

DID INSANE MAN SURVIVE VALENCIA?

Siwashes Bring Tale to Lineman Logan of Wild Man at Scene of Wreck.

STRANGE TALE OF INDIANS

Lineman Gone to Investigate-- Body of a Child Is Recovered.

THAT a survivor of the wrecked steamer Valencia is living as an insane wild man in the woods near Darling creek, subsisting on clams, roots, berries, etc., found in the thick woods near the scene of the disaster...

It is three months since the Valencia was wrecked, and of her complement of 154 persons fifteen reached the Vancouver island coast and a score of others were rescued from lifeboats. If another unfortunate reached the shore with his hands wrecked as a result of the hard-ship incident to the wreck, it seems improbable that he would live so long under the conditions reported; but the tale so oft told by the Indians is thought by those resident in the vicinity to be worthy of investigation.

It will be remembered that Mr. Bunker, in telling of his landing on the beach after being overturned from a boat in the breakers, told of a man who had suffered grievous injuries to his face and head by contact with the rocks and was sitting on the beach gibbering insanely. The survivors left him there and started over the trail to seek succor at the telegraph huts at Darling creek. Nothing was heard of this man. It is hardly probable that the unfortunate who was severely injured would survive so long.

Indians Hear Crying. The Indians tell of hearing shouting, shrieking and loud crying by what they have clasped as wild men. It may be, of course, that the natives have heard the noise of a panther or other animals; but they deny this, and say it was the crying of a human being that they heard.

Indians of the district have been badly frightened by the reports of the presence of the insane man. They say, for example, the vicinity of Darling creek, near the mouth of which is a good clam beach and in whose valley there are many berries and roots. In the winter months, though, one would think the woods would have furnished little sustenance.

Collating the various reports brought by the Indians, Mr. Logan has decided to investigate, and has gone to Darling creek with a companion for this purpose. The reports made by the white Indians are found to be correct. Mr. Logan will report the existence of the unfortunate and a party will then be organized to capture the deranged man, so that he can be properly cared for.

Those resident in the vicinity are most interested in the result of Mr. Logan's investigations, and he himself is most anxious to run the reports down, to ascertain if there is such a being on his line of travel as he would expect to be pounced upon by some wild man while standing staring at the coast telegraph line in search of wire trouble.

Child's Body Found. On Monday another body of a victim of the wreck of the Valencia, the decomposed corpse of a child, was picked up by Mr. Logan in the vicinity of the wreck and was buried. The child could not be identified. There are now thirty bodies buried in shallow graves on the sandy beach, not far from the scene of the wreck and about a mile from the coast. The bodies are of various ages, and many of them are of arms and legs and some skulls have also been recovered, and each buried. A few days ago a leg, with bone sticking out, was washed ashore and buried. The graves made on the island coast are very shallow, and it was anticipated by those who covered up the remains that the Dominion government would have ordered all exhumed and brought to Victoria for interment.

FEWER IRISH EMIGRANTS. Ireland's Lowest Record For Over Half a Century. (London Mail). The number of emigrants from Ireland last year, according to the official statistics just issued, is the smallest on record since the collection of returns was instituted in May, 1851.

This tends to show that the Irish have now fewer grievances and less desire to exchange the known delights of the "Green Isle" for "the Land of the Free."

During the year only 31,172 emigrants left Irish ports, being a decrease of 8,243 as compared with the emigration in 1904.

Last year the number of males who emigrated was 16,453, or 1,071 less than in the previous year, and the number of females 14,719, being a decrease of 5,172.

In 1852 the record number of 130,322 persons left Ireland, and from the year of 1851, to the 31st December, 1905, over four millions have left for the colonies and other countries.

The number of emigrants during the past half century is equivalent to 75 per cent of the average population, but last year's figures only equal 7.1 per cent of the estimated population.

Of the places chosen by those who leave Erin the United States last year claimed 24,134, and 2,360 went to Canada.

