SEEK FIGHTERS FOR REBEL CAUSE

Agents Of Mexican Revolutionary Party Work In Vancouver And Go On To Prairie Country—No Recruits Made

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14.—With the object of organizing a filibustering expedition, agents of the revolutionary party in Mexico were in Vancouver recently. There were three men in the party, and coming north from San Francisco canvassed the coast cities for recruits, afterwards leaving for Winnipeg. The object in coming to Canada was to enlist, if possible, South African campaigners, men who had seen active service in a rough country and who would be pretty valuable in fighting in mountainous Mexico.

While the preference was for men with military experience, officers and non-commissioned officers preferred, big inducements were offered to suitable men if they would join the expedition. As high as $1000 a month and transportation to some point in Mexico was offered to any who would become a soldier of fortune. Naturally a guarantee was suggested by those who were asked to risk their lives in the enterprise, but this was not forthcoming.

While it was not definitely stated, it is understood that the money is being furnished by several corporations which are vitally interested in the success of the revolutionary party. The Diaz administration has granted several concessions which are practically monopolies, and it is felt that if there is a change in government there will be openings for these corporations which are now excluded from the country.

The canvassing of military men in Vancouver was carried on quietly and with secrecy, and the agents disclosed none of the names of the principals behind the movement. There was no concealment of the dangers of the expedition, and it was admitted that capture meant that the victim would be lined up before an early morning firing party. Only those willing to take the risk were wanted, but no recruits were obtained here.

The agents are now working the prairie provinces for the right type of men.

MOTHER'S CRIME

Takes Little Son's Life Because She Found It Hard To Support Him And Herself

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Edith Melber, a widow, who says she is 23 years old, of Schenectady, confessed tonight, according to the Rocehster police, that in a swamp near Albany last Friday afternoon, she gave her five-year-old son, George, carbolic acid, from the effects of which he died.

She was arrested in the New York Central Railway station here and was locked up on a charge of murder in the first degree. She will be taken to Albany in the morning.

In explanation of her crime, the police say, Mrs. Melber says she has been a widow four years, during which she has had a struggle to care for herself and child, and this battle for an existence drove her to take the boy's life.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 14.—That the defense of Mrs. Edith Melber will be insanity is the belief of her Syracuse relatives. Her sister, Mrs. William Simmons, said tonight that she has in her possession several letters written by Mrs. Melber which she contends indicate that the sister has not been in her right mind.

LIVES LOST IN STORM

Winds Sweeping European Coast Drives Vessels Ashore—Eleven Men Drowned.

BREMERHAVEN, Germany, Jan. 13.—The German steamer Maria Russe, from Hamburg for Nantes, went aground near Norderney lightship last night. Twelve of the crew were drowned.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Heavy gales sweeping the eastern coast of England, the English Channel and the North Sea, have caused much damage to property and shipping. The coast is strewn with wreckage, a number of vessels are reported aground and live stock along the coast has suffered heavily.

The Brazilian steamer Flores bound for Hamburg, is reported ashore at Walmer. The Bushnill also is reported ashore, and the schooner Fox is said to have been wrecked near Fishguard. The steamer Shelby is stranded, according to despatches from Rotterdam.

In this city a number of persons were injured in the neighborhood of Blackfriars, when the coping was blown from buildings.

FIVE DEAD

Results Of Explosion In Five And Ten Cent Store—Bodies Of Some Of Victims Unidentified

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 13.—Five dead and twelve injured is the toll of the explosion that yesterday wrecked a five and ten cent store, destroyed the building by fire and damaged nine other structures. A score of shopgirls and a number of customers had narrow escapes.

The explosion blew out the front wall of the building, tearing down telephone and telegraph and electric light wires which hung about, hampering rescue work.

Several clerks and customers were burned, and those that got out report thrilling experiences. One young woman was identified only by her shoes, which her father recognized. The bodies of a man and a woman were taken from the ruins tonight so badly burned that they have not been identified.

London Wool Sales

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The first series of wool auction sales will be opened next Tuesday, and the closing is scheduled for February 3. During the first week 63,200 bales will be offered.

Lethbridge Hotel Burned

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Jan. 13.—The Balmoral hotel was destroyed by fire today. A number of guests had narrow escapes, with the temperature at 20 below zero. Loss is $75,000.

German Wireless Companies

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The Berlin Operating Company for wireless telegraphy has just been organized, with headquarters at Berlin. It is an amalgamation of all the German wireless interests and the Belgian Wireless Company of Brussels.

Dies of Injuries.

