

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Two Others Badly Injured at the Tumbo Mines.

The Cause of the Accident Unknown—One Body to Be Interred in Victoria.

There was a terrible accident at the Tumbo Island coal mine on Sunday morning last. For some months past men have been employed sinking a shaft there, and a couple of boilers and engines have been kept in motion almost continuously, night and day, since operations commenced. On Sunday, the weather being cold, a number of the employees assembled in the engine room, and were visited by Mr. P. Watelet, the manager. At the time this visit took place, the boiler was working at a pressure of 100 pounds of steam. It had been tested up to 110 pounds before being put in position. Seated around the boiler were Mr. Murdoch, Morrison, who was acting as a section foreman for Contractor McLean during new construction in the city; Mr. J. H. Harris, assistant engineer, the blacksmith and two others.

A couple of minutes after Mr. Watelet and the premises he heard an explosion, and looking back saw the boiler house—a temporary building—blown to pieces. He hastened to the scene of the accident, and found that matters were even worse than first impressions suggested. Morrison and Harris were dead, their bodies being terribly mutilated. The blacksmith was also killed, but had been only stunned, and his worst trouble was a few skin abrasions. The other men were more or less seriously injured, but none of them fatally.

How this accident occurred, no one is able to say. All parties are saying that the boiler had been properly attended to, and the engineer enjoys the reputation of being a very careful man. The boiler house and engine room are a complete wreck, and work will have to be suspended for some time until matters are fixed up again. Mr. Watelet, who manages the mine, has been very busy since the accident, and has been engaged on the premises, some down by the island and reported the sad news. The coroner at Nanaimo was also communicated with at once, and an inquest will probably be held to-day, after which the bodies will be brought down to Harris to Vancouver, where it will be received by a widow and three orphans, and that of Morrison to Victoria, where a mourning wife and four helpless little children await it.

Both the deceased men were well and lawfully known in Victoria.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

PITON, Jan. 28.—The centennial of Methodism at Piton was celebrated here yesterday. One hundred years ago the first Methodist class was formed in Piton, and it still exists. During all this time its leadership has been in one family, being handed down from father to son. The first leader was Andrew Johnson, his grandson, who was followed by W. H. Johnston, his grandson. His class was formed under the administration of Rev. James Dunham, who came to Piton in 1792 from the United States.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—The B. C. contingent of parliamentary representatives passed through yesterday en route to the Capital. The members of the party were: Senator Reid, Col. Prior, Thos. Earle, M.P. for Victoria, J. A. Mara, M.P. for Yale, and G. E. Corbould, M.P. for New Westminster.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—The St. Boniface hospital will be opened this year at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—The Middlesex and Essex County Councils have adopted a resolution favoring a provincial plebiscite on the prohibition question.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 28.—The Varsity hotel, the largest here, is on fire and the town is threatened, as a heavy storm prevails.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28.—The Coal Syndicate will be held in the House has created a great stir in coal-mining circles. There has been a big demand for licenses to prospect for anthracite within the past ten days.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—F. H. Flood, treasurer of South Colchester township, is said to be over \$2,000 short, and the township Council has decided to proceed against him and his bondsmen.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Troth's general store containing the post-office and telephone, and occupied above as a residence by James Troth, was burned to the ground. The loss \$8,000, insurance \$4,500.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Charles Whitely, news editor of the Free Press, died yesterday morning, leaving a widow and one child. He had been employed on the Montreal newspapers previous to his removal to Ottawa, and was the son of N. S. Whitney, a prominent leather merchant, his uncle being the late Hamilton Henry Whitney, a one-time member for Missisquoi in the old Parliament of Canada, and for some years subsequently Secretary of the Montreal Board of Harbor Commissioners. His first wife, the daughter of a well-known Eastern township farmer and property owner, died some years ago. For his second he married the daughter of Alexander Dunlop, one of the best known and highest esteemed printers in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Whitney left behind a widow and one child. "Charlie," as he was best known, was in many respects a regular Bohemian, being always polite and willing to oblige.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—The provincial detectives returned from Smith's Falls to-day, where they investigated the case of Charles Luckey, charged with murdering his father, mother and sister at Irish Creek two days after his release from the Central prison. The defence will be that no murder was committed, and that the house took fire while Luckey was visiting his parents, and he alone escaped. The detectives say that they have secured important evidence.

QUEREC, Jan. 28.—Judge Pelletier, to-day at L'Islet, denied the appeals against certain disputed votes. Consequently, as

the judicial re-count was demanded only as regards these disputed votes, Mr. Tarte was declared elected.