In South Africa 324 have settled, and there are 285 more Irish residents in Australia, and 69 in New Zealand.

BARTON MURDER TRIAL.

Hamilton Jury Bring in An Open Verdict. Hamilton, Ont., May 2.—The Barton murder inquest closed last night, after being adjourned from time to time since October 10th last year. The jury brought in a verdict that the unknown woman came to her death by a bullet wound in the head inflicted by some person or persons unknown.

BIG MASONIC GATHERING.

Seventh District Convention Assembles in Georgia. Rome, Ga., May 2.—This city is just now the Mecca for prominent Masons from several states. The occasion is the seventh district convention, which began today and will be in session till Saturday. In addition to the delegates and grand lodge officers of Georgia the visitors include Masons of high degree from Tennessee, Alabama and Florida.

NEW MEXICO G. A. R.

Veterans Gather for Annual Re-union in Las Cruces. Las Cruces, N.M., May 2.—Las Cruces is gay with the national colors today in honor of the G. A. R. Department of New Mexico. The occasion is the third annual encampment in progress. Splendid entertainment has been provided for the veterans and other visitors who will be here two days. Commander-in-Chief Tanner and his staff are the guests of honor.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

Farmer's Wife Held On Suspicion of Poisoning. Brockville, Ont., May 2.—Mrs. Henry Allen and William O'Conner, a hired man are under arrest at Lansdowne. Mrs. Allen is charged with poisoning her husband, Henry Allen, who died five months ago and O'Conner is implicated in the same crime. Allen was a local farmer. His home was exhumed and removed for analytical examination.

ALPHA DELTA PHI.

National Convention of Fraternity Takes Place in Maine. Portland, Me., May 2.—Elaborate preparations have been concluded for the entertainment of the delegates to the national convention of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, which will be in session here during the next three days. An informal reception at the Falmouth hotel ushers in the gathering this evening. The business sessions will begin on Monday morning, and in the afternoon the delegates will visit Bowdoin college at Brunswick. Hamilton W. Mabee, '05, the president of the fraternity and will preside over the convention. The fraternity is the fourth oldest of the Greek letter societies in America, and is one of the largest in point of membership.

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Phenomenal Rush at Regina Still Continues. Regina, May 2.—The homestead entries for the month of April at the Regina land office break all records. There were 518 homestead entries with 1,111 for same month last year. Throughout the month the largely increased staff which has for some time been at work at the office has kept working at high pressure, it being only by working overtime that the business could be kept abreast of anything like the phenomenal rush. The influx of settlers from across the line and from the east showing no abatement.

A CREDITABLE NUMBER.

B. C. Mining Exchange Branching Out—A Thriving Publication. Very encouraging growth is indicated by the increased size of the April number of the B. C. Mining Exchange, which has just been issued. It is now a well established and excellent publication given it by conservative advertisers shows that it is being appreciated as a medium among mining men. A special feature of this journal is the illustrated write-ups of various mining properties and sections, which appear every month. This time "Mining in the Vernon District" is ably handled by a special staff correspondent, and the large number of commendable productions in that portion of the publication is set off by well-reproduced photographs. Many people have the idea that the Okanagan is noted only for its fruit, but this article shows that mining is its important industry.

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As usual a part of the province is neglected. The progress of the Boundary and Kootenay is noted, and two cuts are given showing operations on the Granby smelter. Coast mining is very fully gone into, a large amount of interesting news being given relating to properties both on the Mainland and on Vancouver Island.

The oil industry, which is employing a considerable number of men in East Kootenay and in the Horsefly district, occupies attention, and a special correspondent gives a report of a trip to the British Columbia and Western Alberta oil-fields.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

An Important Conference Is To Be Held at Soranton Tomorrow. Philadelphia, May 1.—Local branches of the miners' union are electing delegates to a conference at Soranton, Pa., on Thursday, and most of them are instructing their delegates to follow President Mitchell's advice implicitly. There is no question as to the fact that Mount Carmel may lead to a strong movement in favor of a strike.

