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Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—The contract for the new school house at Creston, West Kootenay, has been awarded by the department of lands and works.

—The sheaves of grain composing a part of the exhibit from the Dominion experimental farm at Agassiz were presented by Manager Sharp to the Tourist Association. He also promised to forward various grains to the association if the bottles in which to store the grain were sent him.

—Special Underwear and Shirt Bargains at this season. B. Williams & Co. *

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold an "at home" in the schoolroom of the church, Blanchard street, on Tuesday evening, 21st inst. A programme of music, etc., by the most able amateurs in the city will be rendered at intervals during the evening. Games of all kinds will be provided for the use of the guests, so that an excellent evening's entertainment is assurred those who may attend.

—The management of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school contemplate giving a treat to the children of the school on the evening of the last Wednesday in the month. This entertainment was promised them when the improvements to the Sunday school were completed, but there has not been time up to the present to carry it out. The school is in a flourisning condition, being entirely out of debt, having an almost new school room, with an entirely new library of 100 volumes, which arrived on Friday last.

—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chemainus General hospital took place in the hall, on October 2nd, with the president, Mrs. Palmer, in the chair. The report for the year having been read, a very satisfactory balance sheet was shown. The proceeds of a supper held last October and later on a sale of work, augmented by donations, brought the bank account up to $638.70. The Woman's Auxiliary was then able to pay for the water being laid on to the hospital, and also to purchase some furniture, which was required, a balance of $100 still remaining.

—Ten cases High-class 20th Century Suits just in; all reduced to Sale Prices. B. Williams & Co. *

—There was a large attendance at the annual harvest festival of the Victoria West Methodist church, held last evening. A sumptuous repast was served from 6 o'clock until 7:30 p.m., after which an excellent programme was rendered. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. Dean. Selections were given by a number of vocalists and instrumentalists. J. G. Brown gave a solo, Gideon Hicks and Mrs. Wilson sang, J. Longfield gave a couple of selections on the new organ, and Mr. Talbot rendered two violin selections. The choir of the church also assisted in the evening's entertainment. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. A. McRae and Rev. J. P. Westman. The interior of the church was beautifully and appropriately decorated.

—Musicians of the city have organized a union and a charter has been applied for from the American Federation of Musicians. There is a membership of over 40, and the roll, it is expected, will number 70 within a few months. Officers have been elected pro tem as follows: President, Frank J. Shepherd; vice-president, S. A. Bantley; financial secretary, S. C. Carroll; recording and corresponding secretary, W. Fairall; treasurer, Thos. F. Gold; sergeant-at-arms, J. Todhunter. The union will affiliate with the Trades and Labor Council, and J. M. Finn and F. J. Shepherd were selected as representatives. The election of committees was left over. The next meeting of the union will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Labor hall.

—The India and Persia Depot, Broad street, has just received a consignment of goods never hitherto handled on this continent. It consists of Saharanpore furniture, and comes from the far away northwest provinces of India. There the ingenious inhabitants have fashioned into articles of utility the Saharanpore wood which abounds only in that part of the world, and the workmanship is superb. It is almost impossible to conceive that the carving was done by hand, so minute, delicate and artistic are the devices executed. Table covers, table legs and picture frames are beautifully designed, a striking tribute to the skill and ingenuity of those who make them. They will be disposed of at the auction which Mr. Carter proposes to hold in the near future. The goods were received through the firm's house in Bombay.

—Monday's Spokesman Review, Spokane, says: "The body of Fireman J. F. Lynch is lying in state at the funeral chapel of J. D. Buchanan, where many of the friends of the deceased are viewing the remains. The floral offerings are most profuse and are the remembrances of individuals as well as of societies. Each order to which he belonged has sent floral tributes, as have the different fire stations in the city, besides the Victoria department and the fire chiefs of the Northwest Association. Above the altar are hung the flags of the Elks, the Foresters of America and the Hibernians. This morning at 9 o'clock requiem high mass will be held at the Main Avenue Catholic church. The service was arranged for by the Hibernians. The brother of the deceased is expected to arrive in the city to-day from Oklahoma, and the funeral arrangements will then be made."

