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THE LOSS OF THE GEYSER.

Further Particulars of the Appalling Disaster.

One Hundred and Thirteen People Lost—Names of Those Drowned.

Struck by the Thingvalla in a Dense Fog, in Early Morning—The Passengers Crushed in their Rooms, or Drowned—Statements of Survivors.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The following particulars of the loss of the steamer Geyser have been received. The collision with the Thingvalla occurred off Sable Island at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the Geyser sinking five minutes after the accident, and the Thingvalla being so disabled that she had to put into Halifax.

A very heavy sea was running and a dense fog was experienced through the night, and early on the morning of the 14th the Thingvalla struck the Geyser on the starboard side amidship. The boats then parted and and the Geyser sank. The crew of the Thingvalla did all they could to save the Geyser's crew and passengers, while still in doubt as to whether the Thingvalla was not dangerously disabled, but owing to the heavy sea only 31 were saved.

No other vessel was near at the time. The Wieland, on her way to this port, was 100 miles away. At 11:30 o'clock in the morning of the 14th the Wieland was sighted. Signs of distress were made by the Thingvalla and a transfer of passengers made. Following is a list of the passengers saved from the Geyser:

CABIN.

Mrs. Hilda Lind, New York, to Carlshamn, Sweden.

STEERAGE.

Johann Larson, New York to Riser, Norway; Alfred Anderson, New York to Grimsland, Norway; Eliaser, Chicago to Bergan, Norway; Peter Johnson, J. G. Johanson, Iron Mountain, Mich., to Stockholm; Paul Paulson, Ironwood, Mich., to Copenhagen; A. Wilse, Minneapolis to Christiana, Norway; John Fernwuld, Hudson, Wis., to Thorndyke, Norway.

Officers of the company were unable to night to give a list of the lost.

NAMES OF THOSE LOST.

Following is the best list of lost which could be obtained to-night. It is made by striking off the names of those saved from the list of passengers as stated in the books of Passenger Agent Jensen. It will be seen that the total number of names in the list of lost is 78, six more than it should contain as there were only 86 passengers aboard and 14 were saved. Capt. Geo. Hammer, mentioned among the lost cabin passengers, is said to be an old ship master hailing from California.

CABIN PASSENGERS.

C. L. Hammer, Capt. Geo. Irenfeld, Berth Lind, Mrs. Hilda Lind and two children, M. J. Olsen, Albert Zeehas, Mrs. Ellen, of Chicago, wife of the editor of the *Skandinavian*; S. N. Hild.

STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

A. Anderson, A. Johan, L. Anderson, M. Anderson, Mrs. E. Berg and child, Hilda Bergstrom, J. Rocklund, C. Broath, C. Cansion, Mrs. Christiansen Charline and two children, O. Christopensen, Mrs. Julia Fredericksen and two children, S. G. Abrielsen, Kittie Gullickensen, J. Gustavsen and child, J. Hanson, P. Hanson, Mrs. K. Hanson, M. Hanson, B. Inglebrightsen wife and child, J. E. Jelm, K. Johonnsen, Mrs. Johnson and child, A. Johnson, Mrs. John H. Johnson and child, M. Josephson, 11 years old, sent back alone to relatives in Sweden, G. K. Jeldas, C. K. Nudsten and sister, Mrs. Bertha Kostrople and child, O. H. Lind, A. J. Junstraw, Wm. Lund, Mrs. Ida. Mangean and child, Peter Miller, Peter Marston, Nelson Hauson, N. N. Orlander, H. Olsen, A. M. Peterson wife and child, H. Randkin, A. Soderholm, Fred Sorensen, T. E. Stromberg, Mrs. Ann Stevenson and friend, Anna Thompson, Carl Tuneberg and wife, Mrs. Anna Wicker and child.

OFFICERS AND CREW.

Brown, first officer; P. Frigerson, A. K. Foss, chief engineers; Larsen, first engineer; Engel Breckeston, second engineer; Hensen, third engineer; Swanson, assistant engineer; Raum Copenhagen, a young student in the officers' mess; seven men in the engine room; ten sailors; stewards, stewardess and cooks, ten in all; total crew lost, 35.

These are the latest and best estimates of the lost.

Most of the passengers were western people who were booked by A. Martinson & Co., general agents of the line at Chicago.

AN OFFICER'S NARRATIVE.

Capt. Albois, of the Wieland, tells the following story: "At 10 o'clock on the morning of August 14 we passed some wreckage floating in the sea, and supposed an accident had happened somewhere near us. A little later we sailed through a sea of oil and sighted a broken boat of the Geyser. About 11:30 we sighted a steamer to the northwest about six miles off, and seeing she had a flag of distress up we ran down to see.

"It proved the Thingvalla, and Capt. Lambaf of that vessel came from the vessel to us in a small boat and begged us to take off his passengers and those he had saved from the Geyser. He said his own vessel was so badly injured that he was expecting her to sink any moment. Her forward compartment had been completely carried away from half down from the deck to below the water line.

"We sent out three or four boats and the Thingvalla lowered hers, and in five hours we had transferred the saved passengers and crew of the Geyser, and also 455 passengers of the Thingvalla. The sea was very rough and the work of transferring the passengers was very difficult. The immense hole in the Thingvalla's bow was then patched up as well as possible and she started for Halifax."

