DEATHS FROM HEAT INCREASE

OVER FIFTY PERSONS KILLED IN NEW YORK

Hospitals Are Crowded With Victims—No Signs of Relief.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 25.—More than fifty persons are dead as the result of the hot wave which has attacked New York City with merciless fury during the past few days and as yet there have been no signs of abatement.

Early to-day it was indicated that the suffering would be more intense than on any previous day since the hot period began. This morning the mercury had reached 82 degrees and was still climbing. Yesterday it reached 92 degrees and will probably be hotter than that to-day.

The hospitals are overflowed with heat victims and it is probable that the death list will be much larger unless the weather changes quickly.

Thousands of persons sleep outdoors nightly to overcome the effects of the terrific heat. The temperature at night is high and there is little relief for the sufferers. Coney Island and the parks are crowded with sufferers every night and many persons continue to sleep in the streets on the East Side.

IMPRISONED IN BUNKER.

Sixteen Men Have Narrow Escape From Death on Steamer Lake Manitoba.

Montreal, June 25.—Buried in the midships grain bunker of the steamship Lake Manitoba, 16 men narrowly escaped a horrible death. For four hours they lay on top of the heaps of wheat under the decks, forgotten by their fellows, and only sustaining life by taking turns at breathing under the narrow ventilator pipes.

Negligence caused the mishap, but the true author of it is hard to discover. The foreman in charge should have known when it was time to stop the delivery of grain, and the watchman governing the flow through the marine log should have known how much the bunker would hold. Then, finally the eagerness of men to get to their supper left their fellows stifling and smothering in the bunker. Not until it was noticed that none of the gang had been up to supper or had returned to work on the night shift did the other workmen begin to think what had become of them. Then every effort was made to rescue their comrades. When a thousand bushels had been taken out the men were liberated and hauled gasping and almost suffocated, to the decks.

"ELECTRICAL FARMING."

The Kaiser Takes Deep Interest in Experiments Now in Progress in Germany.

Berlin, June 25.—Emperor William is backing a series of experiments of "electrical farming," which the originator of the innovation, Dr. Hoechstermann, states he believes will revolutionize all agricultural and horticultural industries. The fields in which the experiments are being made are strung with a network of wires, bearing a moderate electric current. The atmosphere and the earth are saturated with the current which is provided by a 250,000 volt plant, and it is claimed that all plants grow and mature more rapidly under this stimulation.

Hoechstermann claims, also, that the yield of electricized land is proportionately greater than the yield of land cultivated under ordinary conditions. The current, he said, does away with the necessity of fertilizing, renewing the soil at less expense than is demanded by the cheapest methods now in vogue.

The experiments are being conducted at Dahlem station, and are strictly private. It is stated that the Kaiser will permit the plan to be tried on one of the imperial estates.

JEALOUSY CAUSES TRAGEDY AT SAN JOSE

Newspaper Solicitor Murders Saloonkeeper and Ends Own Life.

San Jose, Cal., June 25.—A. Cleve Urly, a newspaper solicitor, shot and killed Evans Dent, a saloonkeeper, and seriously wounded Mrs. Schiel, the divorced wife of a beauty doctor of this city, in the woman's room yesterday. Urly then fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

Urly was hidden in a closet in Mrs. Schiel's room when the woman and Dent entered. He rushed from his hiding place and shot Dent through the heart. He then turned the gun on Mrs. Schiel, who saved her life by throwing up her arms. The bullet entered her right hand and ploughed its way to her shoulder.

Urly came to San Jose from Missoula, Mont. He is said to be a member of a prominent family in that city. Dent, until recently, conducted a saloon in Reno.

INDIAN OUTLAW MURDERED.

Wenatchee, Wash., June 25.—Deputy Sheriff E. H. McLean, of Okanogan county, has arrived in the city and reported that on Monday night Bill Allen, a notorious Indian outlaw, who had served two terms in the state penitentiary, was killed by Little Tom, another Indian, in a fight. The killing occurred on the Indian reservation opposite the town of Okanogan. The Indians were engaged in a big roundup, and trouble started between the two men.

