

FLOODS ON SOUND DELAY THE TRAINS Trains Are Stalled and Mails and Freight Cannot Reach This City

For three days the eastern and southern United States mails have not been received because of the floods prevailing in the valleys of Puget Sound. Telegrams have also been delayed, messages sent on Thursday arriving yesterday.

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PRINCE RUPERT HOLDS ITS FIRST REGATTA

An Epoch Making Aquatic Event Held on Monday Last

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FAST GOING ON C. P. R.

Overseas Mail Makes Up Several Hours Between Two Coasts.

Quebec, Nov. 16.—The C. P. R. overseas limited, carrying the China mail arrived here this afternoon at 3:31 o'clock, having made the record trip across the continent. The actual running time from Vancouver to Quebec is 3,000 miles was 79 hours and 59 minutes.

The train left Vancouver at 9:40 on Monday, having been delayed 8 hours and 40 minutes owing to the non-arrival of the Empress, which had encountered rough weather, and then was further delayed six hours in the mountains, but notwithstanding this heavy handicap, Quebec was reached 21 minutes ahead of schedule time.

There were several notable runs on the different divisions, the run over the four ranges of mountains having been made at a rate of over 28 miles an hour, and across the 840 miles of prairies between Calgary and Winnipeg at a rate of speed of 45 and a half miles an hour.

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RETURNS FROM TRIP TO OLD COUNTRY

Robert Croft Confirms Statement That Times Are Prosperous in England

Robert Croft, of the firm of Robert Croft & Co., of this city, has just returned from a European trip of five months' duration and brings with him the important announcement that his firm now represent Messrs. J. and N. Phillips & Co., of Manchester, England, who are possible the most extensive warehousemen and manufacturers in Europe—their name being as well known to the dry-goods trade as the Bank of England.

Mr. Croft confirms the statements as to the very prosperous times across the Atlantic, especially throughout Britain, and the fact that the demand for the mills here is at the fullest capacity. The country never looked finer from an agricultural point of view; but the demand for wool is so excessive, running from £2 10s. to £4 10s. per acre per annum, which means the farmer there cannot make money.

Canada, in their "promised land" and everyone talks of the great Northwest wheat fields. The coming year will see even larger crops than for years, but dried years, much to the discomfort of even the American visitor. This continued for some seven or eight days.

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BOER RAIDERS CAPTURED.

Capetown, Nov. 17.—Ferreira, the leader of the Boer raid from German Southwest Africa into the northern part of Cape Colony and all his followers were captured today by colonial patrols.

GENERAL ASSASSINATED. Poltava, Russia, Nov. 17.—General Prokhorov, commander of the garrison here was shot dead tonight and a soldier who passing at the time was also killed by unknown persons.

CHARMER BENDS STEM. Steamer Chamer and a bent stem when she arrived from Vancouver last night. At 11 a. m. yesterday, when the steamer, then commanded by Capt. Campbell, moved from No. 3 to No. 4 slip, then a little, she struck the wharf a glancing blow, which bent the stem.

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REPORTS ON DAIRYING IN THIS PROVINCE. "There is a wholesome rivalry among the dairy creameries as to who shall capture the honors, and the whole district is patrolled by a creamery, the future success of the locality may be assured," shows they intend to improve their land, and that they are spreading their wings over all dairy products. The price of butter ranges from 30c to 40c. Best creamery is selling now for 40c in Victoria.

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The bureau of information at Victoria is to be commended for the class of literature it is at present issuing. It is information of this kind that the public desires and the more wide spread it is the more the province and its individual inhabitants will profit by its labors.

HAD ROUGH TRIP. Victoria-New Westminster Steamer Delayed by Heavy Weather.

Steamer Queen City, which replaced the R. P. Ribbet on the Victoria-Fraser river route, arrived yesterday morning after a delay and rough passage, bringing a cargo of produce and logs. There were 45 logs on board, and the steamer was delayed by the general progress of British Columbia. "I firmly believe," said Mr. Lewis, "that we will see wonderful development on Vancouver Island as well as the mainland, and of course this must mean a great growth for the Capital City."

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The market quotations do not show much change this week. There are a few alterations in the fruit line, owing to the fact that several varieties have gone out of Valdez, and the price of the local produce is therefore not set price is quoted. Large shipments of grapes and figs have been ordered from California and Japan but, yet, they have not arrived. Staples mainly from the local produce. Hot house lettuce is becoming quite a favorite delicacy. It is being sold in large quantities by the wholesale merchants at \$1 a crate. Consignments are being forwarded from Victoria to all parts of the province, those engaged in the retail business elsewhere thus acknowledging the superiority of the Vancouver Island product.

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