—The department of marine and fisheries has had published an excellent pamphlet on "Canada's Great Waterway: From the Great Lakes to the Ocean." It contains an extract from the speech delivered during the last session by Hon. James Sutherland, the minister of the department, in submitting the vote for aids to navigation, principally on what is known as the St. Lawrence route. It shows what aids will be inaugurated, designating their locality and character and contains information that should prove of the greatest interest to navigators. Reference is also made to the aids to be established on the Pacific, in connection with which Col. Anderson recently visited this Coast. In the booklet is a map of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, with the locations of the proposed aids plainly marked. The publication has a neatly designed cover, while the paper and printing are admirable. Copies may be obtained on application at the local agency of the department.

—Priestly's Cravenette Waterproofs, 3 cases just opened; all marked to Sale Prices for cash. B. Williams & Co. *

—An arrangement has been entered into between the governments of the United States and of Canada by which postal notes presented at post offices in the United States will be paid. The order issued to United States postmasters is as follows: "Postmasters at money-order offices are notified that in accordance with an arrangement made with the postal administration of Canada, the postal notes issued by money-order offices in that country may be paid by money-order offices in the United States, and disposed of in same manner that ordinary Canadian money orders are paid and transmitted to the department as vouchers. These postal notes, while intended for local purposes and to be issued and paid in Canada only, are occasionally sent by remitters to correspondents in this country, hence the object of these instructions is simply to accommodate the holders of such notes, who otherwise would be obliged to return them to their correspondents in Canada."

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The office of the secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association has been removed from the exhibition grounds to the market building, Cormorant street. The complete financial statement is in course of preparation, and will be issued in a few days.

—The coroner's jury which looked into the circumstances connected with the death of Jos. Bandolini, at Nanaimo, arrived at a verdict of accidental death. The death resulted from a coal car striking a prop which, falling on the unfortunate man, resulted in his death.

—J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., has formally joined the Socialist party in Nanaimo. He has refused to say much on the subject to press representatives in that city, but believes that the Socialists are the people who are solely working in the interests of wage earners.

—A few of the new King Edward coins fresh from the Royal Mint are in circulation in the city. They are ten cent pieces, and contains the head of the King bearing the crown on one side and the inscription Edward VII., D. G., Rex. Imperator. The reverse is the same as the ordinary ten cent coins.

—See our new 20th Century ready-to-wear Suits. Bring cash and get a discount. B. Williams & Co. *

—The Norwegian barque Helois, Captain Halvesen, which reached Chemainus yesterday, came very near losing her charter. The vessel is under engagement to load at the mill, and has been making a long passage from Adelaide. Had she been twenty-four more hours at sea she would have lost her charter.

The Family Hearld and Weekly Star of Montreal have just announced their new pictures for this season. They are called "Alone" and "Purity." They are said to be beautiful and ahead of any previously offered with that great paper. The Family Herald and Weekly Star are bound to maintain their proud position of being the greatest, best and cheapest Family and Agricultural paper printed. It always has been a big dollar's worth, but this year it is more valuable than ever. Few Canadian homes will be found without it.

—The annual fall meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club is to be held at Colwood park next Saturday afternoon, October 18th, and a good afternoon's sport is promised. Taking into consideration the number of entries in each event there will be some exciting races and no doubt considerable amusement will be furnished the spectators. A special train will leave the E. & N. depot at 2 p.m. and will return immediately after the last event. The Fifth Regiment band has been engaged for the afternoon and will render a suitable programme of music. The programme of sports is as follows: One, jumping competition; two, hat trimming competition; three, Victoria Cross race; four, obstacle race; five, cigarette and umbrella race; six, cutting Turk's head and tilting at the ring.

—The first annual ball of the Victoria fire department, which was postponed from Thursday last in consequence of the sad accident in which Fireman Lynch, of Spokane, lost his life, will be held next Wednesday night. Additional arrangements have been made, the market building in which the dance will take place, will be brilliantly decorated, and every detail conducive to success carried out. The firemen promise their guests a very enjoyable evening.

TRADE UNIONISTS

In England Asked to Give United States Miners All Aid They Can.

London, Oct. 14.—At a meeting to-day of the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress, a letter from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, received in reply to inquiries, was read. The letter detailed the grievances and objects of the striking miners in the United States. Among other things, Mr. Mitchell said: "Trades unions in the United States, England and Wales have responded most generously to our appeals for assistance. Any aid your committee can render will be deeply appreciated."

The committee passed a resolution in favor of advising the trades unionists to render the United States miners all the support they possibly can.

