

Provincial News.

Lillian, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dainard, at the age of two years and 18 days, died on Thursday. The little sufferer has been ailing for three weeks from an affection of the throat, which kept growing worse until death came on Thursday forenoon.

The new church erected by the Baptists of this city on Victoria street will be formally dedicated next Sunday. C. S. Stevens, who was delegated by the inland Board of the Mainland Board of the Underwriters at Vancouver last week has returned. He was successful in obtaining promise of liberal reductions in fire insurance rates for Kamloops.

A flower service was held on Sunday afternoon at St. George's church, at which each child attending brought a bouquet of flowers, which were duly presented on the altar. After addresses given by the new rector, Dr. Headley, and by the superintendent, Mr. D. N. Hammond, the children trooped to the hospital where they were hospitably entertained by the sisters and each patient received a nosegay. The prize for the best bunch of flowers was given to Miss Boulter, and that for garden flowers was awarded to Miss McCraney.

A large audience assembled at the baseball grounds on Sunday afternoon to witness the game between the Printers and the Barbers. The latter won by a score of 19 to 14. The sum of \$73.30, after all expenses were paid, was netted for the Sandon fire sufferers.

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ALBERNI. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) The road to the new bridge over Sprout river is to be begun this week. The bridge is to be built by Mr. Rockett, of Victoria, who built the Indian Industrial Home here, and is to be finished by July.

KASLO. There is much anxiety as to the fate of Eric Erickson and Pete Foss two Swedish miners who left here last fall for Bear Creek with the idea of working all winter. On Saturday a Finlander arrived and said that a snowslide had swept away the cabin and he could see no signs of the miners. Tom Litch and Jim Egan left to see if they could find any trace of the men. There is sixty feet of snow where the Erickson and Foss cabin stood. The men are probably beneath it.

PHOENIX. The operating department of the C. P. R. has taken over the Mother Lode spur from the construction department. J. M. R. Fairbairn, P. L. S., who has charge of the preliminary surveys for the Greenwood and Phoenix tramway, has gone east, but has a force of men locating the lines.

Travelling on the Phoenix spur commenced on Friday morning, the steel gang in full force arriving at Hartford Junction from Eholt. The first work is putting down the iron to the Golden Grove mine, where the rails will be laid direct into Phoenix, to the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill ore bunkers.

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to be held in London, England, in July. The health inspector on Tuesday caused to be destroyed two lots of dressed poultry amounting in all to some 2,400 pounds, which had been condemned as unfit for human food.

At the usual monthly meeting of the board of management of the Alexandra Orphanage on Monday afternoon, 48 children were reported in the home. At present owing to lack of accommodation several applications have had to be refused as 40 are all that can be comfortably cared for at once. It can easily be seen that the erection of the proposed new addition is very necessary.

It is stated that a local bricklayers and stonemasons' union has been formed here. At a meeting held on Saturday, a number of bricklayers and stone cutters signed the roll, when temporary officers were chosen and the plans of a new union were thoroughly discussed. There are 14 belonging to the new union now, and six more have promised to join.

The three Chinese prisoners implicated in the murder of Chief Main, of the Steveston police, came up before the Steveston police court on Thursday next. The Chinese residents of Vancouver and New Westminster intend seeing that strict justice is meted out to the guilty. To assist the efforts to this end they have retained R. McBride, of New Westminster, to act as counsel in the prosecution. They are also desirous of showing their sympathy, in some practical manner, with the bereft widow, and have started a subscription to present her with \$1,000 as a token of their realization of her loss. It will be remembered that the funds coming in from the Chinese merchants, etc., have already exceeded \$1,000, and it is now proposed to make the sum \$2,000.

There were rumors of three attempted burglaries having taken place during the night of Monday morning. Investigation, however, showed that one serious burglary, one petty theft, and a possible attempted larceny had kept the police busy during the small hours of Monday morning. The most serious of these was the theft of \$120 in gold watch and chain, and other articles from 745 Cambie street. The cash belonged to Mr. F. Farmer, and the watch to the American vice-consul, Mr. F. Schofield, who reside on the premises. The loss was discovered early in the morning, the thief having effected an entrance through the pantry window, evidently managed to visit several of the bedrooms without awakening the occupants, as the money and other articles were extracted from the pockets of clothing in the room. The thief also succeeded in stealing several articles of clothing from a ward in the City hospital the same night. Shortly after midnight Mr. Hutcheson, of 515 Richard street, was alarmed by the breaking of a window in his house. It was supposed that an attempt to effect an entrance, but the theory of boys "jarking" and stone-throwing is also advanced. In any case the cause of the breakage is still a mystery.