The collision so far as known, was caused by fog. The chief officer of each vessel was on the deck at the time of the collision, and Third Officer Peters told much the same story. He said:

"The fog was very dense through the night, and rain had fallen at intervals, and the first we knew of the vessel's approach was when it appeared on the starboard side, right upon us. Both vessels attempted to sheer off. The Geyser was struck opposite the engine room, amidship. The Geyser, being heavily loaded, was very low in the water, so that the Thingvalla carried away her own compartment. The upper part of her bow ran over the decks of the Geyser. The Geyser's deck houses were carried away and the staterooms were smashed and the occupants killed."

AN EYE-WITNESS' STATEMENT.

Second Officer Jorgensen gave a graphic description of the collision. He said: "I was asleep in my bunk when I felt a shock, and I immediately went on deck. Taking in the situation at a glance I ordered all hands on deck. The doomed craft sank gracefully, stern first, with her boom in the air. Almost everybody was sound asleep, and when she began to fill I could hear groans and heart-rending screams coming from below.

Those who reached the deck made frantic efforts to cut down the boats, but they were too excited to be successful. They finally grabbed up different pieces of wood and jumped over the side of the vessel."

Almas Wiele, a civil engineer of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the passengers of the Geyser, said: "About four o'clock Thursday morning I was awakened by a slight shock, and, thinking we had struck a wreck, I went on deck just as some one shouted, 'she is sinking.' I found the boat had been struck on the starboard side, about midships. There were at that time four or five men working at the boats. I had a cork jacket and felt comfortably safe, so I called to the people downstairs and then watched the boat sink as she went down, and stuck to her and was carried down some distance.

Soon I felt myself shooting through the water, impelled by my cork jacket. I was on top of the water for perhaps half an hour. I climbed on the keel of a small boat floating upside down, and was finally picked up." A Thingvalla passenger related the following narrative: "The voyage was uneventful until early Tuesday morning. I had left my berth, and looking out saw that there was a dense fog prevailing. I could hear our steam whistle blowing, but heard no other signals. It was exactly 3:30 o'clock when I was hurled to the floor of my stateroom. There was a terrible crash, and I knew instantly a collision had occurred. I ran to the deck and found we had run into the steamer Geyser.

"As I reached the deck the Thingvalla drew out of the crack she had made in the Geyser's side. The Thingvalla's crew did all they could to rescue the unfortunates, and obeyed orders promptly.

"The Thingvalla's upper deck was not injured, but her bows were broken in front a point ten feet below the deck. The dent was about 27 feet in length, and ran back above and below the water line to the collision bulkhead. Had it not been for that bulkhead the Thingvalla would have gone down like a shot. Capt. Lamb, first officer Peterson, and third officer Jorgensen were on the Thingvalla's bridge at the time. I afterwards learned that Capt Moller of the Geyser had gone to bed and left first officer Brown in command of the vessel. Brown was lost.

The life boats were promptly launched from the Thingvalla and the work of rescue began. Some of the Geyser's passengers and crew had reached her bows, but most of them were picked up from improvised rafts, chicken-coops, campstools, and anything else that would float. The survivors had to hurry, as the Geyser went down stern first about five minutes after the crash.

The most wonderful escape was that of Assistant Engineer Bertheison.

"After the Geyser had gone down and it was known that there were no passengers on any of the last steamer's boats, the captain had the bow of his own vessel protected as far as possible, with straw matrasses and other material to prevent the water from entering. Distress signals were sounded and the ship laid to for daylight.

"A 15-year old boy whose name I did not learn had his legs crushed. He was one of the Thingvalla's passengers. The able-bodied passengers and crew used ship-ladders. As we reached the Wieland the last of the Geyser's abandoned lifeboats floated out of sight. There was no fault to be found with the manner in which we were treated aboard the Wieland. Nothing was too good for us. Even the passengers divided their clothing with the unfortunates from the Geyser."

CAPITAL NOTES.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau Robbed of $100 and a Valuable Watch and Chain.

Rich Coal Oil Find at Lake St. John—Twenty-Five Lives lost in a Terrible Electric Storm—Kingston Military College Graduates Accept Commissions in the Army.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.—The Minister of Finance has gone to the Maritime Provinces. The Minister of Justice and Minister of Militia have returned to the Capital.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau was robbed of his vest at the hotel in Quebec last night. It contained a six hundred dollar watch and chain, and about one hundred dollars in cash.

A rich coal oil find has been made at Lake St. John. An American has bought the land and intends to commence boring as soon as he can get in the necessary machinery.

Eleven recent graduates of the Kingston Military College have accepted positions in the army.

A terrific electric storm visited the St. Lawrence district last night. At Valleyfield twenty buildings were wrecked and twenty-five lives lost.

The Duke of Wellington's regiment will arrive at Halifax about the 22nd, to relieve the York and Lancaster which is to be distributed among the West India Islands.

THE FASTEST TYPE-WRITERS.

Miss Orr Secures the Gold Medal at the Canadian Shorthand Convention.