CALGARY, Jan. 14.—John Samuel Sayre, formerly of Osceola, Iowa, and manager of a local automobile agency, died in the Holy Cross hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident last week in the First street subway.

Captain Daniells Summoned

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—Captain James Daniels, master of the steamship Olympia, which was wrecked on Bligh Island Reef, Prince William Sound, Alaska, on December 10, was today summoned to appear before the local marine inspectors on January 17, to answer the charge of unskilful navi-

To Attend Coronation

FREDERICKTON, N. B., Jan. 14.—Premier Hazen and Mrs. Hazen will attend the coronation of King George V. at London, June 22. At the present session of the provincial legislature a letter was read from the Governor-General enclosing the despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies inviting the premier and Mrs. Hazen to officially attend the coronation ceremonies. They will sail for England early in June or late in May.

STORM PASSING FROM CALIFORNIA

Heavy Rainfall In Central And Northern Parts Of State—Trains Move In Southern And Western Pacifics

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The storm which has been drenching the central and northern part of the state during the past week passed to the southward, according to Forecaster McAdie. A few more showers are looked for tomorrow, after which clear weather may be expected here unless another storm centre whirls in from the Oregon offing.

For the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock this evening, San Francisco received one and a half inches, while three inches was not uncommon in Sacramento valley localities. The total of the storm here is 5.42 inches.

Throughout central and northern California the seasonal rainfall is near the average. The Southern Pacific Company reports all trains east of here moving, the last of the stalled Overlands being scheduled to leave Sacramento for this city at midnight. Three trains are stalled at Los Gatos on account of washouts and landslides in the Santa Cruz mountains. Traffic in that section has been held up all day, and the company does not expect to open its line before tomorrow noon.

A washout near Gaviota tonight will take at least six hours, and probably more, to repair.

The Western Pacific expects to get trains through the Feather River Canyon tomorrow unless there is a heavy fall of snow in the meantime.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 14. — Three Southern Pacific passenger trains which have been held in the mountains for several days by heavy snow storms have reached this city, and two others are scheduled to arrive some time tomorrow morning.

The line of the Western Pacific is clear as far as Belden, but it was impossible to run a wheel further than that point.

Since Friday two feet of snow fell there, and up to a late hour last night it was still snowing heavily.

Vancouver Bylaws

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14.—Of the nineteen money bylaws submitted to the people on municipal election day, Thursday, sixteen were carried and three went down to defeat. The total of the bylaws approved aggregated a sum of $2,525,000, while those that were lost consisted of a combined aggregate of $946,000. Those which received their deathblows were the propositions for the Dunsmuir-Keefer and the Burrard street-Kitsilano bridges and the proposed acquirement of the corner of Eighth avenue intersecting at Westminster avenue. The first named project was to raise $400,000, the second $500,000 and the third $46,000. The total of money bylaws submitted amounted to $3,471,000. The borrowing powers of the city extend to $4,471,378, so it will be observed that in deducting the $2,525,000 which the citizens have sanctioned there remains $1,946,378 for contingencies during the present year.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14. — "Bob" Brown, president of the Vancouver Baseball Club, has traded "Outfielder" Jimmy Flanagan and Pete Standridge to Calgary in exchange for Outfielder Jack Clynes. Brown intends using Clynes as a regular next season.

THOUGHT TO BE TRAIN ROBBERS

Four Men Arrested At Ogden On Suspicion Of Having Planned And Carried Out Raid On Overland Limited

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 14.—W. L. Lewis, Pete Murphy, H. Shaffer and Thomas O'Dell were arrested today by Chief of Police Browning, Captain of Police Brown, Detective Pender and Sheriff Harrison. The officers believe that they have the men who planned and committed the hold-up and robbery of 25 passengers on the Overland Limited of the Southern Pacific at Reese, nine miles west of this city, on the night of January 1, when William Davis, a Pullman porter, was killed and A. W. Taylor, another porter, wounded. The quartette were arrested this morning in a local rooming house, where they were caught in bed by the officers.

Murphy and Lewis tally with the descriptions furnished by the crew of the limited train, and who will arrive in Ogden tomorrow morning for the purpose of identifying the robbers. Engineer Rouse of the train positively identified Murphy as the "tall" robber. Conductor Middleton and Brakeman Hancock, who accompanied the robbers through the coaches when they relieved the passengers of their money and jewelery, are expected in Ogden in the morning, and it is upon their identification that the police are depending.

