

EXPLOSION AT FIELD KILLS THREE MEN

Fragments of Gelignite Left
Among Dirt Cause of
Fatality

Field, B.C., Dec. 30.—Three muckers, named Maretti, Paulo and J. Duffy, were blown up and killed in an accidental explosion of dynamite in McDonald and Goswami's grading contract near here.

The explosion was due to stray pieces of gelignite that had got mixed with dirt. Several gangs who were working in the vicinity had narrow escaped from the flying pieces of rock, which were hurled in all directions.

SWEPT BY FIERCE GALE

Northern Districts Report Much
Havoc Wrought by Last Week's
Storm

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Tales of the destruction wrought by the gales early last week are coming down from Broughton Island, Minnow Island and Bear River. The officers of the steamer Cassiar say that in many parts of the country a clean sweep of the standing timber has been made in streaks through the forests, a clean cut lane being made by the violent gale, which, like a cyclone, laid every tree in its narrow path. One small island was noticed with the timber laid flat on one half, and the other half untouched.

Old-timers say that last Monday's gale on Johnston Strait was the heaviest they had ever known. At Bear River the logs that had been boomed at the terminus of the logging railway were carried high up on the beach by the fury of the waves, and piled up on end and every other way on the chutes from which they were launched.

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TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	10:06	6.0	4:51	4.1	11:15	8.9	10:09	4.3
2	1:32	6.4	5:37	4.0	11:51	8.9	10:20	3.4
3	3:39	6.9	6:33	3.5	12:12	9.2	10:38	2.4
4	5:39	7.4	7:06	3.0	12:43	9.6	10:54	1.5
5	7:37	7.8	8:03	2.5	1:11	10.1	11:09	0.9
6	9:32	8.2	8:59	2.0	1:42	10.5	11:22	0.3
7	11:25	8.5	9:51	1.5	2:14	10.9	11:35	0.4
8	1:08	8.7	10:41	1.0	2:45	11.3	11:48	0.7
9	2:58	8.9	11:26	0.5	3:16	11.7	12:01	1.0
10	4:47	9.1	12:11	0.0	3:47	12.1	12:14	1.3
11	6:35	9.3	1:00	0.5	4:18	12.5	12:27	1.6
12	8:22	9.5	1:31	0.0	4:49	12.9	12:40	1.9
13	10:08	9.7	2:02	0.5	5:20	13.3	12:53	2.2
14	11:52	9.9	2:33	0.0	5:51	13.7	1:06	2.5
15	1:38	10.1	3:04	0.5	6:22	14.1	1:19	2.8
16	3:24	10.3	3:35	0.0	6:53	14.5	1:32	3.1
17	5:09	10.5	4:06	0.5	7:24	14.9	1:45	3.4
18	6:53	10.7	4:37	0.0	7:55	15.3	1:58	3.7
19	8:36	10.9	5:08	0.5	8:26	15.7	2:11	4.0
20	10:18	11.1	5:39	0.0	8:57	16.1	2:24	4.3
21	12:00	11.3	6:10	0.5	9:28	16.5	2:37	4.6
22	1:42	11.5	6:41	0.0	9:59	16.9	2:50	4.9
23	3:24	11.7	7:12	0.5	10:30	17.3	3:03	5.2
24	5:06	11.9	7:43	0.0	11:01	17.7	3:16	5.5
25	6:48	12.1	8:14	0.5	11:32	18.1	3:29	5.8
26	8:29	12.3	8:45	0.0	12:03	18.5	3:42	6.1
27	10:10	12.5	9:16	0.5	12:34	18.9	3:55	6.4
28	11:51	12.7	9:47	0.0	13:05	19.3	4:08	6.7
29	1:32	12.9	10:18	0.5	13:36	19.7	4:21	7.0
30	3:13	13.1	10:49	0.0	14:07	20.1	4:34	7.3
31	4:54	13.3	11:20	0.5	14:38	20.5	4:47	7.6

The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

NOTICE

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33 GOVERNMENT STREET

C. P. R. CHANGES

Promotion for F. W. Peters—Three
Passenger Trains Daily to Be
Put on Next Summer

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—F. W. Peters, assistant freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., is to be appointed freight traffic manager, with the same jurisdiction he now possesses, if credence may be placed in an unconfirmed report in circulation in Vancouver today. It is stated that the promotion will be made early in the coming year in accordance with the remodeling of the freight traffic department of the railway in the west.

C. P. R. Passenger Agent Usher announced today that on June 1 a triple daily passenger service will be started for summer traffic.

Brakeman's Arm Crushed.