TORONTO, Aug. 14.—The seventh annual convention of the Canadian Shorthand Society met here to-day. An interesting feature of the convention was the type-writing contest. Commercial correspondence and legal evidence were read to the operators and five minutes were given to each. The first contestants who were called were Miss Orr, Miss McManus, of New York, and F. E. McGurrin, of Salt Lake City. Miss Orr won the gold medal. Her skill in manipulating the machine was marvellous. McGurrin, whose handling of the instrument was masterly, secured the silver medal. Out of a possible five thousand points, Miss Orr made 4,035, and McGurrin 4,756.

A Painful Subject.

"I was suffering for three months with a pain in my back, and was advised to use B. B. B. I had not used two bottles before I became as well as ever. I advise all who suffer from pain in the back to use B. B. B." Mrs. Paul Brondear, Lennoxville, P. Q. tu-th-sat-dw

Over 500.

"I take much pleasure in stating that since using Burdock Blood Bitters I have entirely recovered. I suffered from impure blood and had over 500 boils. I can confidently recommend B. B. B. to any sufferer from the same complaint." David F. Mott, Spring Valley, Ont. tu-th-sat-dw

CABLE NEWS.

Parnell's Expenses to be Defrayed by the Reform Club.

Conservatives Will Raise a Fund to Guarantee the "Times" Against Loss.

Protection for the Czar on His Way to Poland—Salisbury Thanked for His Kindly Mention of Bulgaria—Cheers and Groans for Boulanger.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Mr. William Henry Hurlbert, formerly editor-in-chief of the New York *World*, has written a long letter to the *Times*, repudiating the contention of the republican party of the United States that President Cleveland's party is anti-American, and especially contradicts the assertion made by Blaine in his speeches since his return to America. Blaine, Mr. Hurlbert says, is endeavoring to raise a false issue in accusing the democratic party of favouring England in its [illegible] Cleveland, the writer declares [illegible] free trader in the sense of completely abolishing custom duties as some Englishmen imagine from the assertions of the republican press, and orators, and the general misleading tone adopted by the republican party. But in the main he advocates a policy contemplating the relief of the manufacturers from taxation upon raw materials and improved machinery. No serious reduction of taxation upon completely manufactured foreign articles is intended or desirable, and this, Hurlbert contends, is quite as well known to Blaine as to every other person in the United States who will take the trouble to acquaint himself with the facts and speak the truth concerning them.

A Fund for Parnell.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Liberal leaders express their cordial approval of the Liverpool Reform club, to raise a fund to assist Parnell in defraying the expenses of his action against the *Times* and the national character of subscription is therefore assured. Observing the unanimity of the Liberals in carrying out this work the Conservatives contemplate raising a fund to guarantee the *Times* against loss in its defence.

The Germans at Zanzibar.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Advices from Zanzibar say the Sultan has officially transferred the administration of the coast line to Germany, whose flag jointly with the Sultan's has been hoisted at fourteen ports. The Italian envoy has renewed his relations with the Sultan.

Salisbury Thanked.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—M. Stambouleff, Bulgarian premier, through the British agent at Sofia, has thanked Lord Salisbury for his kindly mention of Bulgaria in his recent speech at the Mansion House banquet.

Parnell Will Not Vacate His Seat.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Parnell denies the reports circulated in Dublin that it is his intention to vacate his seat in parliament until the commission or the Scottish court completes its enquiry.

A Protest from Egypt.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Under direction of the Port the Egyptian government has protested against the establishment of an Italian protectorate over Lulla.

The Ridley Inquest.

DUBLIN, Aug. 17.—At the inquest on the body of the late Dr. Ridley to-day, the jury rendered a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane, his aberration being produced by apprehension that the disclosures of the circumstances of Mandeville's death might reflect upon him. The jury expressed deep sympathy with the widows of Mr. Ridley and Mr. Mandeville and found that the protests made by Dr. Morehead were unfounded.

In Defence of His Late Father.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Concluding his speech at Frankfort-on-the-Oden, on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue to the Red Prince, Emperor William said that one thing must be added, "I must," he said, "defend my departed father against the shameful suspicion that he could have relinquished any part of Germany's gains at any grave time."

Terrific Hurricane.

VIENNA, Aug. 17.—A terrific hurricane has occurred in upper Austria. Twenty houses are reported to have been struck by lightning, killing a woman and two children in the Ischl district. An immense amount of damage to the crops was inflicted.

Cheers and Groans for Boulanger.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—General Boulanger has returned to Amiens. He was greeted upon his arrival by mingled cheers and groans.

An Advance of Wages.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—It is reported that the masters intend to offer an advance in wages in order to end the strike.

Protection of the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.—The Czar will probably start on his journey to Poland on Tuesday next; 40,000 soldiers are in readiness to occupy the railway lines during the Czar's passage thence.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A Dash for Liberty.

TORONTO, Aug. 17. — Walter Walsh broke jail from the Central Prison this morning, and made a dash for liberty in the direction of the city. Mounted guards were sent in pursuit. By a series of adroit manœuvres the convict got them off the track, but a crowd of small boys dogged his steps and raised a hue and cry. Walsh took refuge in a church. He was hunted out of that and at length fell exhausted. The crowd took care of him until the officers arrived.

Elected Honorary Member.

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—A special letter has been sent to Sir Geo. Stephen by the president and secretary informing him of his election as honorary member of the St. Andrews Society, and also congratulating him upon his business success, and expressing hopes as to his health.

Fatal Explosion in a Powder Mill.