U. S. TARIFF BILL.

Debate on Schedules in Senate Will Probably Close To-Morrow.

Washington, D. C., June 25.—Senator Aldrich announced this afternoon that he expected the Senate to finish with the schedules of the tariff bill by to-morrow night and be ready to consider the income tax proposition on Monday.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN.

Hamilton, Ont., June 25.—The local Y. M. C. A. has started out on a crusade to raise $50,000. Yesterday, the first in the campaign, brought in $16,162, which is considered a remarkably good showing for the first day.

MRS. GOULD WINS SUIT AGAINST HUSBAND

Judge Exonerates Her of the Charges, Grants Separation and $3,000 a Month.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, June 25.—Justice Dowling this afternoon completely exonerated Mrs. Catherine Clemmons Gould of all the charges made against her by her husband, Howard Gould, and granted her a separation and alimony of $3,000 a month.

DENIES RUMOR OF DEATH.

New York, June 25.—Oscar Lewisshon, the wealthy banker and husband of Edna May, the actress, who was reported to have been killed in an automobile accident near Berlin, is alive and uninjured. He cabled to his brother here to-day stating that he had not been in an automobile accident.

JAPAN WILL NOT RECALL AMBASSADOR

Takahira to Confer With Government While in Tokio.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, June 25.—Ambassador Takahira is coming home from Washington, D.C., this summer, but is not to be recalled from his post, according to a statement made to-day to a representative of Nippon Dempo, who interviewed a government authority in behalf of the United Press.

The statement was made in reply to the rumor that the ambassador was to be recalled from his post in the United States because of his inability to cope with difficult questions arising between the two nations.

The official, who for obvious reasons requested that his name be witheld, admitted that Takahira would come to Tokio this summer for a consultation with the authorities here, but said that he would merely utilize his summer vacation for that purpose and would return to Washington after a brief stay here.

Nothing definite could be learned as to the nature of the subjects to be discussed at the conference.

AUTHOR TESTIFIES IN OWN BEHALF

Brandenburg Tells How He Secured the Cleveland Letters.

New York, June 25.—Broughton Brandenburg went on the witness stand yesterday in his trail for grand larceny in the second degree for alleged fraud in connection with the sale to the New York Times of letters purporting to have been written by Grover Cleveland. The trial was resumed yesterday after a delay caused by the illness of one of the jurors.

Brandenburg said that he was in conversation with Cleveland one day and the ex-president told him how much he had been receiving for contributions to newspapers and magazines. The sum was not large enough, in Brandenburg's estimation, he testified, and he told Cleveland that he was being imposed on.

"I offered him $2,000 for a series of three articles, and was to secure my compensation over this sum from the newspapers or magazines in which the articles were printed.

"On March 5th I saw Cleveland in his office here. He took from his desk a bundle of papers which he said contained his thoughts along the line on which we had been talking. It was a scattered mass of matter, not arranged consecutively. We looked the papers over and I suggested some changes."

Brandenburg then stated that these papers embodied the matter printed August 20th, signed with Grover Cleveland's name.

Brandenburg then stated that the article he sold to the New York Times was prepared by him from Cleveland's notes, and that Mr. Cleveland approved and signed it. He said, however, that the signature in the possession of the district attorney was not the one originally signed to the article.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Tacoma, Wash., June 25.—Frank Fortin, an Italian foreman of a gang of Italians employed by the city, was crushed to death in a sewer cave-in in the West End, Wednesday afternoon. An excavation had been made through a deep cut. It was noticed that a twisting starta of earth was causing the walls of the trench to close in and all the men were ordered out of the excavation. Later Fortin went into the trench to inspect it. The two walls suddenly closed up.

PILGRIMAGE OF A PRESS DELEGATE.

SLAYS BROTHER AND BURIES BODY

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY CONFESSES TO POLICE

Lad Who is Confined in Jail Maintains Air of Indifference.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Modesto, Cal., June 25.—Twelve-year-old Cecil Hopkins is in jail here to-day, following his confession that he shot and killed his six-year-old brother, who was believed to have been kidnapped, and buried the body in the hog pen on his father's farm, where it was uncovered last evening by searchers for the missing child.

