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The Story of How the "Walter A. Earle" Was Lost in the Mutiny Told.

Bodies of the Indian Crew Found Floating in the Cap-sized Hulk.

Although the story of how the Walter A. Earle was lost in the awful storm of Easter Sunday may never be told by one of the ill-fated crew, the mystery of that memorable tragedy has been dispelled, and that in a most unexpected manner. The wreck itself has completed its journey into an Alaskan port, and the bodies of a majority of the little company that went with the ship to the sealing have been found in her, to mutely tell the story of how their fate came upon them. The hulk when last seen, on April 15 or thereabouts, was in a position to be carried slowly northward by the tide; three months later it was found not far from Unalakleet by the steamer Francis Cutting, and was by direction of Captain Thomas, of that vessel, taken in tow to port.

From the date of Captain McLean's view of the turned-turtle craft until the Cutting's lookout sighted the derelict, no definite report of it had been obtained. It had been slowly drifting northward, battered and beaten by the waves, but still defying them when on bringing their prize in port it was with difficulty righted and an inspection made.

There, huddled together in the forecastle, their quarters, were found eleven dead, decaying bodies; long since beyond identification, but, evidently the remains of the majority of the Indians who formed the complement of expert hunters. The story of the awful catastrophe was then for the first time thoroughly understood by the Northern navigators.

In the fearful storm the Indians, becoming mad with terror, had rushed into the forecastle—in which their quarters were assigned. The brave crew outside had tried to manage the helpless vessel, which may have already lost her rudder, as it was gone from the wreck. They had been swept into the sea by the fury of the storm and sank without the least chance to save themselves; the imprisoned Indians were in still greater peril, and when the boat turned completely over they were drowned without even the remote chance allowed to take in open air. The ballast was resting almost against the deck, and prevented all possibility of escape for the bodies—alive or dead. So the Indians perished in the ship which was to be their floating coffin for three long months.

Whether or not the sea was so furious, the catch of the ill-starred vessel was also successful, with her hulk is not stated in the advice of the strange affair. These were brought to Seattle early Wednesday morning by the steam schooner Excelsior, which then completed her last trip of the season. The probability is, however, that nothing of value was obtained from the wreck. It is itself so much destroyed by the action of the waves that it will be left to rot on the beach at Kodiak, where it now lies. Not far away the recognizable bodies share a common grave.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Wheelmen and Good Roads—The Spokane Coming—To-day's Interesting Fixtures.

The rough draft of a petition to the city council in regard to street improvement and sidewalk riding was laid before the V.W.C. by one of the members Thursday evening and provoked considerable discussion before being ultimately tabled until Tuesday night's meeting. The majority of the wheelmen so far consulted do not seem inclined to endorse it, being opposed to sidewalk riding even as an expedient, as well as to any proposition imposing any special tax on bicyclists, while allowing other vehicles (which wear out the roads as the silent general does not) to escape assessment. The general opinion among wheelmen appears to be that cyclists should demand rideable city streets and nothing more and nothing less. Here is the draft of a petition to which the attention has been invited. Cyclists would do well to read it carefully before attending the next club meeting:

"We, the wheelmen of the city of Victoria, now forming a large and constantly growing body in the community, beg to respectfully direct your attention to the wretched condition of a majority of the city streets, and to the fact that they are constantly becoming less fit for ordinary traffic. Ruts and rocks, broken glass, and uneven surfaces of the city unfit for ordinary vehicular traffic, the safety of any horse or carriage passing over them being actually endangered. This being the fact with regard to wagons and carriages, your honorable body cannot fail to recognize the difficulties and dangers which for months past have been incidental to the use of the bicycle in this city. The majority of the wheelmen of Victoria use the bicycle in business as well as pleasure, and the constant and unnecessary expense of repairing, due entirely to the condition of the streets, is, we hold, a burden that should not long be borne without emphatic protest. We would respectfully ask your honorable body to undertake without delay the general improvement of Victoria's streets. If, as we anticipate, civic funds will not permit of the immediate carrying to completion of so extensive and important a work, kindly give us something. Would it not be possible for the city to provide improved roadways, say four feet wide, from Douglas street up Yates or Port to Oak Bay avenue; or on Government or Douglas street to the city boundary, and from James Bay bridge to the outer wharf. If your honorable body cannot aid us on the lines proposed, which are based on the recent legislation of numerous Eastern cities, as a last suggestion we would submit the following: That bicyclists be allowed the use of the sidewalks outside the fire limits