WINDSOR MILLS, Que., Aug. 17.—The Wheel house at the powder mills was blown up this morning, and an employee named Vogt was badly hurt. Another employee who was standing in the doorway when the explosion occurred was blown clear into the river from where he tsood and was killed. Vogt has since died.

Want Railway Connection.

CHATHAM, Ont., Aug. 17.—Business men are endeavoring to induce the Canadian Pacific authorities to run their road through that town.

Lumber Exporter Coming West.

QUEBEC, Aug. 17.—A leading lumber exporter, of the firm of R. R. Dobell & Son, has left for British Columbia to make a personal examination of the lumber facilities and advantages of the Pacific Coast.

AMERICAN NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The time of the Senate up to 2 p.m. to-day was occupied in discussing and passing a motion instructing the committee on the district of Columbia to report a resolution requiring the district commissioners to revoke the permits already given for over head electric motive wires and for electric street railroads. A bill was passed prohibiting the mailing of obscene or libellous matter in transparent envelopes and "display coverings." The bill fixes the penalty of from one to ten years imprisonment and a fine from $1,000 to $5,000. At 2 p.m. the fisheries treaty was taken up in open executive session. Mr. Fry asked and obtained the unanimous consent for an order of the Senate tobegin the Fisheries treaty debate at 1 p. m. and close it at 6 p. m. next Monday, and to take a final vote on all amendments, motions and resolutions of ratification at 12 o'clock next Tuesday. Mr. Morgan then addressed the Senate in favor of the ratification of the treaty. When Morgan had concluded Frye moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate, earlier in the day, had agreed to adjourn over until Monday. After the roll call there was still no quorum present and the Senate adjourned until Monday.

Joint Discussion of the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. — It is announced this evening that a proposition is under consideration by the Democrat campaign managers to arrange for a joint discussion of the tariff question by Speaker Carlisle and Mr. Blaine. It is proposed to challenge Blaine to meet Carlisle and dispute the question in alternate speeches in twelve of the principal cities of the Union, six to be named by Blaine and six by the Speaker. The opinion of a number of prominent Democratic Congress as to the advisability of such a course has been asked and there is a very general concurrence of approval.

Trouble in the Camp.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—An evening paper alleges that Col. Brice has been practically deposed from the chairmanship of the national democratic campaign committee by President Cleveland, owing to his lack of energy in pushing the campaign on the tariff reduction lines laid down in the President's message. It is stated that the President in an interview with Col. Brice characterized the latter's course in very emphatic terms and that afterwards at the President's desire, Senator Gorman was put in active charge of the campaign. The statements are denied at democratic headquarters.

The Lost Geyser.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—There are no new developments concerning the Geyser disaster. The statement of Capt. Lamb, of the Thingvalla, which arrived at Halifax this morning agrees with the already published accounts of the collision, except that he says the Geyser turned to starboard instead of to port when the vessels first sighted each other. If this is correct, the responsibility seems to rest with the Geyser's officers.

Crop Reports.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—A special to the *Inter-Ocean*, says: "Reports from thirty-nine towns in northeastern Nebraska yesterday, show that small grain is a bad failure, wheat and oats have been almost ruined by the rust, hail and wind storms, and only a small portion of the fields will be cut. The rains of the last ten days have caused the grain to sprout badly. Corn has a fair prospect, although considerably blown down by the wind and is very late.

Oil Gusher Breaks Loose.

MONTPELIER, Ind., Aug. 17.—Salamonie No. 3, a powerful oil and gas well gusher, has broken loose two miles east of this city, and the farmers within half a mile radius of the well are panic striken. No fires have been lighted at their homes since the well broke loose and it is unsafe to strike a match within half a mile of the well. The fields and standing crops are saturated with oil over the entire section.

Played With Matches.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 17. — Frank, Philip, and Theresa Schrane, aged ten seven and five years respectively, children of a Greenfield farmer, were left alone this morning while their parents came here to market. They played with parlor matches in the parents' absence, and set fire to the house. Phillip and Theresa were burned to death.

McDonnell Found Guilty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The trial of James McDonnell, brother of the notorious George McDonnell, who in 1872, swindled the Bank of England out of $500,000 by means of forged checks, was concluded to-day. He was found guilty of having made a block for striking off counterfeit bank notes.

Short in His Accounts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—David A. Brown, bookkeeper for the undertaking firm of H. Gray & Co. for sixteen years, was found short in his accounts nearly $10,000.

Yacht Racing.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—In to-day's yacht race from New Bedford, the Mayflower beat the Puritan half an hour. The Sachem won in the first class schooners; the Bedouin in the third class sloops, and the Pappoose in the sixth class sloops.

Started the Fire with Kerosene.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Aug. 17.—Mrs. Joseph McDay, aged 21, and Miss Kate Armstrong, aged 25, who recently came from Ireland to work in Plunkett's cotton mills, were burned to death on Tuesday, as a result of starting a fire with Kerosene.

Anniversary Celebration.

DETROIT, Aug. 17.—About 2,000 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are in the city celebrating the 25th anniversary of the birth of the organization.

Killed by Lightning.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 17.—Chief Mesoot of the Kicapoos, were killed by lightning in his cabin on the reservation near Netawaka, Kansas, yesterday.