Several members of the Finnish Court of Appeals have been removed because they opposed the application of the new military conscription law in their jurisdiction.

THE PRINCESS MAY BROUGHT A CROWD

PRISONERS ARRIVE FOR PROVINCIAL JAIL

Indications That the Winter Travel Will Be Large—Navigation Conditions Are Unchanged.

Considering the lateness of the season the crowd of passengers brought from the North by the steamer Princess May on the voyage completed yesterday was exceptionally large. There were in all 175 on board, including Thos. W. Birks, of the Upper Yukon Company; John Trace, a Victorian, who has spent three years in the North; George Spencer, A. Persell, Alex. McLeod, M. Dean, R. Wallace, Phillip Tabie, John Ashcroft, P. McLaggan, R. Cavie, G. P. Hayter, S. Iinch, W. R. Cuthbertson and J. S. Harvey, all of whom landed here.

There were aboard when the steamer reached Vancouver Capt. Cosby, of the Mounted Police, and 10 men, and a bunch of prisoners from Dawson. Jas. Slorah, formerly of Skagway, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Pearl Mitchell, was among the prisoners. There were nine convicts and an insane man in the number. The convicts are all long term men, their sentences being from two years upwards. Among them were Wm. Brophy, who held up and robbed the Dominion saloon at Dawson, and who gave the police such an entertaining time for a while, and E. B. Harris, who burned the boats that were in winter quarters opposite Dawson, was also among the lot. The other prisoners were: Wm. Moss, Otto Paul Frank, Thos. Thorton, John Sarga, David Collins, James Kennedy and Daniel Berga. The prisoners were brought over to Skagway in a car especially prepared for that purpose, and it was switched off the main track at the shops and run down to the dock.

When the Princess May left Skagway the freight on hand at White Horse was growing less. The big pile was brought down to little more than 1,500 tons. More than 450 tons of freight were sent out during the 24 hours prior to noon of the 8th inst, and before the same hour on the 9th four more steamers, the White Horse, the Bailey, the Dawson and the Canadian, had loaded out. The water still stood 55 inches above the low water mark.

Major Snyder, of White Horse, says that not only has the traffic during the open season, that is now rapidly drawing to a close, exceeded expectations and been greater than that of the preceding year, but that there is every prospect that traffic over the road during the coming winter will show similar results. He says there are more inquiries being received for teams and as to the accommodations and facilities to handle passengers and freight, than ever before. The fact that the winter road will not only be 80 miles shorter than ever before, but that it will be much better, it is believed, will have not a little to do with increasing the travel over the ice and snow. The big hills that have been a feature of the road heretofore, have been obviated, and under the present arrangement long stretches of treacherous ice. The various gangs on the government road have been called in, and there are now only about 20 men employed in putting on the finishing touches as they return over the road to White Horse. The White Pass people have shipped wagons into the country for use on the winter road to handle passengers and mail after the close of navigation and before sufficient snow shall have fallen to permit the use of sleighs.

A presentation was made to Chief Steward Charles L. Petrie on the 10th inst, while the Princess May was on her return trip. That officer was the recipient of a handsome gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed, accompanied by the following address:

We, the undersigned, being the staff of your department on the Princess May, hope that you will accept the accompanying small token of the high esteem and regard in which you are held by all of us. We feel we owe much to your unvarying kindness and that your good counsel and patient considerations have been of much value to us. It has been a pleasure to serve with a chief whose unfailing tact and goodness of heart has been exemplified in a thousand ways, and we can only hope that we have not wholly failed in showing our appreciation of your good qualities. We beg your acceptance of this tribute, though of no great value in itself, as a mark of our appreciation, and hope that you may long make use of it, and that it may remind you of your friends on the Princess May, feeling sure that in the future, as in the past, our relations will be of the most happy nature.

This address was signed by each member of the staff of the steward's department of the steamer.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Rumor That British Experts Are Coming to Canada to Consult Authorities.

Toronto, Ont., 14.—The Telegram cable says:

"The man on the street' is in possession of a story to-day that the British admiralty is about to send naval experts to Canada for the purpose of consulting the authorities there on questions relating to harbor defences, supplies and maintenance and reserve crews.

"Sir Edmund Barton, interviewed by a representative of the Daily Chronicle, thinks the Canadian citizen abreast or almost more than abreast with Australian public men in attachment to the Mother Country."

