

REPARING FOR THE EXHIBITION... AMONG FRUIT GROWERS... Special Attention Being Given Programme of Attractions—Meeting Tuesday.

ONE THOUSAND MAY HAVE PERISHED

Latest Estimate of Loss of Life Through the Burning of the Excursion Steamer General Slocum.

Members of the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association are losing no time in arranging the programme for the forthcoming exhibition. For some weeks past they have been employed in revising last year's prize list; adding to some of the awards and decreasing others. A lengthy list of valuable special prizes has been secured, and the arrangements of the conditions of competition has necessitated consideration. It is expected, however, that the complete list for the 1904 fair will be distributed at an early date.

New York, June 15.—The magnificent three-decked excursion steamer General Slocum, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, was burned to the water's edge off North Brother island, East river, at the entrance to Long Island Sound, to-day, resulting in the death, through burning or drowning, of at least 600 persons, mostly women and children. Four hundred and ninety-eight bodies had been recovered to-day, and divers were at work taking bodies from the hold of the steamer. The remains of many persons who leaped into the river have not yet been found, and it will be many hours before the list of dead is anywhere near complete. Mr. Carver, who made the experiment, had no difficulty in ripping them open with his finger nail.

Brought into the Alexander avenue police station and tagged as one of the unidentified dead, Clara Hartman was revived while she was lying in the improvised morgue. A woman searching among the dead for a relative notified that the girl was breathing, and called an ambulance surgeon, who found that there were signs of life.

The Slocum had reached a point near the Sunken Meadows, off 15th street, Manhattan, which is at the extreme eastern end of Randall's island, when fire broke out in a lunch room on the forward deck. The blaze was caused by the overturning of a pot of grease. The heavy wind, which was blowing from the west, immediately fanned the insignificant flame into one of fury. Efforts were at once directed to subduing the fire, but the flames were futilely spread aft with almost lightning rapidity.

Capt. Van Schaack, who was in the pilot house, had the engine stopped, the danger to the hundreds of excursionists, decided to send his vessel to shore at 12th street. At this point there are a number of lumber yards and other large oil tanks, and the captain was warned that to attempt to land at this point would endanger the property and perhaps further imperil the lives of people who had already been frightened into a state of almost uncontrollable excitement. Changing the big steamer's course slightly, he headed her for North Brother island, half a mile away. By this time the flames were rushing by leaps and bounds from the forward part of the ship.

The great open decks, built for excursionists, with little obstruction from bow to stern, offered a clear sweep for the flames. As the Slocum advanced, the fire caught the stanchion and cabin woodwork, eating and tearing their way through the structure. The excursionists, but a few moments before in the enjoyment of an ideal summer's day on Long Island Sound, were driven to the edge of the flames and the smoke which were constantly increasing. Policemen and deckhands aboard the boat struggled hard to stop the panic, but their efforts were in vain. The fire was constantly increasing. Policemen and deckhands aboard the boat struggled hard to stop the panic, but their efforts were in vain.

James J. Jeffries... Operation Performed on His Knee—Will Be in Bed Six Days. San Francisco, June 16.—Advised received last night from Harbin Springs announce that an operation was performed yesterday on the ailing knee of Jim Jeffries. An incision was made and a quantity of fluid drawn off. He will be permitted to leave his bed for six days.

Fifth street, went to the morgue to find her little daughter, Wanda, who was missing and Found a Body which she identified as that of her child. Wandering from the morgue she walked down the string piece of the pier and attempted to throw herself into the river. She had been watched, however, and a policeman seized her in time to save her life. She was taken to Bellevue hospital.

Pastor Hans of St. Mark's Lutheran church, is completely prostrated. He has been unconscious most of the time since the disaster, and under the constant care of a physician. His condition is critical. His son did not go on the excursion. Besides his wife and daughter, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Carl Hansen, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Tetmoro, were drowned. Mrs. Tetmoro's daughter Edith, two years, is also lost.

Deeds of Heroism which make the one bright chapter in the heart-rending story. Brave men, devoted mothers and young and tender years contributed their part to the roll of heroic acts. There were rescues in the face of almost certain death, and useless but exalted self-sacrifices for the dear ones.