Paper Mill Burned.

READING, Pa., Aug. 17.—The large paper mill of C. L. Van Reed, in Lower Heidelburg, township, Becks Co. was burned to-night. Loss, $50,000.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Mrs. Parnell, on Behalf of Her Son Makes a Vigorous Appeal to Home Rulers.

Female Foot Pads Assault and Attempt to Rob a Man in the Streets of Chicago.

The Great Ocean Race Declared Off—Singular Accident to a Farmer. His Wife and Son.

Killed in a Well.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 18.—A peculiar accident occurred near this city yesterday, resulting in the death of George Owens, his wife and son. The two men were engaged in digging a well on their farm, and were hoisting earth and stone with a windlass, rope and heavy bucket. As the father was dragging up a load the rope broke and the bucket fell a distance of 100 feet, striking the son, who was in the well. As soon as assistance could be procured the father was lowered into the well, where he found his son insensible. The young man was drawn up and the rope lowered for the father, who was hoisted almost to the surface when the rope again broke and the man fell to the bottom, breaking his neck and causing instant death. Before the father could be removed from the well the son, whose skull was crushed and shoulder blades broken, died, and both bodies were taken to their home. Mrs. Owens was so prostrated by the shock of the death of her husband and son that she has since died also.

Attacked by Female Footpads.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—At an early hour this morning the notorious Minnie Daley, Lucy Arada, and Stella Wright, said to be a sister of Minnie Daly, attempted to rob a stranger on Madison street in front of the Brevoort House. Two of the women grabbed him while the third struck him several times in the face by a pair of brass knuckles. The man shouted for help and Officer Ahern went to his rescue. At sight of the officer a cab driver threw two of them into his cab and started away at a rapid pace. Minnie Daley made her escape through an alley. The officer followed the cab and caught it at the corner of Canal and Adams streets. On the way to the station the two women pulled out a roll of money and offered the officer $100 to allow them to go free. The man who was assaulted was carried away to a doctor before the officer returned and his name could not be learned.

An Appeal to Home Rulers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Mr. P. C. McCourt, of the sixth auditor's office, has read a letter from Mrs. Parnell, in which she makes a vigorous appeal to all friends of home rule for Ireland, who may possess any letters or evidence useful to her son's defence from the attacks of the London *Times*, to forward the same to Mrs. Parnell, Ironsides Park, Bordentown, New Jersey. In the letter she says: "But now to my anguish, my wise, kind and noble son Charles is at last exposed to heavy expenses and a trial, which may end like that of Smith O'Brien's, in confiscation of his property, for one can hardly believe but that the object of the Tory government is *imprimus* to cut off his own means. God grant that nothing worse may be their design."

Riotous Negroes Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 18.—Reports from Freetown and other sources indicate that more than twenty negroes were killed on Thursday by regulars, and several others wounded. It has leaked out in the face of repeated declarations from various sources that the troubles in New Iberia are neither social nor political. It is vehemently asserted by good citizens that black and white are banded in an effort to suppress disorders of lawless and immoral classes of blacks. The story of a mass meeting of blacks and whites to bring about order is repeated. A special dispatch from Shreveport says a report has been received there that on Tuesday last a negro was hanged by the mob in a big Cypress cayon in Bossier parish, for breaking into a store and stealing a sum of money.

The Ocean Race Declared off.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The ocean race of the four big steamships from New York to Europe will not take place. The commanders and the engineers of the Umbria and City of New York have been cautioned not to speed their vessels under a penalty of suspension. Therefore the Ems and La Bourgoyne will probably jog along at their accustomed gait. The officers of both the Umbria and the City of New York to-day positively declared that no thought was entertained of trying to cut down the record, and they expressed their doubts as to whether any money had been wagered on such a thing.

Sioux City Corn Palace.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 18.—The first contract for corn for the decoration of the Sioux City corn palace was let yesterday. The contract is for eighty acres which will amount to about 4,000 bushels. Over 30,000 bushels will be required. There have been apprehensions that the corn would be too late for the palace but the early fields will be in time.

Murdered by a Seaman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Jno. Maata, a lumberman, 36 years of age, was found dead to-day in his room in a lodging house. His death was the result of an altercation with a ship carpenter, on the 5th inst., named Carl Fortrean, when the latter struck Maata on the head with a blunt instrument. Fortrean sailed with his vessel, the ship Margaret, for Tacoma two days ago.

Mackay's Little Old Log Cabin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—The old log cabin which John W. Mackay occupied while mining in Sierra county from 1850 to 1860 was put up at auction to-day, but as not over $2,500 was bid for it, it was not sold.

Accidentally Shot.

PHŒNIX, Aug. 18.—James Dennis, an old citizen of this city, was instantly killed this morning while shooting rabbits and quail with an old muzzle loading shotgun. He was in the act of reloading one barrel when the other was discharged, the load entering his left side in the region of the heart.

Nothing but the Truth.

SIRS, — I have found Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry to be the best remedy I ever used for dysentery and all summer complaints among children, and I think it is recommended none too highly. Abie A. Reagh, Victoria Vale, Annapolis Co., N. S. tu-th-sat-dw

FIGHT WITH HARD GLOVES.

La Blanche, "The Marine," Knocks out Varley, English Middle-Weight, in Three Rounds—The Whole Party Arrested on Their Return to New York.