The remains of a human being were found in a secluded part of Stanley park last evening. There was little left but the skeleton and clothing. United States Immigration Agent Healey has announced that Robert Watchorn, supervising inspector, will also visit British Columbia in a few days, and will look into the question of Japanese immigration very thoroughly.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH. (By J. B. Atkins.) Amongst the first of what is sure to prove a shower of books on the Transvaal war is one entitled "The Relief of Ladysmith." It is written by the war correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, Mr. J. B. Atkins, whose reports given in "War in Cuba," was also written in a modest, unassuming, bright and interesting manner. There is nothing very new, of course, in its pages, for everyone in Victoria, it is safe to say, studied with hungry eagerness every article in the newspapers of the war. Still it is all interesting, and will well repay its readers, and will give them an excellent and clear peep at the huge canvas of the picture of "The Transvaal War." Scattered through its pages are vivid accounts of many of the battles, which the author saw from as close a point as the military authorities would let him approach. We are told how the huge camp occupied and amused itself when they were not fighting, and one or two amusing little anecdotes creep in, even in the very face of "grimy war."

Even in the firing line the elements of battle may be found elusive. "What did you throw that stone at me for?" cried a soldier to a man next him on one of these occasions. "I didn't throw it," was the answer. "You did." "I didn't throw anything." "Liar!" The men were ready to fly at one another when every man in the charge uniform of the first man, beginning to show through, red and sodden? "You're hit, man!" said the other. "And of course it was quite true. "It may be one of the irrepressible Dublin Fusiliers, into whose hands a Boer officer fell after the battle of Dundee. The Boer, about to be looted, thought to save his property by pleading his dignity. "I'm a field cornet," he said. "An' if ye were a field trumpeter it would make no difference at all," said the Irishman: "Ye'll have to shell out, old man!" Our splendid troops get their full meed of praise all through the book, and their indomitable courage Mr. Atkins writes with an ever-increasing passion and enthusiasm. As he says: "Now I know the truth that when our soldiers have fallen, and fallen, and fallen again, they are not further from success than they were at the beginning." Equally glowing words describe the bravery and vital importance of the naval men and the Boer second commando. "The actual riding into Ladysmith on February 29th was of the quietest, not to say tamest, description. No wonder, it is hard for starving men to be victoriously enthusiastic, no matter how deeply they feel they are doing it." At a far more "cutting their way out," in the exhilarating phrase, there was not a company of infantry that could march a mile and a half, and not a horse that could pull a gun three miles without dropping. This is the natural death of this gentle colt, like the quiet breathing away of a life, to a splendidly ended stage.

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Mining News

The Boundary. Richard Cooper, of the Golden Age, is seeking ore for shipment. The various ore bodies throughout the men are cleaning out the shaft preparatory to resuming the sinking of same.

Excellent progress is being made on the Butcher Boy. Two shafts are at work in the shaft, which has reached the 100-foot level and a crosscut in a westerly direction has been started. Messrs. Jackson Bros. and Mike Scholich, who are exploiting the Contact claim in Burnt Basin, report having encountered an exceptionally rich and massive vein of quartz.

Mitchell & Macle are pushing their contract on the Mother Lode, following up a base ore lead. The tunnel is in 15 feet, and there are three feet of solid ore in the face of the tunnel.

Mr. Flewman is in the Basin doing assessment work on the Edison group, and Mr. Crawford has begun his operations on the McElenberg claims, from which it is said an assay of 30 ounces in gold has already been obtained. Crosscutting is in progress at the Sungeet, C. W. 150 feet of work has already been accomplished at the 200-foot level.

On the St. Lawrence, which adjoins the Mother Lode to the north, the shaft has reached a depth of 73 feet, all timbered. Superintendent Pearson reports that it is being sunk in a cleft, with plenty of iron and copper pyrites coming in. Mr. E. B. McMyrn, who owns the Daisy Bell mineral claim, at Myers Creek, has run a tunnel about 60 feet into the hillside with the object of cutting a quartz ledge which is being sunk in a cleft, and is still a few feet ahead. This ledge is quartz, freely mineralized with galena, and yielding an excellent prospect in gold when crushed and panned off. A second lead is known to occur on the claim, and it was intersected about 15 feet in from the mouth of the tunnel. This is a well-defined quartz vein, showing mineral freely, and assaying \$12 in gold.