Revelstoke, B.C., Dec. 30.—A serious accident happened early on Tuesday morning, when a No. 17 snowshed, when H. V. Holben, C.P.R. brakeman, nearly lost his life under the car wheels of a freight train bound for Revelstoke. The snowshed, which was being pushed by the engine, struck Holben violently on the head, knocking him off the car, and causing him to fall with his left arm across the rails. The last few cars of the freight train passing over the arm and crushing it to pulp. His absence was not noticed until the train reached Rogers Pass, where a search was made and the body of the brakeman was found. He was held by the injured member with his right hand. At the hospital here the arm was amputated at the shoulder, and the patient is now progressing as favorably as can be expected.

Gets Seven Years

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Fred Symons, who brutally assaulted the keeper of a sporting house and later nearly killed Policeman Lattimer when the latter tried to arrest him, with a loaded cane, was sentenced today to seven years in the penitentiary.

The Week of Prayer

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—The city churches will during the week of prayer observe the annual week of prayer in the separate edifices, union meetings, such as have been conducted for years past, having been gradually coming into disfavor with the congregations.

Axman For Prince Rupert

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—A. R. Green, construction engineer for the G. T. P. at Prince Rupert, was in the city this afternoon for the purpose of completing arrangements with thirty axmen who have recently been hired for work in connection with the clearing of the townsite.

Inquiry For Lost Man

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—Watson Phillips, of Felton, Ashtington, Northumberland, Eng., has written here asking for information concerning the whereabouts of Richard Morgan, last heard of in 1900, when he was working in Nanaimo. Any one in possession of information concerning him is asked to write to the chief of police.

Yukon Envoy to Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Mr. Gray, of Dawson, left Vancouver today for Ottawa to ask for mining returns and to inquire into the railway commission and the ineffectual efforts thus far of Dawson merchants to secure a reduction of railway rates on the White Pass route, from Skagway to Dawson.

Increase of Pupils

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—An increase of 230, or fifty-six per cent, in the attendance at the public schools of South Vancouver during the year closing on Wednesday is shown by the annual report of Chairman Hodgson of the Board of School Trustees of that thriving municipality. Last January the enrollment was 410, and this month it is 640.

Nelson Mayoralty

Nelson, Dec. 30.—In response to one of the most largely signed and most representative petitions ever seen here, S. S. Taylor, K. C., has consented to be nominated for the mayoralty. It is unlikely that anyone will oppose him and his election is assured.

Nelson Consular Agency

Nelson, Dec. 30.—Word was received here today that the American authorities had decided not to discontinue the U. S. consular agency here, at all events for the present, and the statement is made that the representations made from here will receive due attention. In all all probably the agency will be maintained here as usual.

Came Near Perishing

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 30.—On Christmas Day, as the Great Northern train from Spokane was climbing the hill approaching Nelson, cries were heard near the track on a deserted part of the line. The train was stopped and on the side of the track was discovered a man named Gibb who had been without food or fire for two days, being badly frost-bitten. It seems that on Christmas Eve, mistaking the regular train, he attempted to walk into Nelson to visit his brother sick in the hospital, was overcome by a snowstorm and took refuge in a tumble-down shack where he lost consciousness.

Sudden Death at Chilliwack

Chilliwack, Dec. 30.—After working with the fire department in its efforts to extinguish the outbreak at the saw and door factory of Street Brothers this morning, George Howe, dropped dead from heart failure on the return of the department to the fire hall. He was 45 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. The attack broke out at 6 o'clock this morning over the boiler room, and Mr. Howe was among those citizens who lent the firemen a hand in fighting the flames. He has been suffering from heart trouble for some time, and the excitement and heat proved too much and upon returning he collapsed and died almost immediately. The fire department will conduct the funeral arrangements.

A tickling cough, from any cause, is quickly stopped by Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. And it is so thoroughly harmless and safe, that Dr. Shoop tells mothers everywhere to give it without hesitation, even to very young babies. The wholesome green leaves and tender stems of a long-healing mountain shrub, furnish the curative properties to Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. It calms the cough, soothes the sore and sensitive bronchial membranes. No chloroform, and healing harsh opium injure or suppress. Simply a resinous plant extract, that helps to heal itching lungs. The Spaniards call this "Herb Demand." Dr. Shoop's. Take no other. Cyrus H. Bowles.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

THE UNEMPLOYED

Adjutant Wakefield Discusses
Army Immigration to This
Province

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Adjutant Wakefield, in charge of the army immigration work in this province, spoke last evening at the Salvation Army barracks upon that department of Salvation Army work. His address was delivered at the request of Capt. Travis, who is in charge of the army work in this city, and he dealt particularly with the army's work in that connection in this province.

