

STOLEN OR DROWNED.

The Little Son of the Sea King's Skipper Disappears in Mysterious Manner.

A Theory Put Forward That He Has Been Kidnapped by Deserting Sailors for Revenge.

Captain and Mrs. Albert Wallace, the former commanding the bark Sea King, are at the Hotel Victoria and almost frantic with mingled distress, anxiety, hope, fear and uncertainty in connection with the disappearance of their little 5-year-old boy, Albert John. The child was last seen on board the bark, which is loading lumber at Chemainus for Sydney, N. S. W., on Saturday last, and the parents are forced to a choice of two conclusions—either that he has fallen overboard and been drowned, or that he has been kidnapped by a couple of deserting German sailors, shipped in San Francisco, who swore he "got even" with the captain for certain imaginary grievances. It was in connection with the latter theory—a forlorn hope, by the way—that the captain and his wife came here on Sunday last, to consult with Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police.

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Take notice that the Mt. Sicker and British Columbia Development Company, Ltd., Free Miner's Certificate No. 50883, do hereby give notice to the public for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant for the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvement.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 23rd day of March, 1899.

W. H. B. ARMSTRONG, Agent.

Notice is hereby given that thirty day after date I intend to apply for special license to cut timber on the following described lands: Beginning at a stake on the east bank of Lake Chemainus, and extending three miles from the lower end of a line in a southerly direction one mile; thence east one and a half miles; thence north one mile; thence west to initial point, containing 900 acres, more or less.

Lake Bennett, B. C. 18th January, 1899.

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