

STRAWBERRIES HAVE APPEARED

CALIFORNIA FRUIT ON LOCAL MARKET

Flour Has Taken a Drop—Eggs and Hams Are Advanced

During the past week at the wholesale and retail markets many changes in the price of goods have been made. Principal among them is the drop in the price of Ogilvie's Royal Household flour of 10 cents per sack. The retail price is now \$1.30 for one sack. The other changes in the retail market are the advance of the price of eggs to 30 cents per dozen and also the addition of 2 cents per pound on both British Columbia and American hams.

A number of changes are to be noticed in the wholesale prices. Local potatoes have dropped four dollars a ton. Local tomatoes are also now on the market, the price of them being 20 cents per pound. The California and Florida tomatoes have dropped 75 cents on the crate. Local asparagus is selling at 10 cents a pound, while the California is 6 cents. The only advances are in bacon and ham, these having gone up 1 cent on the pound.

California strawberries are now arriving in considerable quantities. The wholesale price of the berries is \$2.50 per crate, but it is expected that before long they will drop somewhat. The local berries will not be on the market for some time yet, owing to the lateness of the spring weather.

The local quotations are as follows:

Table of market prices for various goods including coal, meat, flour, and produce. Items include Pratt's Coal Oil, Bacon, Mutton, Lamb, Beef, Pork, and various types of flour and grain.

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SKEENA INDIANS REFUSE TO WORK

WANT SIXTY DOLLARS A MONTH AND BOARD

Are Replaced by White Men—Navigation Conditions on the River

The principle of trades unionism has apparently taken hold of the Indians of the Skeena river, for they have decided that fifty dollars a month and board, and even fifty-five dollars, is too small a sum for a decent, self-respecting Indian to earn. At the present time the season of river navigation last year they pushed the wages for Indian deckhands up to \$5 a month, and this was granted as the season was nearly closed. Encouraged by this, they have recently held meetings and decided that they will not work for a less sum than \$60, even though they had previously engaged for \$55.

They sent notices of their decision to the steamboat owners a short time ago, and this was followed by the following ultimatum:

Port Simpson, B. C., April 15th, 1910.

Capt. Gardner:

Dear Sir—We, the young people of Port Simpson, held a meeting on April 11th, 1910, and have decided and agreed not to work on the H. B. boats, and also Foley, Welch & Stewart's boat, unless the wages is raised to sixty dollars per month.

(Sgd.) JOHN NELSON, Chairman.

The Hudson's Bay Company and Foley, Welch & Stewart at once engaged a competent white crew to do the work which the Indians had formerly done, and these were glad to do it for \$50 a month, so the Indians will have to find other fields of labor for the present season.

The Skeena river is now about clear of ice and the river boats Port Simpson and Hazelton are being launched from the ways at Port Simpson, where they have been all winter. They will be ready to commence operations in a day or two, but the water in the river is yet too low to permit of navigation far up. Arrangements are being made, however, for the first steamer to connect at Prince Rupert with the steamer Princess Royal.

A week ago the governor of the province arrived there about the 25th instant. That means it will leave Prince Rupert on the 27th if the water is not raised. A large steamer will go right through to Hazelton, but falling that she will land her cargo at the foot of the Kitisnoo canyon.

There has been a large amount of snow this winter, and it is feared that as soon as the melting commences the water will rise very quickly and will very soon be too high for navigation far up the river. Sometimes the boats are able to make as many as five trips to Hazelton and back, but when the water rises quickly two trips are all that can be managed.

WILL TRY TO OUST PACKERS FROM STATE

Alleged to Be Violating of Missouri Anti-Trust Laws

St. Louis, April 20.—Attorney-General Major to-day announced that quo warranto proceedings would be brought against the Missouri packers, in the event they are found to be violating the Missouri anti-trust laws.

Major says the evidence taken Monday and Tuesday in the hearings in an effort to establish the standing of the packers, in the event they are found to be violating the Missouri anti-trust laws, is that they are operating in violation of the Missouri anti-trust laws.

Within 30 days proceedings will be instituted against the packers in St. Louis. Dressed Beef & Provision Company, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co., and the National Packing Company. The attorney-general wishes that their Missouri charters be revoked.