He stated that the army had been greatly criticized for neglecting the work of immigration at all. This, however, was true of every branch of army work. All had been criticised. The immigration like other departments had, however, already justified itself.

In the last three or four years since work has been commenced some 4,000 people have been brought to the Dominion under its auspices. But few of these had been brought to British Columbia. With the exception of the desire to make the statement that not one of the unemployed about whom there has been so much talk in Vancouver has been brought to this province in charge of the army. Each army immigrant is provided with an identification card. Upon presentation of this at any of the army's offices, if out of work he can secure assistance. Not a single card has been presented in Vancouver.

He believed that the reason there were unemployed in Vancouver and in British Columbia was the extensive advertising which the cities have been receiving in the logging industry. The influx of wealth and capital who have invested in real estate there have flooded in hundreds of people without capital, thinking they would find a place of ease and luxury.

The army in its immigration plans considers the wellbeing of both the immigrant and of the country to which he is going. The army charter its own boats, and on the passage out every effort is made to give the immigrant lectures, etc., and to familiarise the immigrant with conditions out here. Particularly they impress upon them the desirability of their settling upon the land they advise them to obtain work upon farms and in this way in a few years they may become owners of land, producers and employers of labor.

Mr. Wakefield instanced one man who came out under the department three years ago who now owns his own farm, and will probably be an applicant for labor this approaching spring.

In continuing he stated that the proper way to build up the city was to build up the country round about. Once the country is built up, settled and the people made producers, the cities will inevitably follow. The Cyclops had a busy trip toward, cargo being worked day and night by the port of call. Capt. Harris, master of the vessel, was last here in command of the steamer Yangtze to which Capt. Pulsford had been transferred. On board the steamer Salvor of the British Columbia Salvage company is a brother of Capt. Pulsford and, unaware of the change, he hurried to the outer dock to meet his brother, only to be disappointed.

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Officers of the force brought news of a massive round-up of alleged criminals at Osaka, Japan's largest commercial city of which Kobe is the port. The round-up was made on the night of 1,505 policemen were suddenly summoned to duty and ordered to proceed to various parts of the city for the purpose of taking into custody all persons still abroad who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves. According to the Mainichi, no less than 36,100 persons were thus arrested. In fact, the round-up was a case of the hunt. In a number of cases policemen in disguise were taken into custody despite their protests by members of the force who were not acquainted with them personally, and it is said that in one instance the chief of a police station was thus treated. He emphatically declared his inability to give any information, and named him a liar and drew his sword. Fortunately, a policeman who knew the official came up before extremists had been resorted to.

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EXCLUSIONISTS DIFFER

Vancouver Organization Discovers a
Lapse on Part of One of Pro-
posed Candidates

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Asiatic exclusionists were on the verge of a split tonight, when nominating candidates for civic offices. For license commissioners George MacDonald and Harry Edgett were nominated, when several casually mentioned that Edgett employed Chinese in connection with his grocery. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate Edgett's cellar, but the proposition was not carried. Two members left the meeting, and George MacDonald's name was finally the only one endorsed.

The following were endorsed for aldermen: Dr. A. R. Baker, J. W. Prescott, E. S. Knowlton, E. B. Stewart, J. Spencer, Ex-Ald. John Morton, and James Stewart, Campbell and McPhadden.

Vancouver Progress

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Vancouver bank elevators increased forty-five per cent over last year. Land registry office receipts increased twenty per cent, and customs revenue fifty-four per cent.

BLUE FUNNEL LINERS FOR ORIENTAL ROUTE

Three Steamers Being Built
For Passenger and Freight
Trade to Hongkong

The steamer Cyclops, Capt. Harris, of the Blue Funnel line, reached the outer dock on Sunday with 77 steerage passengers of whom 61 left the vessel here, and 6,300 tons of general cargo, of which about 600 tons will be landed here and 2,300 at Vancouver. The steamer will proceed Thursday or Friday after landing her cargo here. She brought news that three new passenger and freight steamers are to be built for the service between Puget sound and Hongkong, via this port. If reports current when the steamer sailed are to be relied upon, arrangements for the construction of the vessels have been made with British shipbuilding firms. Workman, Clark & Co. were to build one, Leslie, Hawthorn & Co. another, and the third would be built by David & William Henderson of the Clyde. The steamers are to be of the Telemachus class, but fitted with state-rooms for 74 saloon passengers. The cargo of the Cyclops was made up of the usual assorted freight, mostly from the United Kingdom. There were also shipments of raw silk from Japan for New York, hemp and wood for furniture makers from the Philippine Islands, peanuts from Manila, lily bulbs, soy and all manner of things from boxes and tallow candles to cases of whiskey.

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