ST. CATHERINES, Jan. 28.—An old revolver in the hands of James Stevens, of Thorold, was accidentally discharged last night. The ball entered the back of the head of John Walker, of Walker Bros., Montreal. The wound may prove fatal.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 28.—Yesterday John McKinnon, of Rocky point, was sentenced to three years imprisonment for setting fire to a barn. McKinnon is 80 years of age.

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TORONTO, Jan. 28.—Rev. J. E. Lancelotti, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church here, has resigned, and will accept a call to the Baltimore, Md., church, at \$3,000 salary.

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—It is rumored in commercial circles that the Government has decided to appoint R. S. White, M.P., collector of customs at this port. The appointment, however, it is expected, is not to be announced until near the end of the session.

THE BAWNMORE.

She has Further Trouble at San Francisco—The Witnesses Spirited Away.

Due to Accident She Returns to Port Where She Loses Her Fireman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—There was no change in the water front labor difficulty to-day, and the Union men say there is not likely to be much change for some time. The non-union shipping office has men out hunting for crews, and has succeeded thus far in getting men enough to man the vessels sent out, though it has been necessary to take men from deep water vessels to do it. The Union's patrolmen this morning took part of a deep water crew that had been taken from a deep water vessel to the Union shipping office, and explained the situation to the men. The sailors said they had been induced to leave their wages on the deep water vessel by promises of higher wages on the coast. The men promised to return to their ship. A number of the Union said this morning that it was not probable that the Union would order any strike. Even should the vessel owners succeed in forming a general combination at the Bawnmores, it would not be precipitate a strike. The policy of the Union is to wait until the scarcity of men shall make wages higher, when it will attempt to get satisfaction out of the owners who are opposing it now. The British steamer Bawnmore is still having trouble with the sailors' Union. Before sailing last Saturday the boatwain, cook and other crew were taken away by the Union men who stole the non-union crew out of the steamer when in Nanaimo, B. C. were spirited away out of the ship and have not been seen since. The Bawnmores was at the Heads when the stopcock of the circulating pump blew out and she had to return. This morning the firemen were taken out of her and the captain will have to get new ones before she can go to sea.

THE MISSING PEKING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The Pacific Mail steamer City of Peking is still overdue from Hongkong and Yokohama at 10 o'clock this morning. Officers of the company have been making inquiries, and have been told that the steamer has not been seen since it left Yokohama, and the China 15 days. The latter steamer will be fully due at that hour. The Mail Company expects to get some news of the missing steamer by the end of the week.

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FROM SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—In some parts of the town the thermometer this morning registered two below zero.

The average temperature to-day has been eight above. It is the coldest day on record in Seattle.

A telegram received late this afternoon from Gilman, 40 miles from here, says there is a "man frozen to death six miles southeast of that town." The matter will be investigated by the county officials.

At last night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Dr. Jordan, a member, who is the father of Henry L. Yeeler, stated that Mr. Yeeler was not poisoned; but it was not the fault of Mr. Jordan that he was not. The Doctor was asked to make a statement over his own signature. He complied, and it was published to-night's Press-Times.

To-morrow the preliminary hearing will take place in the Provincial Court. The case is being handled by the committing magistrate. At that time sensational testimony is likely to be adduced.

A man named Lucy entered the police station this morning at 4 o'clock suffering from smallpox. The health officer removed him to his house. The station was undergoing fumigation most of the day.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Estimates for the Province of British Columbia—Information as to Quarantine.

Debate on the Address Concluded—Government Has a Majority of Fifty.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—The estimate presented to Parliament last night shows a net decrease of half a million compared with last year. The following are the appropriations for British Columbia:

Vancouver	\$13,000
Post office, to complete	10,000
Drill hall	6,000
Public hall	10,000
Dredging inner harbor	6,000
Dredging outer harbor	12,000
Fraser River	2,000
Improvement of channel at mouth	30,000
Protection of banks at Gabriola	12,000
Improvement of navigation	12,000
Protection south bank at Millers	7,500
Columbia River—improvements above Golden	4,500
Improvements between Golden and Arrow Lake	1,500
Steamer River	2,000
General repairs and improvements	2,000
There is a decrease of \$4,000 in the appropriation to the British Columbia penitentiary.	

British Columbia members have arrived.

Senator Molnes asked for all papers connected with the British Columbia quarantine and the introduction of smallpox into the Province.

Hon. Mr. Boulton will present a motion in favor of the adoption of free trade.

Mr. McMullen wants the superannuation system abolished.

The debate on the address was concluded last night. The Opposition moved an amendment regretting the absence in the speech of all reference to relief from the present excessive taxation.

The house made good progress with the estimates to-day. Previous to entering into the principal street in broad and handsome, and the market place, where the people sought refuge, as related in the foregoing dispatch, is spacious, serving both for an exchange and a public promenade.