In Shaffer, aged 28, the police are of the opinion they have one who will be able to throw much light on the robbery. "The boy," as he is called by his companions, exhibited extreme nervousness this evening while being questioned by the officers.

One of the strongest bits of evidence the police have against the men is a Pullman pillow-case very much soiled with dirt and grease, found in the room occupied by the quartette. It is believed to be the one carried by Brakeman Hancock while collecting the loot from the passengers. Two mud-covered overcoats with grease splashed upon them were also found in a closet in the room. For more than a week past neither Murphy nor Lewis had left the room in which they were arrested, and they had food brought to them by Shaffer and O'Dell. They told Mrs. Lailbrum, the landlady, when they took the room, that they "might do a little batching."

Car Kills Driver

SEATTLE, Jan. 14.—A South Park street car, skidding on icy rails at First avenue south and Atlantic avenue today, crashed into an express wagon on the track, and instantly killed Ole Petersen, who was riding in the wagon, and seriously injured James Tafley, who had been sitting beside Petersen.

MAY BE VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY

Suspicion That Captain Gullin, Of Sealing Schooner Emma H., Was Done To Death By Some Of Crew

HALIFAX, Jan. 13.—A week ago today the schooner Emma H., bound from Halifax for Victoria, B. C., to engage in the sealing business, put into Liscombe, a port on the Nova Scotia coast, reporting the loss of her captain, who it was alleged was swept overboard by a sea.

Sensational reports were given out telling of terrible weather encountered by the craft and how battered and sailless she made her way into Liscombe, reporting the loss of her captain. The reports caused considerable comment in marine circles and the vessel has since put back to Halifax, not damaged in the slightest.

The reports given by the crew at Liscombe and at Halifax are conflicting, and mariners are of the opinion that Captain Gullin was the victim of foul play. It was known that he had several hundred dollars in his possession when he sailed from Halifax, and also that some of the members of the crew were opposed to making the trip. The police have received intimations that the circumstances demand investigation, and detectives are working on the case.

THEORY OF STRIKES

Mr. Andrew Carnegie Credits Most Of Them To Employers' Assistants—Compensation Laws

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Nine out of ten strikes are due to employers' assistants, not to any question of the money involved, is the opinion of Andrew Carnegie, who addressed the delegates to the National Civic Federation.

"The more capital does for labor, the more profit the employer makes," said Mr. Carnegie. "I have not had any strikes in 28 years. I have not let any one have anything to say about labor but myself."

Mr. Carnegie thought the workingman's compensation act was a step in the right direction.

"I want to see this movement take the form of evolution rather than revolution," said Col. Roosevelt, referring to the purposes of the federation. "I wish to see labor legislation always enacted after conferences between wise leaders of labor and those men who are interested in labor for the best interests of the country."

He was positive that the federal government was the only power capable of dealing with great corporations.

Col. Roosevelt renewed his attack on certain decisions by the courts.

The delegates to the federation were entertained tonight at a banquet. Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, spoke on "The Regulation of Interstate Commerce."

Rolling Mills Burned

HAMILTON, Ont. Jan. 14.—The rolling mills of the Hamilton Steel & Iron company were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will reach $20,000.

Caused By Jealousy.

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—James Demoplos tonight shot and probably fatally injured Thomas Stack, a bartender, while the latter was in a lodging house conducted by Demoplos' wife. Demoplos after the shooting ran toward the waterfront, disappearing through the rear entrance to a saloon. He has not been apprehended. Demoplos is believed to be jealous of his wife.

Election of U.S. Senators

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—In spite of the effort of Senator Hale to prevent its consideration, the Senate today defeated, by a vote of 43 to 17, his motion to adjourn, and took up the Borah resolution amending the constitution to provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. After an hour's debate the Senate went into executive session, but Senator Borah declared that he would call up the resolution in the immediate future and press it.

Inhales Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Because his pay as flagman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company was reduced from $60 to $65 a month, Chris Olsen turned on the gas at his home in Berkeley tonight. He was found dead by his wife when she returned from an errand. Mrs. Olsen said her husband had been in the employ of the company for 27 years, and was heartbroken when he learned he was derated. He had carefully removed a pet canary from the room where he lay down for his last sleep.

STRUCK BY TRAIN AT 10 MILE POST

Man Killed Late Last Night By E. & N. Freight—Body Left All Night At Place Of Accident

Lying with his head over one of the rails of the E. & N. railway track at the Ten-Mile post, Joseph O'Brien was struck by the engine of a freight train coming into the city last night about 9 o'clock and instantly killed. The provincial police were notified but no attempt was made last night to bring the body into the city. Instead employees of the railway company went back to the spot and covered up the body which will be brought in today.

