the vessel was got before the wind. The rudder-head was repaired temporarily. But Captain Morse decided it impossible to reach Hakodate with his crippled vessel, endeavored to reach Yokohama. After many adventures she reached Shanghai and towed thence to Hakodate, arriving March 27th.

BOTH FOUNDERED.

Collision Between Two Philippine Coasters Fraught With Loss of Life.

Further details of the disastrous collision between the coasting steamers Neustra Senora de Lourdes and Navarra on March 11th, soon after midnight off Cape Santiago, near the entrance to Batangas, as a result of which 32 lives were lost, were received in mail advices from Manila. Brief advices were given in Associated Press cables. Manila papers report that the steamers crashed together in the darkness, and over one hundred people were left struggling in the water, when both vessels foundered shortly after the collision. By rare fortune the captain of one of the U. S. transport Lalloc were near at hand. The Alava lowered her boats and took 43 of the crew and passengers from floating wreckage. She signalled the Lalloc, which took the survivors to Batangas. Their names were not given, but it was reported that there were no Americans in the two steamers. When the passenger lists were checked it was found that 32 were missing. Neither of the captains give any account as to how the collision occurred and both said the night was a clear one.

Fred Donelly, who was a passenger on the Lalloc, said the transport cruised for some time, with her search light on the waters, but issued to find any survivors, other than those taken from the Alava. He said the accident was inexcusable on the part of one at least of the captains, the night being clear and the moon shining. The captain of the Navarra was accused of having his lights on the wrong sides. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed. One woman was barely prevented from drowning herself and an infant because her husband was drowned.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

The Official Gazette, published yesterday afternoon, contains the following appointments:

Herbert Brooke, of Vancouver, to be a clerk in the office of the assessor for the Vancouver assessment district, and a collector of revenue tax for the said district (except within the municipality of Vancouver) vice H. K. Dunn, deceased.

Lestock R. Forbes, of Fernie, S. M., to be a deputy clerk of the peace for the county of Kootenay.

Ald. John A. Kirkpatrick, of Nelson, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners for the said city, vice Ald. C. Morrison, retired.

Notice is given that the assizes fixed to be held at Golden on the 4th day of May is cancelled.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Arrowhead Lumber Co., Limited, capital $250,000; Pile & Hull Coating & Paint Co., Limited, capital $100,000; Atlin (Ymir) Gold Mining & Milling Co., Limited, capital $250,000.

Richard D. Featherstonhaugh, mining agent at Atlin, B. C., has been appointed attorney for the Nimrod Syndicate, Limited, and the Atlin Mining Co., Limited, in place of Robert G. Tatlow, Vancouver, B. C.

William Thompson, mining manager, of Rossland, B. C., has been appointed the attorney for the Rossland-Kootenay Mining Co., Limited, in place of Bernard MacDonald, of the same place.

Municipal courts of revision for Phoenix city and Surrey municipality will be held on June 1st and May 30th respectively.

A public highway has also been established in Esquimalt district as follows: Commencing on the east side of Burnside cross road on the section line between sections 21 and 83, South Victoria district, thence east along said section line, taking a width of 10 feet on each side thereof to the west bank of the Colquitz river, a distance of 15 chains 45 links, more or less. A public highway has also been established in South Victoria from the centre of the west boundary section 7, range 2, east, South Saanich district, and running due east, crossing the Victoria & Sidney railway to the Saanich road.

Courts of revision of the voters' lists will be held as follows: Cariboo district, at Barkerville, on Monday, May 4th; Skeena division of Cassiar district, at Port Simpson, on the same day.

Sealed tenders will be received by the deputy commissioner of lands and works up to noon on Wednesday, May 20th, from any person who desires to obtain a lease under the Land Act for the purpose of cutting timber, of a timber limit on the south and east of Moyie river, containing in the aggregate 3,758 acres. The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for 21 years.

TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

Toronto, April 22.—President Ball opened the Canadian government commercial agency in Birmingham. This is the first of a series to be established in Great Britain. In an interview, he declared that Canada is anxious to increase trade with Britain. He is placing himself in touch with midland manufacturers and merchants in view of the expected increase of sales of British manufacturers under the preferential tariff, believing that if Canada used more, British manufacturers will sell more Canadian produce.

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MINERAL ACT.—(Form F.) Certificate of Improvements. Notice. Defender Fraction Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Victoria District. Where located: Mount Sicker. Take notice that The Mount Sicker and British Columbia Development Co., Ltd., Free Miners' Certificate No. B72622, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 1903.

MINERAL ACT.—(Form F.) Certificate of Improvements. Notice Pauper Mineral Claim, situate in the Chemainus Mining Division of Victoria Mining District. Where located: On Mount Brenton, adjoining the Chief Mineral Claim on the north. Take notice that I, Henry Fry, of Chemainus, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. B72535, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further taken notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 21st day of April, A. D. 1903. Henry Fry.

FOR SALE—Two freshly calved cows for sale cheap. Apply A. R. Spalding, South Pender Island.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Buff Orpingtons, Brown Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Langshams and Pekin Ducks. Leave orders W. A. Jameson, 63 Fort Street, P. O. Box 178. Quick Bros.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres, situated on the north end of Union Bay, Cassiar District, commencing at a post marked R. & R., on the north side of said bay, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence following the shore line to place of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Dated 16th day of February, 1903

ROBERTSON & RUDGE.

Notice is hereby given that I, H. G. Mason, intend within the time prescribed by law, to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province of British Columbia, for a