President Mitchell, who is at Wilkes-Barre, was asked about the matter today. "The action of the troopers there seems to confirm the fears of the foreigners that the location is a trap," the secretary was to establish a Russian institution in this country. The shooting was seemingly uncalculated for and is greatly to be deplored.

YELLOW FEVER CONFERENCE.

Austin, Texas, May 2.—In response to a call of the State Health department, city and county health officers of all parts of Texas assembled in conference here today. The purpose is to discuss sanitary and other measures of precaution for the prevention of yellow fever in Texas this summer.

EXPLOSE "SWEATSHOP" EVILS.

London, May 2.—Princess Henry of Battenberg, who is famous for his charitable work officiated today at the opening of an exhibition of the "sweated" industries of Great Britain and Ireland. The aims of the exhibition are to expose the evils of the sweating system and to elicit a public opinion which will inspire legislation against the evil. The nature of the exhibition is a demonstration of the actual processes of the manufacture of sweated articles by the workers themselves.

ILLINOIS RED MEN.

Jacksonville, Ill., May 2.—All trails led into Jacksonville today, and the city is ablaze with Indian emblems in honor of the Improved Order of Red Men, whose annual state convention is in progress. Nearly every large city of the state is represented among the visitors. A costume parade, an outing at Nichols park, receptions, and drives about the city are features of the programme in addition to the exhibition of degree work and other visitors who will be here two days. Commander-in-Chief Tanner and his staff are the guests of honor.

A BANKER'S DEATH.

General Manager of Dominion Bank Dies in London. Toronto, May 2.—A private cable from London announces the death of T. C. Brough, general manager of the Dominion bank of Canada. Mr. Brough left Toronto about a month ago for the Old Country, partly on business and partly to see his two daughters, who are at school there. While in London he was stricken with paralysis. His wife joined him only last Saturday.

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Regina, May 2.—Members of legislature will journey to Prince Albert on Friday by special train and will visit Saskatoon returning on Sunday. This will enable members to inspect cities which are ambitious to secure capital honors.

"STICKS" THE GOVERNMENT.

Must Pay \$4,000,000 For An Old Indian Deal. Washington, May 2.—The expense of transferring the Cherokee Indians from the east to the Indian Territory more than fifty years ago, originally assessed against the Cherokee treaty fund, and amounting to \$4,000,000, must be paid by the federal government, according to a decision of the supreme court today. The original claim was for \$1,111,284, but the interest brings the sum to \$4,000,000.

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Canada's Example to Illustrate Farm Work in Kentucky. Lexington, Ky., May 2.—An army of visitors, comprising the leading educators and philanthropists, the soldiers of the United States army, and the members of the Masonic lodge of Lexington and will remain in possession of the city during the remainder of the week. They come to attend the conference for education in the south. This will be the ninth of these extraordinary annual gatherings, and promises to be the most important in the series. The conference has its origin in the educational conferences in the history of this country.

A noteworthy addition to the gathering is the arrival of the party of President Robert C. Ogden, recruited in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and other Northern centres. The party came on a visit to the south. They were met at Cincinnati by a reception committee and escorted to Lexington. Every train from the far south today also brought its contingent from that section, and when Governor Beckham delivers the address of welcome in the afternoon this evening it will be in the presence of the most distinguished assembly ever seen in Lexington. President Ogden will deliver a response to the conference this year is to be of the most practical character and will have direct bearing on the vital questions of the hour. Of foremost importance is the session tomorrow morning, which will be in charge of the state superintendents of public instruction and will be occupied with a review of significant events in the educational work of the several states during the past year.

The subject appointed for Friday morning is "Agriculture and the application of Scientific Knowledge to the Work of the Actual Farmer on His Land." This is now presenting a striking illustration of successful farming under the guidance of practical science. The man who has probably the most to say on this subject