No explanation of how O'Brien came to be lying on the track can be given. It is thought, however, that he was intoxicated. He is well known to the local police and in fact had just completed a short term in the provincial gaol for vagrancy.

The railway officials were very reticent about the matter and no information was forthcoming as to how the accident happened or what was the man's name. The train hands were equally reticent.

VANCOUVER FOG CAUSES ACCIDENT

Ferry Steamers Meet While Crossing Inlet—Both Well Laden With Passengers—But Little Damage Done

VANCOUVER, Jan. 14.—A collision in midstream today between the ferry steamers St. George and North Vancouver, due to the prevailing dense fog, was the most serious accident and probably the narrowest escape of the season in local waters.

The St. George had left the other side at 8.50 o'clock a. m., the hour when a large number of North Vancouverites were crossing to this side on business. The North Vancouver, a very small steamer, was also well filled. When both boats were nearly half way across the Inlet, but obscured from each other by the fog, the St. George altered her course slightly to avoid a gasoline fishing boat which had broken down, and immediately the North Vancouver hove in sight. Both steamers at once reversed their engines full speed astern and shifted their courses, but they could not pass clear. The St. George rammed the smaller boat aft, and considerably damaged some of her housework. The North Vancouver was able to continue in commission, but the steering gear of the St. George was sufficiently damaged to lay her off for several hours.

It is stated that considering the number of passengers aboard both boats and the imminence of danger remarkable self-possession was preserved.

The Princess Charlotte, in groping her way from No. 5 shed, C. P. R. wharf, toward the Narrows, was suddenly crossed by the Joan, and hastily backing up barely escaped bumping her stern into the wharf at No. 3 shed.

COAL LAND TITLE UPSET BY COURT

Judge Hanford At Seattle Directs Cancellation In Case Of Property Held By Washington Securities Company

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—By a decision upholding the United States government, Judge C. H. Hanford, in the district court this morning, directed that a decree be entered by which the title to coal lands in King county owned by the Washington Securities company, be cancelled and restored to the government. Among those who compose the Washington Securities Company are J. W. Clise, C. J. Smith, A. S. Kerry, Gorge E. Stone, H. R. Clise and W. P. Trimble. Several of these defendants are known as the "Cunningham claimants" in the famous Alaska case.

The lands involved are undeveloped coal lands near Lawson, in this county, on which little money has been expended in development work. An appeal from Judge Hanford's decision will undoubtedly be taken by attorneys for the Washington Securities Company.

The patents, according to the complaint, were issued under the homestead law to individuals who entered as trespassers after several thousand dollars had been expended in the development of a coal mine. The evidence showed that the defendant corporation bought it later as coal land, relying upon the report of a mining expert as to its mineral value and upon an abstract of the record as to the nature and condition of the title.

The patentees at the time of initiating their claims knew of the discovery of coal and the prior development of the coal veins. When the final proofs were submitted the land office was apprised of prior claims, but apparently did not fully inquire into the mineral character of the lands, and issued patents under the homestead law. The complaint by Commissioner Todd developed the fact that the defendant corporation, the Washington Securities Company, knew that the land contained valuable deposits of coal and that the government's title had been conveyed to homestead settlers, who had made but little pretense of farming.

"Having so purchased the land," reads the decision, "with knowledge of the facts tainting the title, the defendant, as the successor in interest, should suffer the consequences of the legal wrong of its vendors, and being so placed in their shoes, it should also be abrogated to their rights."

Mr. J. A. Ritchie, one of the partners who control the Ritchie Cement Construction Company of B. C., with headquarters at Vancouver, is on a visit to the city.

SNOW AND WIND STILL HAMPERING

Trains Tied Up Various Parts Of Canadian And American Roads—Intense Cold In The East

WINNIPEG, Jan. 13.—Intense cold from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains prevailed again today, and to sunny Alberta again falls the record of the coldest temperature. At Edmonton it was 52 below zero on official registration, which has never been equalled since Christmas evening, 1879. Prince Albert registered 50 below zero.

FERNIE, Jan. 13.—The snowstorm is still raging in the Crow's Nest Pass, and trains are still tied up. The storm is the worst in the history of the pass, and the temperature is 20 below zero. Relief parties are leaving Fernie to carry assistance to any who may need it.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 13.—One of the heaviest storms in many years is raging in this section today. Six feet of snow is reported at the Glenbrook summit, with a stiff wind drifting it into the canyon. Electric and power wires are badly disabled. The snow on the mountains brought by this storm assures plenty of water for farmers and stockmen.