Sympathy From England. London, June 16.—The morning newspapers publish long descriptive accounts of the disaster at New York. In the excursion steamer General Slocum and in their editorials express the keen sense of sympathy with the American people for the terrible accident which, for all its mournful contrast between merriment and tragedy, is considered to stand almost without precedent.

Only Government Bill to be Brought Down. Statement Regarding Dundonald Case Will Probably be Made in House To-Morrow. Ottawa, June 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in the House to-day that the only government bill of any consequence to be introduced was an amendment to the election law which would be in the direction of improving it.

Septics Turn Believers. AND ARE CURED. DR. AGNEW'S CATHARTIC POWDER FOR THE TREATMENT OF CONSTIPATION. "When I read that Dr. Agnew's Cathartic Powder could relieve Catarrh in 10 minutes, I was skeptical. I had never tried it—until just now the blow afforded instant relief, stopped pain over the eye and cleared my head. To-day I am free from Catarrh." B. L. To-day I am free from Catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure saves life. Believers in 30 minutes.

A Parish in Mourning. New York, June 16.—Unlike the Tro-

BOAT CAPSIZED-- TWO LIVES LOST

Survivor was in the Water Thirteen Hours. Proposal to Establish Cattle Market at Winnipeg—Telegraph Line to Athabasca Landing.

Winnipeg, June 14.—J. C. Knox and J. C. Crawford, two prominent residents of St. Paul, Minn., were drowned in Shoal lake, north of Reburn, Man. J. H. Lord was saved after being thirteen hours in icy water. His boat upset while they were crossing the lake. Shot Himself. Chas. Knight, school teacher at Olds, Alta., shot himself fatally in the school yard in town yesterday.

The council has decided to renew the license at the Winnipeg theatre after many substantial improvements are made. To Establish Market. Hon. John A. Hall, Calgary, and S. H. C. Teller, Montreal, are here with view to establishing a cattle market in the city similar to Montreal. Disappeared. Some \$1,500 in an express package mysteriously disappeared between Atikokan and Winnipeg last week.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME. Is when you ought to go after Catarrh. It's easy to cure when the weather is fine. Catarrh never fails even in winter, but in fine weather it cures much quicker. Get Catarrh gone now and your Catarrh will become a thing of the past. No drugs, nothing but fragrant, medicated air. Catarrh gone can't possibly fail. It has succeeded too often. Try it.

THE PALMA TROPHY. President of British Association Expresses Satisfaction That Settlement Has Been Reached. London, June 14.—Lord Chelmsford, president of the British National Rifle Association, commenting on the action of the American National Rifle Association in deciding to return the Palma trophy to British Association, said to a representative of the Associated Press to-day: "At present no official communication announcing the resolution of the American association has reached us, but I feel certain that our council appreciates the sportsmanlike decision. Until we have received an official communication of its course, it is impossible to say what action our council will take. I can only express my personal satisfaction that an agreement satisfactory to all has been attained, and repeat that it has never been the wish on this side to impart any bitterness into the correspondence or to in any way attempt to upset the result of the match."

AMONG GULF ISLANDS. Alluding to Sunday's excursion among the islands of the Gulf, Capt. Sears, master of the tugboat, said to-day: "We had a beautiful day Sunday. A large crowd made the trip and were thoroughly delighted. The only comments I heard were, both from strangers and Victorians, that it was most wonderful. We make the trip through the islands of the Gulf and Pender island canal, and Victorians certainly are not less so near. Eastern people, who make the trip, say it is beyond comparison, and that there is nothing so good as the view of the scenery and novelty, and it certainly is the nicest side trip and the greatest asset that Victoria has for the tourist."

AMERICAN SHIPS MAY VISIT HERE

PROMISE OF ADMIRAL GLASS MADE YEAR AGO. Comment of Local Firm on Shipping During May—Victoria on Triangular Run Saturday.

If the promise of Admiral Glass, made last year when he was here, holds good, Esquimalt is likely to receive a visit from several United States warships before long. The fleet, under command of Admiral Glass, has been ordered from Honolulu on a cruise along the Aleutian Islands, thence to the Sound. Four men-of-war passed Comox Bay Tuesday afternoon, and are expected to be in the Sound. They will rendezvous at Bremerton for repairs, but it is expected that one or more of the ships will be at Port Angeles all the time for target practice. The squadron consists of the cruiser New York, the flagship, the cruiser Marblehead, the gunboats Bennington and Concord and the collier Nerob. The cruiser Albany is also reported en route to Bremerton from Honolulu, and the monitor Wyoming, which in company with the torpedo boats Fredale and Paul Jones has been cruising the coast, is also due at the navy yard for repairs.