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, August 24. THE LARDEAU.

Lemuel Arthur Brings Back Some Fine Samples of Ore From There.

Mining Work Progressing at a Lively Rate—Healed by a Bear.

Mr. Lemuel Arthur is back from a seven weeks' trip to the Lardeau country where he has been doing assessment work on the Glangarry group, the Edna Alice and Black Bear mining claims. Of these all but the Black Bear are located on the divide between Flash creek and the Duncan river. The Glangarry group is composed of the Glangarry, Prince Edward and Jim Dandy claims, which were discovered three years ago by Mr. Arthur and Jack Macdonald. On the same ledge there are 14 claims located. The ore of this group is galena, rich in silver and copper, the highest assays being as high as 1,050 ounces and the lowest 160 ounces of silver. The ledge is 13 feet wide with a pay streak of three feet in width. Enough development work has been done to show an immense body of ore, and the vein can be traced along the surface for a great distance. As soon as a road is constructed up Boyd creek an outlet will be given for shipping ore to Lardeau, and already ten tons of very rich ore are ready to ship. Tom and Sam MacRae have just staked out a claim this month, and a number of others have been taken up. The Edna Alice, belonging to Hugh Brown and Mr. Arthur, carries 4 feet of solid ore and 10 feet of concentrating ore in a ledge 30 feet wide. This was only opened up when the strike was made. The magnificent samples he has with him, however, are steel galena and lead carbonates, which cannot fail to run well in silver. Owners of other claims on the continuation of this ledge are now doing the assessment work. Cunningham's Stake of Wellington claim, which was staked out last year, is making a fine showing.

Eleven miles from Lardeau the Sable creek joins Flash creek. On Sable creek, four miles from its junction with Flash creek, two Vancouver companies are making extensive preparations for development work on the Kootenay Star, Stepey and other claims under the management of Mr. E. H. Reap. A road four miles long has been built to the mine, and a number of miners are busy getting out ore. There is a very wide ledge on these mines carrying copper and silver. Some of it runs very high in silver, but it is more of a concentrating ore of medium grade, the immense quantity making it profitable to mine. Two miles nearer Lardeau Messrs. McLean and Arthur had the Black Bear claim located last season. Surface samples run as high as 749 ounces in silver, which certainly promises good results.

Up to the present time four and a half miles from Lardeau are a number of claims having assessment work done on them. The Bessie claim assays as high as 1400 ounces of silver. Roney and Tom Dooley have also taken up claims. Mr. Arthur came home by the trail from the North Fork of the Lardeau. T. Horn and Mr. Brewster's claims here are turning out well, and so are those of R. McCord and others. The ore from these mines averages between 150 and 200 ounces in silver. Further down the trail the Great Northern, which was run as high as 600 ounces in silver, but a group of a number of men are doing assessment work on the claims and the Bad Shot is turning out well. Joe Bazett and some associates were preparing to go to work on a larger claim when Mr. Arthur came through. They were waiting for the water to go down as it was too high just then. Mr. Arthur has great faith in the Lardeau country and says that from his own personal observation he is satisfied that it is as rich as the Slocan itself, and just as soon as good road communication is had the output of ore will be very large.