KALISPELL, Mont., Jan. 13.—While the weather has somewhat moderated, and headway can be made in the snow, the presence of eight dead engines and three dead rotaries at various points has hindered the work on the Great Northern road. Superintendent Smith telephoned from the snowdrifts today that trains would get through the Rocky Mountains tomorrow.

Bishop Rowe on Alaska

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Bishop P. T. Rowe, of Alaska, spoke at a Trinity Church dinner tonight on Alaska's needs. He said Gifford Pinchot's ideas regarding Alaska would hamper it with unreasonable restrictions. He thought the people should be allowed the use of the coal in order to develop the country. He said Captain Peary was ignorant of Eskimos and was cruel in saying they should not have missionary support. They are, said the bishop, susceptible of civilization and appreciative of Christianity.

Freight Rate Invetsigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—An investigation of certain advances in freight rates on grain and grain products in the middle west and northwest instituted several weeks ago by the Interstate Commerce Commission has been abandoned because the carriers filed other tariffs, practically restoring the rates in existence at the time the investigation began. The tariffs were to have become effective January 8th.

Carl Morris Hurts His Hand

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 14.—Carl Morris, the "white man's hope," today postponed his 20 round bout here with Mike Schreck until Friday, January 27. The postponement is the result of an injury to his right hand, which Morris received in his fight with Kennedy at Partlesville, Wednesday.

Travel in Alaska

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—A special cable to the Post-Intelligencer from Seward, Alaska, says: Alex Smith, the Nome mail carrier, arrived tonight, making the trip from Iditarod City in 138 hours of actual travelling. The trails are good, he says, and he considers this the best route for intending mushers to the interior camps. He reports 300 en route to Seward from Iditarod and Tacotna. Butter, bacon and many other foodstuffs are short in the camps, and prices are soaring. Smith says Olaf Hanson attempted suicide at Tacotna by shooting himself with a shotgun while despondent over being "joshed" by the men about his cabin. The wound was not fatal. William Kindred, Earl Byers, William Gilcher, Edward Welsh, Dave Crockett, Harry Huffler and others also arrived from Iditarod tonight, and will leave on the Alameda.

LUMBER DUTY

Washington Special Says Sir Wilfrid Laurier May Be Able To Announce U. S. Concession

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—A special despatch to the Telegram from Washington today says: "When Sir Wilfrid Laurier goes to the forestry convention at Quebec next week, it is probable that he will be in a position to announce a substantial reduction in the United States duty on unfinished lumber, now standing at a dollar and a quarter per thousand feet in the Payne-Aldrich tariff. A guarded hint to this effect was given today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was personally responsible for the calling of the convention."

TAKE MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE

Foreign And Chinese Physicians Hold Conference And Decide To Recommend Quarantine At Great Wall

PEKING, Jan. 14.—Owing to the spread of the bubonic plague in Manchuria, there was a conference today of physicians of the foreign legations and missions and several Chinese, who decided to recommend a five day quarantine on first class passengers at the great wall until observation camps can be established at Harbin, Mukden and Shanhikwan. They also recommend the immediate cession of second and third class passenger traffic. The foreigners in Peking and Tientsin are not alarmed over the epidemic, though they are taking measures to prevent infection.

AGAINST MRS. SCHENCK

Professional Nurse Who Attended Millionaire Gives Evidence Hurtful to Woman's Case.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.—It was woman against woman at today's session of the Schenck trial. Alma J. Evans, a professional nurse, recited on the stand her story against Laura Farnsworth Schenck, and the circumstances that influenced her to suspect that Mrs. Schenck was poisoning her husband, John O. Schenck, who is now almost recovered. It was Miss Evans who attended Schenck during his illness, and she testified on direct examination that Mrs. Schenck had lost her love for the wealthy pork packer. She testified that time and again Mrs. Schenck had instructed her that if John died suddenly, to go to his trousers pocket as soon as the breath left his body to take the keys to his safe deposit box, and tell her before Schenck's family knew of the death.

The state also brought out, through Dr. Charles G. Glaser, of John Hopkins University, that the first bottle of mineral water sent him for analysis contained three and six-tenths grains of arsenic to the half gallon.

Miss Evans testified that "dummy" bottles of medicine were kept in the bathroom of the suite occupied by Schenck at the North Wheeling hospital, while the real remedies given Schenck were kept in another part of the building. She said the bottles were placed there as a decoy, and that the accused woman had an opportunity to "doctor" them. Mrs. Schenck, she said, had gone into the bathroom containing the bottles, locked the door, and remained inside for 15 minutes.