PANIC AT FUNERAL.

Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 14.—Lightning tore through the roof of a negro church on Wall street yesterday while a funeral was in progress, and killed one man and injured five others. The steeple was completely demolished, and in the panic that ensued the mourners, who were at the bier of the dead man, deserted the corpse, leaving it to the elements.

CABLE STATION STAFF.

Experienced Men Are on Their Way to Superintend Work at Bamfield Creek.

A. J. Godwin, of London, Eng., and G. W. Scott, are at the Vernon on their way to Bamfield Creek. They will be members of the cable station there, Mr. Godwin being assistant to Mr. Bain, who will arrive from New York. Superintendent McLaughlin, who was formerly connected with the cable station at Canso, is already in charge of the work at Bamfield. The assistant superintendent, Mr. Bain, who comes from New York, may be expected soon to arrive.

Mr. Godwin is experienced in this line of work, having had work to carry out at two stations before this one. Both these were in the West Indies In making the connection at the station there is, he says, very considerable work to be done usually. Taking the buoyed end of the cable it devolves upon the cable station staff to complete the laying of the line from the buoy to the station. This often entails considerable work. Not having visited Bamfield Creek he is unable to say in what condition the end has been left there.

The installation of the plant involves a very considerable amount of work, as Mr. Godwin knows by actual experience. The staff at Bamfield, therefore, will be kept busy in order to get ready for the completion of the cable line from Fanning to Suva.

The number of the staff at Bamfield has not yet been decided upon. It is expected that at least a staff of fifteen will be necessary to carry on the work there.

Messrs. Godwin and Scott expect to leave by the Queen City this evening for Bamfield Creek to enter upon their duties.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Royal Commission Have Completed Their Examination of Witnesses at Coal Mining Camps.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of accidents in coal mines have completed their work and will await the transcribing of the notes by the stenographer Louis J. Seymour, before making their report.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., before the commission stated that the mining inspectors did not dare to do their duty under present conditions.

Thos. Russell manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines, in his evidence, held that watering of mines should be compulsory. He would favor prohibiting the use of black powder if the mines gave off any gas. A dusty mine was dangerous whether there was gas or not. He had, by experiments, found that if dust were heated to 150 degrees Fahrenheit it would always explode in coming in contact with flame. Dust was worse than gas and was the cause of more explosions.

He held that all men in the mine should be able to read and understand English. He thought the coming into force of the Workmen's Compensation Act should lessen the danger in mines. The management would be more active in enforcing discipline.

PREMIER AND EDUCATION.

Manchester, Oct. 14.—A notable addition to the controversy over the government's education bill was made tonight by Premier Balfour in an address he delivered before a mass meeting in connection with the annual conference of the National Union Conservative Constitutional Association.

The Premier declared that the agitation against, and the opposition to the bill were due to misunderstandings caused by false statements of its provisions and intentions. Mr. Balfour said the voice of the calumniators had been too long uninterrupted, but that the country would no longer be hoodwinked by the travesties of truth which had been drunk in by those from whom these things were to be expected. The government had chosen to disturb the educational peace because the existing systems of education was chaotic, ineffectual and behind the age, making Great Britain the laughing stock of other nations, and it was bound, the Premier said, to provide secondary public education and cordinate all the branches of public education under the control of the boroughs and the county councils.

If in doing this the government has given a tonic to the Liberal party, Mr. Balfour did not begrudge it.

Continuing, the Premier asserted that a majority of the people believed religion should be taught in the schools, but it did not agree as to what religion, and that the only alternative was a system permitting denominational teaching in schools wholly supported by rates as well as promoting it in those schools which were not wholly so supported. The threats of the nonconformists to refuse to pay the rates, the Premier said, were unworthy the citizenship of a free country. Civilized education was impossible if dissatisfied citizens refused to observe the law. The nonconformists, the Premier declared, should hail the bill with pleasure, for it was an effort to give the people unlimited control of education, and their objections to it were in reality political.

MAYOR IS MISSING.

David Constantineau, of Pellissier, Que., about twenty miles from Hull, was, after a fifteen-minute fight with Bailiff Cousineau and Sheriff Wright, of Hull, landed behind prison bars a few days ago. Constantineau is hopelessly insane, and kept up a noise in the cells all night, breaking his bed and the windows of his cell.