[Special to THE COLONIST.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Near Yonkers, early this morning, La Blanche, "The Marine," fought Jack Varley, English middle-weight, with hard gloves for a stake of $250 a side. La Blanche was attended by Jack Fallon and Frank Moran, while Varley was seconded by Charley Morton. Lablanche is five feet, seven inches; weight, 160 pounds. Varley is five feet, seven and three-fourths inches; weight, 159½ pounds. Time was called at 5:21 a. m. In the first round The Marine got in two left-handers without any return, closing Varley's right eye and drawing first blood. In the second round Varley came up well, getting in one good left-hander that cut the Canadian's right eye. La Blanche repaid him with a right-hand half-upper cut, a clear knock-down. Third round—La Blanche had it all his own way, striking Varley hard all over the twenty-four-foot ring and finally, by a terrific left-hander on the left ear, Varley was sent to his corner and refused to go on. The Marine was awarded the fight. Time, nine minutes, four seconds. The men, with their seconds and a number of well-known sports, including Jack Dempsey, Denny Costigan and Ed. Plummer, on their return on the tug, were arrested by officers from the police boat parole, and landed at pier A, from whence they were taken to the adjoining police station. The men arrested were arraigned in the Tombs police court before Justice Power on a charge of disorderly conduct in being present at a prize fight. The prisoners, numbering 108 in all, were discharged with the exception of the principals in the fight, La Blanche and Varley, who were held in $500 each for trial.

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Destined to be a Popular Resort—The Many Attractions of the Place.

St. Alice Hotel, Harrison hot springs, is destined to become one of the most popular pleasure and health resorts on the coast. There are several reasons for this assertion. The springs possess remarkable medicinal properties and many wonderful cures have been effected through their agency; they are situated on a lovely sheet of water forty miles in length, dotted with picturesque islands, while the surrounding scenery is grand and beautiful; the hotel is well-built, well-furnished and well-managed; the springs are easy of access at all seasons of the year by rail and water, while the climate is pleasant and subject to no severe or sudden changes; together with all these advantages the streams and lakes, woods and hills abound with fish and game of great variety, making it a veritable sportsman's paradise. It can therefore be readily seen that the resort will become famous so soon as its attractions are widely known, and the improvements in the grounds are made.

At the present time the hotel is as comfortable as any one could desire, while the bath house, which in the second story is divided into well furnished rooms, is fitted on most comfortable, convenient and sanitary principles. The two are connected by a short pathway winding along the shore of the lake in the midst of a profusion of lovely verdure. The table is excellent, the *cuisine* being under the superintendence of an experienced *chef*, while the vegetables, etc., are grown in a plot near the hotel and are always fresh and good. Several cows are kept so that cream and milk are always fresh and sweet, and enterprising barnyard fowls contribute their quota to the food supply. The above being the case, and trout and game procurable as needed, it can well be understood that the fare served to guests at St. Alice Hotel is always of a tempting and palatable nature, a most desirable feature whether the guest is there simply for pleasure or for the purpose of benefiting the health.

The grounds are being constantly improved, and the annoying mosquito will soon be shut out, if not altogether, at any rate to a great extent. At present the mosquito season is over, and very few are lingering around to take the visitor in. Life, therefore, is pleasant. In July these pests were very numerous, while last year they were more so. This has undoubtedly kept many from visiting the resort, but no fear need now be felt on that score for the festive mosquito has vanished.

Lieut.-Governor Schultz was expected to arrive at Harrison to-day. He has secured an acre of ground fronting on the lake, and the material is already there for erecting a summer residence for himself. Governor Schultz derived great benefit from the waters of the Harrison springs, and will make a lengthy stay this time. It is also expected that Lieutenant-Governor Royal of the Northwest Territory and Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, will accompany him.

The invalid, the weary business man, the tourist, the artist, or sportsman, or families desiring a season of recreation, could not choose a better place for resort than St. Alice Hotel. Numerous pleasure skiffs are provided for guests, and a row or sail on the lake or river or a visit to the many interesting points on their shares may be taken at leisure and with pleasure; while if fond of fishing there are streams and little lakes within easy distance where gamey mountain trout are in abundance. The main lake also abounds in large trout. Lazily inclined the guest may secure supreme enjoyment in an easy chair or a hammock on the wide verandah, from which the view in all directions is filled with beauties. A chair may be taken to the path to the springs, and a book read or a cigar smoked in comfort amid the shade of leafy loveliness. There are numerous ways in which rest may be had or pleasure enjoyed, to detail which would be tiring. Suffice it to say that if you are tired of the monotony of daily business or domestic cares, or need a change of air and invigoration of the system, and desire a comfortable and pleasant place where every want is anticipated by an obliging hotel manager and staff, then purchase your tickets and turn your face towards St. Alice hotel, Harrison lake. You can satisfy your heart's wish and return refreshed, delighted with your experiences and feeling on better terms with the world generally.

The road from Aggasiz to the hotel is being daily improved and is even now in good order, so that the five miles drive in by stage is a pleasurable one. The farms along its course are being more and more cleared every day, and when they and the Dominion experimental farm, which adjoins the railway, are in a state of cultivation, the valley will be one of the prettiest in the country.