At both the 100 and 200-foot levels on the Buckhorn crosscutting is being carried on. Superintendent Pearson says that at the 100-foot level the southeast drift is in 205 feet with the face well mineralized. In a distance of 130 feet on this level a crosscut has been started preparatory to raising to connect with the old incline shaft. It will be remarked that this shaft was sunk to a depth of 65 feet in ore, and when the raise is started it will require some 40 feet to make the connection. This will provide splendid ventilation for the mine. The very good ore cuts east and west are each in a distance of 60 feet. Sixteen men are at present employed, and the force will be largely increased just as soon as the connection is made.

Notes From Greenwood. Splendid reports continue to come from Camp McKinney regarding the development on the Mammoth. The winze being sunk from the tunnel level has reached a depth of 26 feet, and the indications are that it is being sunk in the centre of a zinc pyrite cleft. The ledge being sunk to measure fully 30 inches between perpendicular walls. The quartz is well mineralized throughout with sulphurets of iron, and in the centre galena is coming in pretty freely, which is an excellent indication of high values. Recent assays gave the following returns, \$32, \$17 and \$46 in gold. The Mammoth Gold Mining Company, of Spokane, owns the claim, upon which the work has been continuous for a number of months.

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the course of its history. The combination shaft is being upraised simultaneously from the Black Bear tunnel and sunk upon from the surface. A depth of 65 feet from the latter has been attained. Several weeks will elapse, however, before the connection is made, and the shaft opened to its full dimensions. Below ground in the workings of the mine everything is in full swing, and stopping and development work are proceeding very satisfactorily indeed. Every heading is full extending the levels. The various ore bodies throughout the mine are being rapidly connected. On the Black Bear ground the work on the yard is being pressed vigorously.

Iron Mask.—The past week should be a noteworthy one in the history of the mine. On the continuation of the winze down from the 450-foot level, where the beginning of crosscuts to the drifts east and west had been started so as to clear the shaft for work when active development of this level was taken in hand, it bottomed in a fine showing of copper ore 470 feet. The ore chutes thus found were not expected, and contrary to the general direction of the veins in this mine, which run east and west, it entered and leaves the winze so as to show its trend to be northerly and southerly. It is thought that this ledge will prove to be a connection between two main ore bodies of the mine. In the crosscut mining north from the main vein east of the big dyke on the 400 level, which is being made for the purpose of locating the north vein known as the "running parallel with the other," dipping north about 70 to 90 feet away rather more than half the distance has been accomplished. About 40 feet north of the main vein another ledge was found which on being pressed through to the hanging wall proved to be 20 feet in width and of good shipping value. Exactly what this chute is has yet to be ascertained. It may prove to be a continuous ore body to the surface.

Centre Star.—The work below ground upon the Centre Star is progressing and the development is proceeding as usual. Annie.—This mine has up till quite lately been worked by the West Le Roi Company from the extension of the levels of the Joste, but it has been decided to sink a shaft upon the ground. For economical reasons the shaft has been made on the boundary line between the Le Roi and the Annie, the expense being partly borne by the Le Roi and partly by the West Le Roi Company. The depth gained at present is 20 feet. The vein, which outcrops on the side hill, facing west on the draw beyond the Black Bear compressor, is that known as the North Le Roi. It is shown to be 10 feet in width, and the assays in gold run as high as four ounces to the ton. This is, of course, a paying proposition, and from the very good ore cuts east and west are each in a distance of 60 feet. Sixteen men are at present employed, and the force will be largely increased just as soon as the connection is made.

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Along the Waterfront.