At another time the witness testified Mrs. Schenck had told her that "John is too old for me. I want a young society blood." She said the accused had confided to her that "John was too much of a business man" to suit her, as she thought she was "entitled to break into society," on account of her wealth.

Appropriation Bills Pass

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—After spending practically the entire day upon it, the house today passed the legislative, executive and judicial bill, carrying approximately $35,000,000. The army appropriation measure was reported out of committee; it carries $86,811,896.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON FERRY BOAT

Mining Engineer Instantly Killed And Others Badly Injured By Blowing Up Of Chemical Compound

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—A bottle of a chemical compound dropped by or crushed in the pocket of John O. Norbon, a well known mining engineer, is believed to have caused an explosion last Friday on the Southern Pacific ferry boat Berkeley, plying between this city and Oakland mole, which brought instant death to Norbon, seriously injuring two others and creating a panic among the 2000 passengers crowding the vessel's deck.

The explosion occurred in the lavatory in which were four others besides Norbon. Norbon's body was blown into bits. Roy L. Sampson and Edwin Hoffschneider were badly hurt, the latter perhaps fatally. A. C. Miller and Louis Sauer were cut and bruised in the wreck of the lavatory, but escaped serious injury.

All the injured reside in Oakland. Norbon was identified at the Oakland morgue by a letter in his pocket and a notebook which contained a list of explosive chemicals and which are thought to have been carried in a compound on Norbon's person. There were no witnesses of the accident, and the exact cause may never be known.

Norbon was a Norwegian, residing in Berkeley. He was said to have been well known for his operations in South Africa and Mexico. He had been engaged in mining work for many years in Shasta county, California.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Margaret Loring, Born Here, In 1852, Died At Hazelton On December 20

Another pioneer of Northern British Columbia, has passed away in the person of Mrs. Margaret Loring, who died on Tuesday, December 20, according to advices just received.

The deceased was born at Victoria in 1852, the daughter of Donald McAuley (H. B. Co.,) and his wife, she resided during her childhood at Fort Simpson, being a particularly bright and pretty child, she and her sisters formed a lovely group to contemplate.

She resided in Victoria for some time; where she met Mr. T. Hankin, the then firm of Cunningham & Hankin, whom she married in 1871, at Fort Simpson, she coming up the coast with Captain and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Hankin meeting her there, having come from the firm's place of business at Hazelton. Of this union was born a family of five sons and two daughters, all living at the present time, the daughters being respectively, Mrs. E. R. Cox and Mrs. J. C. Boyd.

Secondly, Miss McAuley married Mr. R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, who survives her, and by whom she had one daughter and two sons, all living.

The deceased was well known as a kind-hearted and charitable lady. Having a perfect knowledge of the Indian tongue, she was of invaluable service to her husband as interpreter, accompanying him on most of his official trips, he was a good friend to the Indians.

She suffered greatly in her last illness, and death came to her as a happy release.

CHILDREN BURNED

Residence of Galician at Winnipeg Destroyed and Three Little Ones Perish.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—Three children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the residence of a Galician named Putsoluk, in the Elmwood division, this afternoon. The couple had been married five years and had three children, aged four and two years and one month, the two youngest being girls.

The mother had left the house shortly after 1 o'clock to go to the store, leaving the two youngest children asleep in their cot. When she returned she found the house in flames. She made frenzied efforts to gain access to the children, but the fierceness of the flames barred her way.

The fire brigade shortly afterwards arrived on the scene and soon had the fire under control, but on entering the ruins the badly charred bodies of the children were found.

It is not known how the fire started, but as there were two stoves in the building, a fire in each, it is supposed that a spark was the cause, igniting some nearby inflammable material. Another theory is that the boy started the fatal blaze. The mother is prostrated and is being cared for by friends. The father has been in this country eight years and speaks English very fluently.

Afraid Of Friday, Thirteenth

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Rains of the past two days have so mired the aviation grounds, rendering ascent by the birdmen both difficult and hazardous, that the aviation committee announced late today that there would be no further attempts to fly before Saturday. Tomorrow is Friday, the thirteenth, and it is understood that several of the aviators declared against a continuance of the meet on the "hoodoo" day, even if weather and ground conditions proved favorable.

Mr. Michael Wilkinson, of Vancouver, has arrived by the steamer Princess Charlotte from the mainland yesterday on his way to California.