Mr. J. R. Brown is manager of the hotel, and with his two brothers, a pleasant housekeeper and attentive staff of waitresses and others, puts forth every endeavor to make the stay of the visitor a pleasant one. The charges are reasonable, from $1.50 to $3 per day.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

Contract Let for Clearing Right of Way for the Southern Railway.

Work Will be Commenced on Monday—Brutal Murder by an Italian During a Drunken Quarrel—Large Hotel to be Built at Boundary Bay—Schooner Bertha Dolbeer Sails for Mexico With 365,000 Feet of Lumber.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 18.—The schooner Bertha Dolbeer cleared to-night for Guaymas, Mexico, with 365,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Royal City mills. Captain McAllister piloted her out.

Card sharpers and gamblers travelling with the circus caught a lot of tenderfeet and did them out of sums ranging from $10 to $100.

The contract for clearing the right of way for the Southern railway was let this afternoon to James Leamy, the well known contractor. The line is twenty-four miles in length and the amount of clearing to be done is 300 acres. Work will be commenced with a large force of men on Monday.

A brutal murder was committed this afternoon in a lane near the Merchant's Hotel. Two men, an Italian named Cotes, a boat-builder, and a half-breed Chilian named Baskett, a fisherman, were drinking together and disputing in the Merchant's Hotel. The frequent disputes caused the manager to put them out and they went into the lane and continued to quarrel. Finally they came to blows and Cotes knocked Baskett down and then kicked him with terrible force on the side of the head. Baskett doubled up, turned over and fell back dead. The murderer was instantly arrested and is in the lock-up, but he is too drunk to know what he has done. A coroner's inquest will be held.

A large summer hotel is to be erected immediately on Boundary Bay capable of accomodating 200 guests.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Proposed Scheme for the Crofter Settlement on Vancouver Island

Will be Fully Considered by the Commission During the Autumn Session of Parliament—Sir Charles Tupper Now Visiting the Crofter Districts—Fisheries Correspondence Issued—Immigration Statistics.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

A special cable states that the Scotch secretary has informed Mr. Begg that the scheme proposed for the Crofter settlement on Vancouver Island will be fully considered by the parliamentary commission during the autumn session and recommends him to lay his project in detail before that commission. Sir Charles Tupper is now visiting the Crofter districts.

The Quebec government have received from Rome a decree ratifying the settlement of the Jesuits' claims.

A pamphlet has been issued by the fisheries department containing the fisheries correspondence up to March last.

The total arrivals of immigrants in Canada for the past seven mouths numbers 104,000, against 86,000 for the same period last year.

PORT TOWNSEND.

Three Transcontinental Railways Seeking an Outlet in that City.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 16.—Several prominent railroad officials have been in Port Townsend this week in consultation with the Port Townsend Southern Railroad Company's officers. The most prominent were W. H. Holcomb and A. L. Maxwell, of the O. R. & N. Co., who negotiated several important purchases on this bay. It was learned that these purchases were in behalf of the company they represent. All of the officials were averse to being interviewed, but enough was ascertained to warrant the assumption that three transcontinental railroads are bidding for an outlet on Port Townsend bay.

An officer of the local company said that the question as to what eastern railway would have its termination here would be definitely settled in a few days. The right of way for the road has been secured, and the eastern roads are bidding for the same privilege, guaranteeing to have railway communication from Portland to this city in three years.

SURPRISED INDIANS.

A Prestidigitator and Ventriloquist Gets His Work in on One of the Natives—Picking Gold From a Dog's Ear and Mouth.

As the excurtion steamer Elder touched the wharf, on her last trip up, a tall, slender man, dressed in checked pants, a long black coat and a high glossy stove-pipe hat, stepped ashore. As is always the case on the arrival of the steamer, groups of Indians range themselves along the edge os the wharf with trinkets and curios, of their own manufacture, for sale to the Eastern tourists. The tall stranger approached one of these groups and began bartering with them for their wares. Taking a pair of beaded moccasins out of an aged squaw's hands he dangled it by the lace strings a moment, when much to the surprise of the unsophisticated Indians something inside began to jingle; the next moment, much to their astonishment, he poured from one of them into his hand, a handful of gold coin which he thrust into his pocket.

Noticing a big, fat, greasy buck standing with his mouth all agape with curiosity, the stranger extended his hand with a "how-di-do." The buck clasped the extended hand, but no sooner had he done so than so than his eyes began to start from their sockets, his features twitched, and he jumped and contorted like an acrobat. The stranger let him go, and the buck, with a howl, started on the run, not stopping until he entered a shanty in Siwash town. The balance of the Indians didn't know whether to laugh or look serious over the queer actions of their companion.

The stranger had stooped down and was stroking and making friends with a mongrel six-months old pup, and began picking pieces of gold from the dog's ears and mouth. Soon there began to issue from the animal strange sounds; it barked, howled, groaned and whined all at once. Suddenly the pup sprang up, flames and smoke began to issue from its mouth. With an unearthly yelp it jumped from the wharf into the bay and began lapping the water furiously.

All this was too much for the superstitious red skins, and they fairly knocked each other down in their frantic endeavors to get away from the big medicine man.

The *strangers* was a prestidigitator and ventriloquist.—Alaska *Free Press.*

Strong, Stout Ribbed Cotton Hose for Boy's Wear, a special line at the *City House*. *

GRANVILLE SQUATTERS CLAIMS.

Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Sole Arbitrator in the Case, Makes Known His Decisions—Full Text of the Document.

The following copy of the award made by the Hon. Chancellor Boyd in the case of the Granville squatters against the C. P. R. Company has been handed to us for publication:

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute of the Province of British Columbia, passed in the fifty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered fourteen and entitled "An Act to adjust the Rights of Settlers in the former Townsite of Granville," I, the Honourable John Alexander Boyd, Chancellor of the Province of Ontario, being appointed sole arbitrator to deal with the matters therein referred to arbitration, did proceed to hear and determine the said matters and thereupon I was attended by all parties interested therein who gave evidence and presented their respective contentions before me, and in respect thereof I do make this my award in the premises.

And it appearing before me that of the fifteen claimants whose claims the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the said Act named at first refused to recognize, six were subsequently recognized and admitted; these six being the persons following, namely: A. W. Sullivan, H. G. Onderkirk, J. J. Hayden, N. Hjorth, Alfred King, and A. McCrimmon, it fell to me to deal with the claims of the nine remaining claimants, namely, C. C. Ralston, John Jacklin, A. H. Byram, James Orr, William Mashiter, A. E. McCartney, J. B. Henderson, John Angus and George Preston, which I have disposed of as follows:

The claim of C. C. Ralston to receive lot 9 in block 3 at the price of two hundred dollars is well-founded and has been established, and I do hereby allow the same.

The claim of John Jacklin to receive lot 5 in block 5 has not been substantiated before me, and I do hereby disallow the same.

The claim of A. H. Byram to receive lot 4 in block 5 has not been substantiated before me, and I do hereby disallow the same.

The claim of James Orr to receive lots 13 and 14 in block 5 is well-founded and has been proved in so far as lot 14 is concerned, but it is not well-founded so far as lot 13 is concerned, and I therefore declare the said James Orr entitled to receive lot 14 in block 5 at the price of two hundred dollars, but he has no valid claim to lot 13 in the same block, and I do hereby disallow that part of his said claim.

The claim of William Mashiter to receive lot 1 in block 17 has not been proved, and I hereby disallow the same.

The claim of A. E. McCartney to receive lot 2 in block 17 has not been proved, and I do hereby disallow the same.

The claim of J. B. Henderson to receive lot 7 in block 17 at the price of two hundred dollars is well-founded, and has been established, and I do hereby allow the same.

The claim of John Angus to receive lot 11 in block 3 has not been proved, and I do hereby disallow the same.

The claim of George Preston to receive lot 18 in block 17 at the price of two hundred dollars is well-founded and has been established, and I do hereby allow the same.

The said Act having made provisions for costs in section seven, therefore I make no award thereupon.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand at Vancouver City this 15th day of August, A.D., 1888.

(Signed) J. A. BOYD.

Signed in presence of ALEX. B. SMITH of Vancouver. B.C.

BIG BEND MINES.

The Ophir Co. Reach Bed-rock—Good Returns on French Creek—Gold Washing on the Bars of the Columbia—Smith Creek.

From a recent arrival from the Big Bend mines, north of Revelstoke, it is learned that the placer mines in that district are paying very well this season. The principal industry is that of the Ophir Bedrock Flume Co., of which Mr. Jas. Gray, one of the best practical miners in British Columbia, is the manager. This company have been at work for several years on McCulloch Creek, where they have extensive works to cope with the heavy character of material met with. A couple of weeks ago bed-rock in mid-channel was reached and there is every indication that large returns will result. Another flume has been constructed above the bed-rock to carry off the heavier portion of the boulder and when a wash-up takes place in the fall it is fully expected that a considerable amount of gold will be taken out, though it will be next year before everything is in full working order. The company have every confidence in their claim, and this is backed up by the fact that over a thousand dollars was picked off the bed-rock from the dirt in a short space of time.

On French Creek three companies have been at work and each were taking out gold. Two of the companies had to shut down recently owing to the non-arrival of supplies caused by the washing away of a bridge. The third company, however, is still working and it is understood that they have been taking an ounce per day to the man.

On Smith Creek, on the west side of the Columbia, a number of miners have been sluicing and are taking out good wages.

On several of the bars of the river, also on the western side, opposite the mouth of Gold Creek, a number of men have been securing excellent returns when the stage of the river permitted them to work—it is said twenty dollars per day to the man. As they have little means they have not been able to bring water by ditch, otherwise handsome returns would have been secured.

There are good prospects that the mining interests of the Big Bend will be well developed in the near future, and if proper roads are made there would be a large expenditure in opening up promising mining ground.

THE RED RIVER ROAD.

The Manitoba Agreement With the Northern Pacific Set Aside.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 17.—The *Pioneer-Press* has from Winnipeg confirmation of the report that the agreement to complete the Red River Valley railroad between the Manitoba government and the Northern Pacific road is off. It is evidently the intention of the government to build the projected road itself, though some assert that the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Mantoba railroad have put in a bid that discounts its rival's offer.

Ernest Gondreau, the foreman of Fortier's cigar factory, Montreal, committed suicide by jumping from the steamer Berthier on her way from Sorel. He has been drinking heavily for some time and lived on bad terms with his wife.