An exciting bear adventure happened while Mr. Arthur was in the Lardeau. Jack Marshall and a man named Joe were sighted by a silver pit bear on Flash creek. The bear soon followed the men and a fight ensued. Marshall got out of sight at night, but Joe was not so lucky. He had just got hold of a lower branch when the bear snapped him by the heel. Joe held on and so did the bear, and it was only when the bear's head was jerked off by a good-aided Joe's heel, was the bear killed. The scared man swarmed up into his tree, and when the coast was clear descended and limped back to camp, thankful that he had escaped with his life.

YACHTING.

FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP.
NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The America's cup committee have selected September 7 next as the day on which the first of a series of races between Valkyrie III and Defender shall be held.

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSIP OF SPORTING EVENTS.
Among the individual prizes won by British Columbians at the Toronto matches were the following: Macdonald match, 200 yards, round—Chamberlain, 28, 35; Stuart, 28, 35; Sloan, 27, 33; Gordon match, 600 yards—Wilson, 32, 37; Chamberlain, 31, 35.

The Albion ground is said to be the only one in the city on which it is possible to get what all lovers of cricket so earnestly desire—a good grass wicket—and an excellent one has been prepared for to-day's match. Additional seats have been provided and everything done to make the afternoon enjoyable for visitors and players. As the ground at Beacon hill there is no charge for spectators.

Archibald, of Montreal, won the championship and Dolphin trophy matches at the Lake Champlain canoeing regatta yesterday. The Spokane baseball team, whose defeat by Tacoma Friday surprised all Vancouverites, will be here on Thursday next to meet the Amities at Caladonia park.

At a Summer Resort.—Mrs. Winslow—Are you perfectly sure that there will be no men around if I go wading in the brook this morning?

"Kitty (sadly)—Oh, yes, mother; we are perfectly sure that there will be no men around, whether we go wading or not.—Detroit Free Press.

Miss Titterly—"Dootor, I've been troubled lately with tender, aching feet. What remedy would you recommend?"
Dr. Curt—"Shoes two sizes larger. Two doctors, please."—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
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BACK FROM ALBERNI.

Hon. Mr. Higgins Tells of His Week's Visit to the New Mining Centre.

Prospectors Who Have Unbounded Confidence in Their Location—A Busy Community.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, who, in company with Captain Clive Phillips-Wolley, has just returned from a visit to the Alberni mountains, agrees with those who have come before him that the half has not been told in regard to the activity and promise of the new mining centre. Though he had but a week to spend among the gold seekers, the honorable gentleman visited every camp in the locality with the exception of those on Nitinat river and at the head of China creek. He saw much and heard more of the recent valuable discoveries, and returns home with the fixed opinion that if the surface indications speak truly of the hidden wealth below, a field of immense proportions has been opened up at Victoria. The very discovery of the richness of the territory for many years to come.

During their week's tramp through the mountains Hon. Mr. Higgins and his companion visited the hydraulic diggings on Mineral creek, and pushed up that stream to the top of the divide, the Alberni. The same mineral belt in which they were situated is, however, supposed to be fully twenty miles wide and to extend far up the island, and this means that the operations of the prospector need not be hampered by the restrictions of territory for many years to come.

At Frank McQuillan's hydraulic claim on China creek, a portable sawmill is now being placed in position, with the output of which operation will be pushed forward on an extensive and scientific scale. Forty colors were obtained from a single pan during the brief stay of the Victorians at this camp.

Passing up Granite creek to the Star of the West a large, clear vein of quartz about five feet wide was found between two walls of rock—the mineral so placed that it would appear nature had destined the spot for extensive mining operations, and had cast the ground so as best to promote the industry of the prospectors. The veins of quartz, Mr. Sutton, who was met at the mouth of the creek, it was learned that William Poole had just struck a new seven-foot ledge at the headwaters, the gold being plainly visible and the mineral as far as traceable belts of appearance was entirely new. Several of their claims had also been located recently on the same ledge—an extension of the Starlight—by Mr. Poole and his partner, and a bond of the property for \$75,000 had been secured. They said they had been so confident that they in the practical value of their locations.