Last fall Constantineau showed signs of insanity. He grew gradually worse, and the climax was reached when he threatened to shoot his family. His father prevailed on Mayor Pellissier, of Wakefield, to take him to jail, and the official, thinking that it would be a hopeless task if force were used, coaxed Constantineau to go to Hull with him. They started out, and the mayor, it is said, has not since been heard from. It is feared that the insane man has done away with him in some way.

Constantineau arrived in Hull, and when Bailiff Cousineau went to arrest him on the bridge near the Eddy works there was a lively mix-up. Cousineau would have been worsted but for the timely arrival of the burly sheriff. The wriggling, biting, and kicking maniac was after a long struggle put in the jail.

VENTURE HAS BEEN PLACED ON BEACH

VESSEL WAS FLOATED WITHOUT ASSISTANCE

She Is Now at Metlakahtla Receiving Temporary Repairs—Tees From Northern Ports.

Although wiring to Port Essington at an early hour yesterday morning for further particulars regarding the wreck of the steamer Venture, it was not until after the paper went to press that the information came to hand. The message received reports that the accident was not as serious as first supposed; that the steamer is now afloat; that she is in safe anchorage, and that 2,000 cases of the heavy salmon cargo (about a sixth of the amount carried) has been discharged at Metlakahtla.

Further information contained in a dispatch from Capt. Buckholtz to N. P. Shaw & Company, the owners of the steamer, announces that the vessel had been beached at Metlakahtla, and that no assistance had been required. There had been quite a lot of water in her hold, but repairs can be effected, and when these have been completed the steamer will be able, it is hoped, to continue her voyage southward.

The telegram to the Times from Port Essington, giving particulars of the accident, is as follows:

"On the 11th inst. the steamer Venture was southward bound from Naas river, freighted with 12,000 cases of salmon from the Confederation canneries. She entered a dense fog and at about 9 p.m. struck on Hodgeson reef, to which she was firmly held for a time. On Monday morning, under a favorable wind and a high tide, she got off the reef and sailed towards Tugwell Island bar, near Metlakahtla. The steamers Hazelton and Chieftain, with scows, were sent to the Venture's assistance, relieving her of part of her cargo. The latter also assisted the Venture to get into safer anchorage, and now remains alongside to render any further assistance necessary. These steamers took off 2,000 cases of the Venture's cargo, which now lie on the wharf at Metlakahtla.

"The damage done to the Venture is not near so great as was first anticipated. No lives were lost, and all the passengers and the crew are safe. Capts. Cunningham and Bonser rendered all the assistance they possibly could."

MONTHLY SHIPPING REPORT.

In their monthly freight and shipping report for September, R. P. Rithet & Co. say: "Grain freights during the month have shown a continued weakening tendency, for although 22s. 6d. was obtained for spot charter at the beginning of the month, it is doubtful if over 20s. could now be obtained for the usual United Kingdom and Continental options.

"Lumber quotations remain steady at our last figures, but the continued dullness in business gives little hope of improvement in the near future. We quote freights as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o., 20s. to 21s. 3d.; Portland to Cork, f. o., 26s. 3d.; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, f. o., 26s. 3d. Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 30s to 31s. 3d.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 36s. 3d. to 37s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 36s. 3d. to 37s. 6d.; Fremantle, 47s. 6d.; Shanghai, 30 to 32s. 6d.; Kiao-Chau, 35s. to 37s. 6d.; West Coast, S. A., 37s. 6d. to 40s.; South Africa, 60s. to 62s. 6d.; U. K. or Continent, 62s. 6d. to 65s.

NORTHERN STEAMER RETURNS.