SAVED FROM HORRIBLE DEATH

Portland, Ore., April 20.—William Meyers, 35 years of age, a concrete worker, was saved from a horrible death when John Mingler, a fellow workman, with the aid of a jack-knife, amputated his left arm near the elbow, when it became fast in the gear chain of a concrete mixer at the new Mount Tabor reservoir. Meyers is now in the Good Samaritan hospital in a critical condition, caused by the shock and the loss of blood.

Meyers, with several other workmen, was mixing concrete when a large gear chain slipped from the sprocket wheel. The young workman attempted to replace the chain while the machinery was in motion. His glove was caught and his left hand and arm drawn into the gears. His piercing screams brought the assistance of Mingler and others. Observing Meyers' predicament, Mingler whipped out his jack-knife. While other workmen supported Meyers, Mingler cut the flesh about the cogs and trimmed it to the shattered portions of the forearm.

TENDER DAMAGED

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, April 20.—The United States artillery tender Thomas, Capt. Madison, was rammed this morning by the steamship Whatcom while in berth at Tyler street wharf. The Thomas was damaged on the upper works, and the dock was also damaged. The damaged to the Whatcom was light, and she proceeded to Port Angeles. An investigation will probably be held.

EMPIRE DAY

(Special to the Times.)

London, April 20.—The bill for the official recognition of Empire Day has been killed by the Commons.

EDMONTON COMMISSIONER

Edmonton, Alta., April 20.—A. V. Bouillon, commissioner of utilities of Seattle, has accepted the appointment as commissioner of public institutes of this city at a salary of \$10,000 per annum.

STEWART CAMP IS GROWING FAST

Vadso Brings News of Rush to Mining Camp—Prospectors Leaving

(From Thursday's Daily.)

That Stewart is very busy at the present time is the news brought from that port by the steamer Vadso, which arrived in port last night. Three new stores have just been erected, one for Harry Smith of Duncan, and another for Finch & Hickey, of Victoria. People are crowding into the new town and everything is humming. The Vadso brought word that the townsite of Portland City, which is close by the Stewart townsite, but on the American side, is at present simply a town of tents. All the lots are surveyed and many people are coming in. A large wharf is being built and very soon the twin cities will be the scene of the greatest activity.

Among those who arrived on the steamer was Frank Henson, who came down to purchase half a dozen billiard tables for a billiard and pool room at Stewart.

The Vadso failed to get away on time last night, as there was a large amount of freight to take. She got away this morning, and when she leaves Vancouver will be jammed to the hatches with cargo, and will also have a full list of passengers. A large amount of the freight is going to Stewart and to the canneries up the coast. Many prospectors' outfits are being taken all prospecting to a season of great activity ahead.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE FOR NOOTKA SOUND

Leebro Returns From Run Up West Coast to Triangle Island

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Steamer Leebro arrived last evening from the West Coast of Vancouver Island, where she has been taking Resident Engineer Killen to the various public works which are in progress. A large quantity of supplies were landed at the different points, including Triangle Island. At the latter place the weather was rough and a number of men were sick.

Mr. Killen spent a short time at Nootka surveying the site for a new lighthouse which is proposed to build at that point. This light it is understood will be similar to the one at Quatsino, which was built a short time ago.

Gordon Hallett, who is in charge of the lighthouse department on this coast, went on the steamer on a trip of inspection to the lights along the coast. This is the first time he has been able to make since the accident which injured his eyes and from which he still suffers.

The Leebro will leave at once for the North to complete the work of overhauling the buoys and beacons, while the steamer Quadra is undergoing her annual overhaul. She will also take north the cable to connect the new wireless station and marine fishery sub-station on Dibley Island with the city of Prince Rupert.

CONCILIATION BOARD SUBMITS REPORT

Recommendations Regarding Grievances of Montreal Longshoremen

Ottawa, April 20.—The board of conciliation appointed to investigate the grievances between the longshoremen and shipping companies of Montreal has filed its report with the minister of labor, requesting a five years' agreement between the men and shipping companies, dating from January 1st, 1910, the men being required when commencing work each season to sign a contract undertaking to work until the close of navigation, the men signing the same to the effect of preference over all others. The day rate is to be 30 cents per hour and night rate 35 cents. The board also requests the creation of a permanent board of conciliation to deal with all matters in dispute between companies and employees. The report is unanimous.