News of further rich discoveries on Coleman creek and between it and Granite creek awaited the visitors on their return to the mouth of the latter stream; while as they passed on each day brought them news of rumors of finds here, there and everywhere. Of course many are bound to prove disappointments, but the fact remains that there is plenty of good mineral in the district and a small army of prospectors is now interested and at work, determined to discover it.

"As at the present time," says Mr. Higgins, "one of the most pressing needs of the district is a small steamer on Alberni canal. There is plenty of work for one and its operation would prove highly remunerative."

TRADE REVIEWED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Dun's weekly review says the volume of business showed a shrinkage, as is natural in August, but it seems rather larger than usual because the transactions in July were somewhat inflated. Some industries are doing more than ever before in August, and the prospect for the fall trade is good in others, although much depends on the crops. The failures for the week have been 43 in Canada, against 33 last year.

Bradstreet's says: The volume of general trade shows no larger volume, in fact at several Southern and Eastern centres rather more quiet is reported than a week ago. Cotton is up again on further reports of damage to the crop, and the following articles tend upward: Bessemer pig, wire nails and barbed wire, wire, wire, nails and wire rods, leaf tobacco. Among staples which have remained firm are wool, lumber, copper, coal and leather. Petroleum tends downward, as well as flour, wheat, corn, oats, pork and sugar. Montreal and Toronto jobbers anticipate a sharp improvement in trade in the fall. The millinery openings and industrial exposition at the latter city will tend to stimulate trade. In Nova Scotia rain has helped the lumbering interest, but on Prince Edward Island it has injured the grain crop. The cold weather in Manitoba causes anxiety as to the crops there. The bank clearings at Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Halifax aggregate \$18,553,000 this week, against \$19,246,000 last week.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A man with a statistical turn of mind finds that \$50,000,000 is spent each year in maintaining churches in the United States. Churches seem a rather expensive institution until light is thrown on the cost of jells, which the same genius figures at \$400,000,000.

THE CITY.

YESTERDAY an order was made that chambers would be held at the court house during vacation on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

MR. DAVID WILSON and Miss Maggie Donnelly, both of Vancouver, were joined in marriage by Sheriff McMillan at his office yesterday.

A UNANIMOUS call to the pastoral charge of the Diocese of Victoria, Mount Vernon, Wn., has been extended to Rev. D. Lamont, of Saanich.

THE members of No. 1 company, B.C.E. G.A.A., and their friends, had a very pleasant dance in the spacious pavilion of Mrs. Marshall's hotel, at the Gorge, last evening. The battalion orchestra furnished a much appreciated programme of music, and the event proved in every way a most enjoyable one.

AT a committee meeting of the Women's Council yesterday afternoon it was announced that Lady Aberdeen has asked the full executive of the Women's Council to meet her at Government House on Monday afternoon, Sept. 2 at 3 o'clock. The ladies will please make a note of this and endeavor to attend.

ROBERT SARGENT, a stonecutter for some time employed at the new parliament building, died yesterday of consumption at the age of 38 years. He was a specially competent master of his craft and a man whose sterling worth had much endeared him to all his associates. The latter will to-day attend the funeral in a body.

THE mystery surrounding the disappearance of Nanaimo in June of Richard Carter, of Comox, has been cleared up. Instead of coming down to Victoria by the train he must have taken the steamer to Vancouver, for he left there by the Warrimoo on the 16th and the provincial police have received information that he is now in Auckland, New Zealand.

THE Chilliwack Fruit Packing Company, which was recently organized with the object of sending the fruit products of the Fraser to market in the best possible form, has shown that its business affairs are thoroughly understood by those in charge. The clean and convenient boxes in which Messrs. L. White & Co., graded to the different qualities, will do much to popularize the home article at home.