Steamer Tees has arrived from Northern British Columbia ports. Capt. Hughes reports that the weather all the way down from the Skeena was very foggy and progress was therefore slow. When the steamer left Union the fog was very dense, and it only cleared up a little when she was nearing the Narrows. The Tees had over fifty first-class passengers and a large number of Chinese in the steerage returning from their season's work in the Northern canneries. The steamer brought down 7,000 cases of salmon and two carloads of frozen fish. The former was taken to the Fraser river to be discharged, while the frozen fish was landed at Vancouver and shipped East via the C. P. R. The saloon passengers on the steamer, several of whom were transferred to the Charmer at Vancouver yesterday, were: Mrs. Todd, Miss Downey, Mrs. T. A. Wilson, W. A. Wadhams and wife and child, Jas. Findley, Mrs. S. A. James, Robt. Chambers, Frank Draney, John Conway, J. W. Stewart, E. C. Stevens, W. Miller, Wm. Ruddy, H. Helgesen, Wm. Wilson, Chas. Carpenter, M. Parsell, Thos. J. Whiteside, Rev. J. Calvert, Robt. Cummings, W. C. Curtis, wife and son, J. R. Craig, Philip Cain, W. F. Best, Geo. W. Kerr, P. M. Long, L. W. Toms, J M Morris, F V. Fraser, F. W. Valleau, H. Curtis, D. A. Ragstad, J. A. Bond, J. C. O'Conner, A. McKennon, C. V. Coldwell, J B. Sylvester, John Clayton, H B. Wilson, B. Necklin, Thos. Slater, W. Sharpe, A. Johnston, W. R. Jamieson, W. Robins, John T Hennie, G. W. DeBeck, C. Wagner, Master Ray Wilson, Percy Wilson and Howard Chambers.

MOANA FOR AUSTRALIA.

After loading about twenty tons of freight at the ocean docks the royal mail steamer Moana, Commander Carey, will depart for Australia, via Honolulu and Suva on Friday evening. She will have a large list of passengers and a full cargo of general merchandise, including a large consignment of flour and codfish for the Antipodes. Following are the passengers who have booked to date:

Saloon, J. J. Roonie, Mr. and Mrs. J. S Cotherell, Mr. McCarty, Wm. Barr, D. H. Marshell, John Hill, J T. Maid, Rev. Canon Warner, Mrs. Thomas Marlon, Mrs. G. Parker and infant, Miss Alice Parker, Mrs. Gamel, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Wooster, Thomas Harrison, Ralph Harrison, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Weller, Mr. Duncan, John Matt, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Butler, Mrs. R. Harrison, J. Wooster and child, J. Pringles, R. A. Yates, L. W. Pottery, Rev. J. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. J. H Graham, Mrs. and Miss Hay, H. Nicholls, J. N. Ludgate, Mr. and Mrs. Olding, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mathews, Captain Stanhope, Oscar Sellers, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. James Gold, Miss Kate Randley, Miss Margion Love, Mrs. and Miss Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. J. Bright, Rev. and Mrs. P. Littlejohn, A. F. Ewart, H F. Hirche, E. R. Neale.

Second cabin, Mrs. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, S. J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Pringle, Miss Hill, Miss Mary Gurnee, Mrs. Hill, Miss Butler, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. J. Claxton, Miss E. M. Shand, Mrs. Knight, and child, Mrs. Renwick, Miss Cohen.

MUTINY AND PIRACY.

Advices from Manila tell of trouble aboard the little steamer Dos Hermanos, which was sent out on a cruise among some of the southern islands by a trading firm. The steamer reached Virac and anchored in the harbor there. Officers and the few passengers on board were at dinner in the cabin when about thirty of the crew, led by the boatswain, rushed down the gangway armed with knives, hatchets and clubs, and demanded the money that was on the vessel. The officers were caught unarmed. The two women passengers fled to their rooms. The captain and men passengers gave the mutineers battle.

The Dos Hermanos was anchored close to the shore and not far away from the constabulary barracks. The noise of the fight was heard at the barracks and officers put out to the vessel. They succeeded in boarding her after a desperate struggle with the mutineers, several of whom were shot and killed. The others, numbering thirty-four, were arrested, charged with mutiny and piracy.

It is supposed the plan of the mutineers was to kill all the officers, run away with the steamer, take the $15,000 which was aboard and then wreck the ship and declare all were lost except themselves.

THE PEDERSON ABANDONED.

The American schooner Otelia Pederson has been abandoned by her crew and left floating about on the Pacific a water-logged hulk. The vessel was bound from Whatcom for Hongkong with a cargo of lumber. News of her loss was received in a dispatch from Nagasaki, and it briefly stated that the vessel had been sighted storm-tossed and water-logged and with her rudder gone about 300 miles northwest of the Island of Luzon, or in latitude 23 north and longitude 125 east, by the United States gunboat Princeton, which took off her crew and landed them at Nagasaki. Shipping men believe that the schooner encountered one of the typhoons that at this season of the year rage about the coasts of China and Japan, and that it was in one of those storms that she met with disaster.