Cecil has maintained an air of indifference and will not discuss the motive that impelled him to slay his little brother. He admits the shooting and burying of the body, however. The shooting took place during the absence of the boy's parents. When the younger child's absence was noted, neighbors believed that he had been kidnapped and notified the police.

The surrounding country was scoured throughout yesterday and every pond and canal was draged without result. Cecil accompanied the searchers and declared that he was ignorant of his brother's whereabouts.

Last night the searchers came upon the body of the boy in the hog pen. The child had been shot in the back with a shotgun.

RECEIVES MEDAL FOR SAVING LIFE

Presentation is Made to Lionel C. Sharpe, a Vancouver Schoolboy.

Vancouver, June 24.—The presentation of the medal of the Royal Humane Society to Lionel C. Sharpe took place yesterday afternoon in the Fairview school. The ceremony was held in the boy's own classroom, which was filled with his schoolmates and friends. After a few words of introduction by C. J. South, Mrs. Argue presented the certificate and pinned the medal on the plucky little fellow's breast, amidst the cheers of all those present.

The story of Lionel Sharpe's deed will bear recalling. It was on April 15th, 1909, that he was playing in company with other boy friends on a boom of logs in False creek. Suddenly one of the lads, a small boy named Ernest Oakes, slipped and fell into the water amidst the shingle bolts contained in the boom. Hearing the child's cry, Lionel, with great presence of mind, jumped into the water, and seizing his friend by the hair, pulled him on to the shingle bolt and then got him to the shore. It was a brave feat and a dangerous one. Mr. South was interested in the case and reported it to the London society.

This is the fourteenth medal to come to British Columbia. Lionel Sharpe's number on the roll of honer is 36,597.

CENSUS APPROPRIATION BILL.

Washington, D. C., June 25.—The census appropriation bill carrying $10,000,000, passed the house yesterday by a vote of 122 to 72.

TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

Montreal, June 25.—Traffic earnings of the C. P. R. for the week ending June 21st increased $194,000 over the same week last year.

GORDON HACKETT'S INJURIES SERIOUS

Fears Entertained That He May Lose His Sight.

Reports from Prince Rupert as to the condition of Gordon Halkett, of the lighthouse department and the men Dennis state that Dennis is not badly injured, but that the explosion was felt worse by Mr. Halkett. Grave fears are felt for his sight as the full force of the explosion took effect in his face.

BEULOW DECIDES TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

Will Endeavor to Pass the Other Bills of Government Programme.

Berlin, June 25.—Chancellor von Buelow announced to-day that he will not resign because of the defeat sustained by the succession duties bill of the government's financial reform programme in the reichstag yesterday. The veteran statesman is undismayed by the failure of the bill to pass, and will make a determined stand for the success of the remaining measures of the programme.

HAY SCARCE IN THE FRASER VALLEY

Owing to Unfavorable Weather There May Be Famine This Year.

New Westminster, June 24.—Present indications are that there will be something in the shape of a hay famine this year. At present hay is scarcer and higher in price than it has been at this season for years past, while from the country the reports are to the effect that this year's crop promises to be far short of the average.

The present market quotations on hay range from $24 to $26 a ton. This of course is the tag end of the season, and there is none but last season's hay to be had. In previous years, however, the approach of the haying season has usually had the effect of causing a slight drop in the price, and usually in June hay sells at about $16 a ton. This year, however, there is no sign of such a drop, and hay has a tendency, if anything, to advance.

The placing of the hay of the coming season on the market will relieve matters somewhat, and send the price down. The relief, however, threatens to be of a temporary nature, and the fodder will in all probability go higher than it has for years toward the close of 1909, and during the first months of 1910.

The farmers state that at present the grass is only about a third as high as it should be at this time of year. Yesterday's rain may help matters a little, but there was not enough of it to do much good. Unless there is more rain within the next week it will be too late and there will be no chance of securing any more than a half of the regular yield from the fields, no matter what the weather.