AT Monday evening's council meeting the fire wardens will recommend that a hose reel and house be placed on the Oakland estate in compliance with the petition of the residents of that locality. This conclusion was arrived at at a meeting last evening, and in consideration of the great amount of unprotected property there exposed at any moment to serious loss by fire. The electric light committee of the city council also met last evening, but did nothing more than discuss matters generally.

IN ACCORDANCE with the provision in the act passed by the legislature at its last session for the promotion of the mining industry, an examination for certificates for the next month in this city, the examinees being Messrs. H. Carmichael, government assayer, and W. Pellet Harvey, of Vancouver. The subjects for the ordinary provincial certificate are the practical assaying of gold, silver, copper, lead and iron. The honor certificates include the practical assaying and a comprehensive written examination on the subject as well as the practical.

THE ladies of Victoria who have undertaken to operate a department of the Agricultural Association's exhibition are actively making arrangements, and the results are promised to astonish the most sanguine. Some ladies have promised money towards the prizes and have failed to report so far. Mr. Helen Grant, the treasurer, will thankfully receive the money and any others at her residence, No. 2 Work street. The revised prize list is in preparation and will be issued immediately. As there appears to be some uncertainty about the matter, it may be well to assure ladies that all articles entrusted to the keeping of the ladies' department will be specially taken care of and every precaution used to ensure safe return to the owner.

THE Sir William Wallace society held their usual meeting last night, when, after selections on the pipes, Mr. Maxwell Muir read his paper on "Religion and Art." Mr. Muir, in treating the subject, divided it into two parts—Art and Religion. Art he subdivided into sculpture, painting and architecture; Religion into idolatry and Judaism or Christianity. In speaking of art he described its rise and progress in three divisions, showing the close connection between the productions of the sculptor, painter and architect. Throughout the lecture it was shown that in proportion to the religious spirit existing so art flourished in several branches. The lecture was an interesting and instructive one and was much appreciated. The usual musical programme followed. A meeting of a business character was held immediately after to receive reports of committees and complete arrangements for the reception to the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen next Friday.

THE programme for the children's day at the agricultural exhibition formed the main subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Teachers' Association. Several objected strongly to having the children march out to the exhibition grounds, and it was decided that the principals of the various schools should bring this matter to the attention of the trustees at a meeting to be held on Monday evening next. The composition, drawing, writing and bookkeeping competition was arranged as follows: Composition—High school, "Our Annual Industrial Exhibition"; graded schools, first divisions, "The History of the Industries of Our Province"; second division, "The Visit of the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen to the Province in 1894"; third division, "Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria"; fourth division, "The History of the Summer Holidays." Map drawing—High school and graded schools, first divisions, Dominion of Canada; second divisions, British Columbia; third divisions, North America; fourth divisions, Africa; fifth divisions, South America. No drawing in the graded schools. The first six divisions of the graded schools. Book-keeping—High school and first divisions of graded schools. A highly entertaining paper on "Composition" by Mrs. Caldwell brought the meeting to a close.

A STATEMENT has been prepared by Mr. Beaumont Boggs, the secretary of the general committee, showing the amounts of money collected and expended during the 1895 Queen's Birthday celebration. It will be presented to the city council on Monday night. The receipts were \$2,665, and the expenditure \$2,556, leaving a balance in hand of \$109.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Captain Locke, of the "Brenda," Brings News of Still Another Northern Wreck.

A San Francisco Coal Brig the Victim and Port Clarence the Scene of Her Loss.