The Otelia Pederson is a schooner of 789 tons, and was owned by Capt. J. Pederson, of San Francisco. The vessel was built in 1891.

OVERDUE SAFE.

With the arrival of the British ship Ditton at San Francisco, the last of the vessels on the overdue list was taken off. The ship came from Newcastle, N. S. W., and she was 78 days making the voyage. About a week ago the insurance companies holding risks on her became alarmed at her long time at sea, and reinsurance was offered on her at 10 per cent. She brought a cargo of coal, and it was thought that her coal had become ignited in her hold and that the vessel had probably met the fate of numerous other vessels that have been lost at sea by their cargoes of coal taking fire. The crew reported that the ship was delayed by light winds during most of her voyage.

WILL BURN OIL.

The steamer Alameda will after her next trip to Honolulu be laid up while mechanics are fitting her to burn oil for fuel like her sister ship, the Mariposa. Oil as fuel under the boilers of the Mariposa has been such a success that many of the big steamers sailing out of San Francisco will follow her example. The Alameda's place on the Honolulu run will be taken by the Zealandia.

While giving a new kerosene launch belonging to William Commings a trial spin at Ithaca, N. Y., William Cummings Scott Cross and John Cummings were terribly injured as a result of an explosion of the boiler. The launch was demolished.

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CONTRACT EXPIRES AT END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Time in Which Macdonald-Sloyd Fund Is Available Will Be Up in June.

The contract between the trustee board and Prof. Robertson, trustee of the Macdonald-Sloyd fund, expires with the present school year in June, after which the manual training centres here, if continued, must be supported locally. The time in which the fund was available for the maintenance of the school was three years, and this has been sufficient to emphasize the efficiency of this system in every city where it has been established.

This is especially the case in Victoria, where three centres were instituted, two in the Central school and one at North Ward, under the principalship of H. Dunnell. A large number of pupils enrolled themselves in the various classes, and the work throughout has been exceedingly successful. Deep interest has been manifested by not only the pupils, but also teachers, many of whom have taken up courses, among them clay modelling, a special class having been instructed in this branch during the summer. A class in brush drawing and woodwork will also be formed for the present term. In these subject many of the teachers have advanced sufficiently to impart instruction to the pupils.

But it should be remembered that if it is decided to continue the system on the expiration of the contract with Prof. Robertson, expert instructors, such as Mr. Dunnell and his staff, will always be necessary. Practical instruction in the work taken up by the children ever since the school was established here can only be imparted by men especially trained for the purpose, and whose experience has given them a grasp on every detail of the system.

The school has been open more than two years. That it has been successful is acknowledged by all who have taken the trouble to visit it, and see the pupils at work. Teachers and children have become interested, and it would be a pity if the termination of the school year ends Victoria's experience with the manual training system.

Prof. Robertson will arrive in the city next Sunday night, and will discuss the question with the school board at a meeting to be held the following evening.

LEGAL NEWS.

The following applications were disposed of in Chambers this morning before the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin:

Re Land Registry Act and Amending Acts. And in the matter of the official map of the city of Victoria.

Application by J. P. Walls (solicitor for Elizabeth Woodraff) for an order allowing a plan of part of lot 33, section 75, and lot 34, section 74, Victoria city (late Victoria district), to be deposited in the land registry office in Victoria. Application granted by consent. J. M. Bradburn for corporation.

Re Tribune Association. Application by J. H. Lawson, jr., for an order that the plant be sold by tender. Order made directing sale by tender. Notice of sale to be inserted in the Rossland and Nelson papers for one month. Valuation to be taken if required at the expense of one, Houston, such valuation of plant etc., to be taken under the supervision of the official liquidator. Moresby and Berkley contra.

Manson vs. Lewis. Application for an order garnisheeing defendant's wages due by Wellington Collieries Co. Application granted. C. E. Wilson for application.

Re Tribune Association. Application by Berkley for an order that a certain lease of the association's plant made to one Deane in July last be set aside. Application dismissed with costs. J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

The London Sportsman says it hears that unless she is sold previously, R. S. Clever intends to auction his bay filly Sceptre on the day of the Cambridgeshire stakes at Newmarket, October 29th, at a reserve price of $122,000.

E. A. James will shortly succeed Mr. D. B. Hanna as general superintendent of the Canadian Northern road. Mr. Hanna goes to Toronto.