CANADIAN BANKS

Report for March Shows Healthy Business Conditions.

Ottawa, April 21.—The bank report for March issued by the department of finance, indicates healthy business conditions. Demand deposits total \$247,662,171, as compared with \$238,697,987 in February. Notice deposits stand at \$51,978,117, an increase of about \$3,000,000. The total note circulation was \$78,265,822, as compared with \$74,521,946 in the previous month. Call loans in Canada were to the value of \$52,445,375, a decrease of approximately \$2,000,000. Call loans elsewhere stood at \$130,194,540, an increase of \$10,000,000. Current loans in Canada stood at \$624,445,375, compared with \$622,454,538. Current loans elsewhere totalled \$40,719,679, as against \$42,403,754 in the previous month.

About 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the fire brigade had a run to the residence of W. Bryce, 1408 Elford street, where the roof of the dwelling had become ignited. The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done to the premises.

The Bureau of Information forwarded several thousand copies of the new issue of the game bulletin Tuesday to the Sportsmen's Show at Vancouver. A large collection of provincial bulletins has also been sent to the exhibition at Brussels.

San Francisco Girl Who Was Burned by Acid Will Retain Her Sight

San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—Ruth Wilson, the 18-year-old victim of an acid thrower, will retain her sight, according to a bulletin issued to-day by the physicians who have been attending her.

The girl was removed from Mt. Zion hospital to her home late yesterday. The bandages were taken from her eyes, and a thorough examination of the left eye, which was burned by the acid, convinced the specialists that the eye ball was not permanently injured.

The search for Van Camp Redfern, the young man who is wanted in connection with the affair, is being continued. Thus far no trace of him has been found.

GLOOMY PREDICTION

Patten Declares Cotton Mills Throughout World Will Close During August and September.

New York, April 21.—"Wheat King" Jim Patten to-day predicted that the cotton mills throughout the world would close during August and September because they would have nothing to work on. He reiterated his denial that he has attempted to corner the cotton supply. He said if the law prohibiting the purchase of cotton futures was passed he would quit speculating in it.

"If the government does away with speculation," he said, "it will merely put cotton in the hands of a few strong men. The producers have a means of knowing what cotton is actually worth."

The pound-by-law in respect of cattle, horses, sheep, chickens, etc., will be strictly enforced after April 23rd.

ELLA AND ERNA GOING OFF RUN

PLACES TO BE TAKEN BY BIG FREIGHTERS

Lessees of Steamers Tired of Waiting for Necessary Repairs

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—The German steamers Ella and Erna will be taken off the Seattle-Central American run, and Jebson and Ostrander will turn the ships back to their owner, Captain Jebson, of Hamburg, an uncle of the senior member of the local firm.

The Ella, which is due to arrive in a few days from Corinto, will be laid off as soon as her cargo is discharged. The Erna is now lying idle at Bremer-

In place of these two liners, Jebson and Ostrander will put the Knight of St. George, the Clavery and the Hermine on the run. Both the Ella and Erna were formerly splendid liners operating between Europe and the East Indies, but they have run down in late years and it is said the lessees became tired of waiting for repairs.

Steamer Erna, it will be remembered, met with a misfortune when coming north from Mexico, between San Francisco and this port. She met with a heavy gale and during the time of stress her boilers commenced to leak badly and she was forced to put back for temporary repairs, the passengers coming north on some other steamer. The Ella is returning with a large excursion party many of whom went from Vancouver.

UNREST AMONG NEGROES IN CUBA

Troops Have Been Dispatched to Province of Santa Clara

Havana, Cuba, April 20.—A thousand troops, outfitted for an extended stay, started for Santa Clara province, 140 miles from Havana, to-day where the negroes have started an uprising.

It is believed that the outbreak has been caused by radical politicians and is not to be considered as a revolution against the government.

For the last two months there has been evidence that an uprising was impending and the government has been fully prepared to cope with the radicals at the first hint of violence.

A week ago the governor of the province telegraphed from Santa Clara, the capital, urging the presence of troops, which injured his eyes and from which he still suffers.

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