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is to move, in the House of Commons an amendment to be introduced to raise the question of the unemployed. He will also move an amendment to the same effect.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies, M. Thomson, chairman of the Committee on Naval Estimates, stated that the French Mediterranean squadron was now superior to the Italian Mediterranean squadron, and that France's northern squadron would soon equal the entire German squadron. France now has 425 fighting ships.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 31.—The Federal Bank of Australia is winding up its affairs in consequence of the persistent withdrawal of deposits by customers in the Australian colonies and in England.

ATHENS, Feb. 1.—The island of Zante was shaken yesterday morning by an earthquake and a panic ensued. In the town of Zante many houses were wrecked.

The dome of the prison fell and many prisoners were killed. The walls of the prison were sprung and cracked, the floor settled and the roof sank several feet.

Two hours later the town was shaken by repeated quakes and cracks, the floor settled and the roof sank several feet.

The people fled from their homes, crowding the market places, and scores of bodies were found in the ruins. Hundreds were injured severely.

Zante is the capital of the island of Zante, one of the Ionian group, in the Mediterranean Sea. The island is only twenty-four miles long and twelve miles wide, having an area of 277 square miles.

The greater part of the interior is an extensive plain, which is very fertile. The population of the island is 45,000. The town of Zante is on the east coast of the island at the head of a deep bay.

It is built in the Italian style, but few of the houses being more than one story high. On the side of the bay, where the people sought refuge, as related in the foregoing dispatch, is spacious, serving both for an exchange and a public promenade.

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HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

The Appeals to Washington Delay the Departure of Secretary Foster For Paris.

President Harrison Asked to Submit Any Convention He May Make to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The principal development in the Hawaiian situation is the announcement of Secretary of State Foster that he has given up his trip to Paris next week, whether he was going as agent for the United States to attend the meeting of the Behring Sea arbitrators. In view of the necessities of the situation suddenly presenting themselves, it has been deemed expedient that he should remain in the Department until the close of his term of office.

He will, however, meet the arbitrators at the date of their adjournment meeting March 28th, and will hold a conference this morning with Senator Morgan, the leading Democratic member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Secretary also had a talk on the Hawaiian situation with Representative Committee on Foreign Affairs, and with the Republican member of that committee.

There are no indications of any material increase to be made in the number of United States naval vessels in Hawaiian waters. No developments that will lead to bloodshed in Honolulu or elsewhere in the islands have come to light and it is the belief in naval circles that the force of marines and sailors on the Boston is sufficient to protect American interests and maintain order.

One vessel may be sent to support the Boston, and information obtained at the department leads to the belief that no others will follow unless the situation becomes alarming, and this doesn't seem probable in view of the present state of affairs.

The Government will not be caught napping, however, and vessels will be prepared for sea and kept in readiness.

The Senate yesterday took up Mr. Chandler's resolution requesting the President to transmit to the Senate any convention he may make with the provisional government of Hawaii, and Chandler proceeded to discuss it.

Chandler explained his motives for the resolution, and said he had not intended that it should be acted on without discussion. He said that it would be wise for Congress to initiate action on the subject.

The commissioners from the provisional government of Hawaii would not arrive in Washington City until the end of the week, and it was fair to presume that the rest of the week will be occupied by the executive in considering the subject.

The 4th of March would be then near at hand, and so he thought that it would be wise for Congress to initiate action on the subject.

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able for maintaining peace on the islands. It is now apparent that the States are likely to be responsible for their permanent peace. On political grounds the need for the cable was becoming an urgent question, and the question now was whether the cable was to be started from Vancouver or from San Francisco. The captain was of the opinion, though the question was a political one, and not for him to discuss, that the people of the United States and their Congress should see to it that the cable was at this time, and from some point on the coast of California.

ORIENTAL ADVICES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Advices by the steamer China from Hongkong are as follows:

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The rinderpest continues, and has caused fatal ravages among the cattle in Japan. The loss is incalculable.

At Yokohama, two hundred houses were destroyed by fire in the town of Shibuya. Two hundred houses were burned at Miyamoto, and troops came upon a band of pirates on the island of Hantai. A few weeks ago, and killed seven in the engagement which took place.

The condemned U. S. steamer Palos was nearly put up at auction, but only half of the reserve price of \$7,000 was offered, and she was withdrawn.

FROM SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—[Special.]—To-day Mrs. Yeeler and Dr. Jordan and Van Buren appeared before Justice of the Peace Humphrey to have a preliminary hearing on charges of conspiracy and destroying the will of the late Henry L. Yeeler. The two doctors waved examination and were put under ten thousand dollars each, to appear in the Superior Court. Mrs. Yeeler, however, chose to fight in this, the lower court, and the case began.

On the side of the prosecution the best legal talent in the city is arrayed, while the defense is represented by W. H. White, ex-U. S. district attorney.