NEW RUN SATURDAY. On Saturday the steamship Princess Victoria will inaugurate her new triangular service. She will leave here at 7:30 a.m. for Vancouver, and returning leave that point at 1 p.m., arriving here at 5 o'clock. She will be at Seattle at 7 p.m., arriving there at 11 p.m., and returning to Seattle for Victoria at midnight, leaving here again for Vancouver at 7:30 a.m. The summer schedule on the C. P. R. overland service commenced on Monday with one train, and to-day the double daily service begins. The time table of those trains has already been published, but owing to its importance to the travelling public it might be outlined again. Train No. 96, leaving Vancouver at 5:30 p.m., is the East-bound Imperial Limited, and will return to Victoria at 10:30 a.m. for Nelson and Rossland, via Vancouver and Saturdays. This train will continue with lake steamers at Port Williams. Train No. 96, from Vancouver at 5:30 p.m., will make the Kootenay connection. Passengers leaving on Monday at 8 a.m. for Nelson and Rossland, via Vancouver, will reach their destinations the following evening. Train No. 1 will be due at Vancouver at 10:40 a.m., and No. 2 at 7:45 p.m.

SHIPPING IN MAY. In their circular shipping report for May R. P. Hittler & Co. say: "During the past month the freight market has shown no activity, and grain tonnage has been dull with little prospect for new business in the near future. The last spot charter was made at 16s. 6d. while the rate for new crop loading is about 21s. 6d. In the north business has been done at 16s. 3d., and carries will be had at 25s. for new crop loading, but even at this figure there seems to be no desire on the part of shippers to take up vessels. With lower estimates of the wheat crop prices are firm, which tends to a weakness in grain freight. "In lumber there is little change to report. Rates are steady at the quotations given below, from which it will be seen that there is an upward tendency. "We quote freights as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o. b. 15s. to 17s. 3d.; Portland to Cork, f. o. b. 15s. to 17s. 6d.; South Africa, 55s. to 57s. 6d.; U. K. or continent, 59s. to 55s."

LOADS AT PORTLAND. The Portland Oregonian says: "The Boston Towboat Co.'s steamship Pleiades will be in Portland on or before August 10th, to load government lumber for Manila. Capt. Jesse M. Baker, quartermaster, has received word that one of the Boston Company's fleet will be there by that date, and as the Pleiades will be ready before that time, it is understood that she will be chartered for the business. The repairs to the Pleiades will not require over four weeks, so it is possible she will have all her cargo aboard in Portland by the specified time, if the Portland Lumber Company, which has the contract for supplying the lumber, can get it out fast enough. MARINE NOTES. Steamer Princess Beatrice was detained but little by the stoppage made off Port Townsend Tuesday, which was occasioned by the breakage of a small chain about the machinery. This was readily repaired, and the ship went out as usual last night.

Do Your New Shoes Hurt? A powder of Foot Eem in your shoes will make them easy. It always all inflammation, prevents chafing, and your shoes will wear longer, as it prevents the leather from cracking. Eighteen pence in a box, 25 cents, at Drug Stores, or postage free by mail. V. Stott & Jurg, Bowmanville, Ont. PRINCESS MAY'S CASE. "The firing of the steamer Princess May by the collector of United States customs at Ketchikan is not yet a closed incident," says the Vancouver Ledger. "The gentleman who did the firing says himself that the law is a dead letter, or rather, that it is not supposed to be enforced, but that he is not supposed to be enforced. He wants to see it wiped off the statute books or else enforced. That is his side of the case, but the facts are asserted to be that he has exceeded his duty and certainly exceeded his powers in imposing the fine. He has since stated that the fine will be remitted, and interested parties are inquiring if he knows that, and knew it when he imposed the fine, what he went to that much trouble for."

MONKEY BRAND SOAP MAKES COPPER LIKE GOLD, IN LIKE SILVER, CROCKERY LIKE MARBLE, AND WINDOWS LIKE CRYSTAL.