With the return of the first quartette of sealing schooners that have been hunting to the northward, news is given of the whole Victoria fleet of 34 schooners, excepting the Ainoka, which was not spoken by any of the returned vessels. Owing to the heavy weather encountered in the North it was worse than has been encountered, according to the story of the skippers, during the past six or seven seasons—the catch is smaller than was anticipated, and after all, the average will not be as large as that of last year. It was expected, when the schooner Vera, Capt. Matt Ryan, one of the four which returned this morning. She has a catch of 800 skins. The Mary Taylor, which, when last heard of, had a catch of 750, is expected to run her very close, and it is a question whether the Arietta, last reported with about 800 on board, will not exceed her. The other schooners to arrive this morning were the Zillah May, Capt. Manning, with 540 skins; Otto, Capt. Gosse, with 330 skins; and the Viva, Capt. McPhee, with 752 skins. With the exception of the Ainoka all the vessels have now been reported. The Libbie had 120 on April 1st, Borealis 280 on April 20th, Carria C. W. has 150 on the 15th, Sadie Turpin 150 on the 25th, Carlotta G. Cox between 500 and 600 when last heard from; Beatrice was spoken in mid-March with 153, Hattie on May 25th with 450, Allie L. Alger on April 18th with 375, Ocean Belle on the 25th with 368, Penelope with 150 on the 1st, E. B. Marvin is at Clayoquot with 640, Arctic about 800, Mary Taylor 750, Diana, some reports say, 500 and others 700; City of San Diego 500, Minnie 278 on April 24th, Ida Litta 500 when last heard from, Aurora 200 on April 20th, Nancy Lanes 150 and Walter L. Rich about 100. The Diana and Aurora intend going across to the Copper Islands shortly. News was also given by the returning schooners of accidents to some of the schooners. The Ocean Belle put into Takat on the 22nd with her bowsprit carried away as a result of the gales encountered. She was repairing there. The Diana's tanks and ballast shifted also during a gale and there was quite an interesting time aboard that vessel. Everything, however, was soon put in shape. There was also a report current that some of the Libbie's canoes had been smashed in a storm. No further drowning accidents have been reported, beyond that of the two Indians hunters lost from the Umbrina.

The C. P. N. Co. are making arrangements for the carrying of the excursionists who come to enjoy the Queen's Birthday celebration. Circulars have been issued which announce that the Islander will leave Vancouver on the 23rd, 24th and 25th at 1:15 p.m., and the steamer Yosemite will leave Vancouver on the 24th at 6:30 a.m., and on the 25th at midnight, returning from Victoria at 7 a.m. each day and at midnight on the 24th, 25th and 26th. Return tickets, good until Tuesday midnight, are placed at \$2. Return railway fares on the C. P. R. will be issued at single fares from all stations west of Revelstoke, good from Tuesday, May 22nd, to Tuesday, May 29th. A rate of \$2.50 from Seattle and \$3 from Tacoma return, has been arranged by Dowell & Co. for the steamer Victorian, and special steamer tickets will probably be announced later. The Garland will make daily trips from Port Angeles with a reduced fare. Special fares will be allowed to Victoria from all stations along the B. & N. line, and it has been arranged that excursion tickets issued to the Eagles from United States points to Vancouver will be good to return via Victoria.

Steamer Willapa returned from Ahonsett and way ports of the West Coast about 2 o'clock this morning, after one of the fastest trips she has made down the Coast. She was nearly 12 hours in advance of her schedule time. Her total passenger complement down was made up of mining men and returning sealers and captains who have been up the Coast to endeavor to secure crews for the Behring sea cruise. The list was as follows: G. H. Hayes, of the Hayes Mines on Alberni canal; R. Wilkinson and Jno. Leamy, prospectors; J. S. Burton, who is interested in the Black Sand properties now being systematically worked at Wreck Bay, and his son, Capt. Byers, of the Ocean Rover, who have been up to look for Indian hunters; A. Kaye and W. B. McKinnon, who have been looking over the Bonhomme mines on Elk river; J. Dalby, who has been working on the Seattle mine; J. Ritchie and A. Volian. No news was brought of any of the sealing schooners other than those which arrived this morning, or have been before reported.

Ship Iolani, which a short time ago loaded coal at the Island collieries, was wrecked and sunk off San Francisco, whither she was bound in ballast from Hilo on May 3rd, owing to a collision with the British ship Argus, from Port Los Angeles for Astoria. The Iolani was a total loss, but her crew of fifteen and four passengers were saved by the Argus. An investigation will be held at Astoria, where the survivors were landed yesterday.

Sealing schooner Umbrina is on Turpel's way, having been stripped and milled. She is the first of quite a large fleet that have been booked to go on Turpel's way for overhaul preparatory to the Behring sea cruise. After the Umbrina leaves the way the tug Daisy and the steamer Clayoquot are to be hauled out.

The Chilean war ship General Baquedano will visit British Columbia shortly. The General Baquedano is a corvette of 3,500 tons, and was launched in England last year. The Commanding M. P. Morris, of Vancouver, has received official notice of the contemplated visit.

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