Missteps to shipping have of late been crowding one upon another with exceptional frequency, the local cause being a combination of fog and smoke, but the disasters in Behring sea, whence the most startling reports have come, being the result of continued and severe gales. The latest news of this character from the North concerns the loss late in July of a large San Francisco brig, which foundered cold laden in the vicinity of Port Clarence, Alaska, and so far as is known is now a total wreck. The news of this catastrophe was brought to Victoria yesterday morning by Captain Locke, master of the ill-fated schooner Brenda, who, as told in yesterday's Colonist, returned to the Sound by the steam schooner Excelsior. So recent was the disaster referred to that no details were obtainable when the captain left Onalaska, and he cannot at present recall the name even of the starboard craft. The report of her destruction was brought to Onalaska by a fur collecting brig which having received some \$17,000 worth of cargo from two of the whalers, called for water and supplies before setting sail for Port Townsend. She will not be due at the Sound city for some time yet, but in the meantime details of the wreck will doubtless be obtained through the next arriving Alaska mail steamer. So far as could be learned by Captain Locke, the brig did not go to pieces for some time after striking a submerged rock, but, as in the case of the Brenda, all efforts of her master and crew to accomplish her release were futile, owing to no outside aid being at command. Why the unfortunate brig should have been so far north has not yet been ascertained, unless she had been acting as tender for the United States patrol or whaling fleet, or had been driven far out of her course. Definite information will be awaited with keen expectancy. Of his own experience Captain Locke says he has very little to add to what has already been told. His voyage to Seattle was an extraordinarily costly one. From Onalaska to Sitka on the steamer Bertha the fare charged \$75, and the passage from Sitka to Seattle on the Excelsior was only \$10 less. Before abandoning the Brenda Captain Locke conducted an auction sale, which would have been amply had it not been a serious matter, knocking down the doomed vessel as she lay to Captain O'Leary, of the sealer Geneva, for the modest sum of \$8, some tackle, etc., being realized in return for the expenditure. The Brenda's boats, Captain Locke took to Onalaska, and there made a good sale of them. The two Japs stationed on the Kurile islands are there as agents of their government. Last year there were five on the islands, but during the year there died. The Kurile islands belong to Japan, and her subjects there are testing the feasibility of establishing a colony. The islands are situated in 50, 40 N. latitude, and 151, 14 E. longitude. They comprise a barren group, but notwithstanding that it seems the policy of the Japanese government to ascertain whether the climate will admit of their being populated. Before Capt. Locke left Onalaska the United States cutter Rush arrived, and reported speaking fourteen sealers, among the best known being the following: Mand S. 275, Triumph 260, Dora S. 150, and Agnes Macdonald 100. Capt. Locke would not venture an opinion as to the success of the sealing fleet in Behring sea this year, but says they have done fairly well in starting operations. He reports trouble having been experienced among the Indians of the schooner Sapphire and the crew of the whaler California at Onalaska. The mate of the latter vessel was supplying the natives with liquor, and in consequence trouble ensued. Onalaska, while pretty well "loaded," brutally abused his kitcher, kicking her in the head and blinding one eye. The officers of H.M.'s cruisers were appealed to, and on arresting the Indian learned of the one supplying the whiskey. A search of the California resulted in thirty odd gallons of whiskey being discovered and confiscated. The guilty mate was also fined \$33.50.

THE STEAMER City of Puebla which left San Francisco for this port yesterday arrived on board the following passengers for Victoria: J. C. Casland, Lyall Davidson, Mrs. Bourne and daughter, F. Clyde, Alex. Cooper, T. L. Vannorden, Mrs. Jos. Goodrich, C. H. Ritchie and wife, Mrs. Coykendall, Miss Root, Miss A. Stewart, Miss W. L. W. Miss S. Blum, A. Wicker, S. D. Montgomery, F. Hockmester, C. P. Coleman and family, E. G. Henshaw and Capt. Baner. The Chilean ship Republic will shortly sail from Vancouver for the coast of South America. Her cargo is valued at \$8,500. The steamer Warrimoo has 65 passengers outward bound and 1,900 tons of freight. On her arrival in Sydney she will be placed in the dry dock and undergo permanent repairs, which will take six weeks. A number of new steel plates will be put in and several twisted beams replaced.

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