—Three drunks paid the usual fines on Friday in the police court, having pleaded guilty. Ting Fong, a Chinese, was fined $10 for depositing garbage on property against the by-law. J. Small, charged with not having a certificated engineer in charge of a boiler, was let go with a caution. The fine for the offence is $100. Action had been taken by the inspector on a letter received complaining that a boy had been left in charge of the boiler.

JAPANESE NOW NEEDED AT HOME

NATION IS BUSY DEVELOPING INDUSTRIES

Commissioner Says Immigration Question Has Been Settled.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., June 25.—Maintaining that Japan is a peaceful nation and that the proposed international exposition in Tokio in 1917 is the most conclusive demonstration that it intends to adhere to that policy, Tokutaro Sakai, Japanese commissioner to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, is here to-day on his way home from the northwest. The immigration question is already settled, in his estimation.

"This question has already ceased to be a difficulty or even a question at all," he said. "The Japanese social and economic conditions heve entirely changed since the war with Russia. As a consequence of the war we have now to develop industries at home; we have also to develop Hokkaido, the northern island of the Japanese group; we have also Korea, Southern Manchuria and Formosa, where we have been subduing the wilder tribes. All these places need development. For this work we need all our native labor beyond her own borders. Recent reports show that more Japanese are returning to Japan from this port than are coming."

SPOKANE DAY AT A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

Large Number Attended the Dedicatory Exercises in State Building.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., June 25.—Spokane day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition brought out one of the largest crowds that has yet attended the fair. This morning a special train carrying 500 persons arrived from Spokane to augment the crowds of visitors from the inland empire that began arriving last night.

The Spokane chamber of commerce, members of the "250,000 club," city officers and citizens began assembling at the fair grounds before noon, and at 1.30 a parade was formed at the Spokane county building, headed by Wagner's band. The dedicatory exercises for the Spokane building were held in the Washington state building at 2 o'clock.

This evening a reception and dance will be given for the Eastern Washington visitors in the Washington state building.

FIGHT WITH BEAR.

Indian is Badly Mauled by Wounded Grizzly.

While hunting bear in the vicinity of Cabin Number Nine on the Yukon Telegraph line, two Indians of the Kispiox tribe wounded a grizzly, which crawled into the bush. After waiting two hours for the beast to die they ventured in, and William Thomas was immediately seized by the bear and bitten and torn about the face and neck. The Indian following fired twice, killing the bear. After killing the bear the other Indian succeeded in getting his wounded partner to camp, about three miles distant. Before reaching there, however, the wounded Indian became unconscious from loss of blood. His companion made him as comfortable as possible and then proceeded to the telegraph cabin and secured the assistance of the operator there and returned with him to the wounded man.

SWEPT BY TORNADO.

West Point, Neb., June 25.—Followed by a cloudburst that flooded streets and many buildings, a destructive tornado swept this place early to-day.

St. Joseph's church (Catholic), and several residences were demolished. No deaths were reported.

VISITS EXPOSITION.

Seattle, Wash., June 25.—Hon. W. G. Cushing, minister of public works in Alberta, Canada, arrived in Seattle this morning with a party of twenty prominent citizens of that province. This afternoon Hon. Mr. Cushing and party were visitors at the exposition, where they were shown about the grounds by President Chilberg.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM IN ONTARIO

Man and Woman Sustain Injuries, But Will Recover.

Woodstock, Ont., June 25.—The electrical storm which passed over Tilsonburg yesterday did considerable damage. Nelson Auger, near Corinth, took shelter under a tree with D. F. Irby. The lightning splintered the tree and both men were knocked unconscious. Auger is still unconscious and badly burned.

Mrs. I. Connor, wife of a section foreman at Corinth, was struck by a bolt which shattered the tree in front of her house and was seriously injured, but may recover. The home of Frederick White in Woodstock was struck by lightning, which passed under a cradle containing a four-months'-old baby, then went off with a crash, stunning everyone in the room, but not injuring anyone.

REDUCES TARIFF ON LUMBER AND SHINGLES

Milwaukee Line Makes Low Rates to Points on Its System.

Seattle, Wash., June 25.—The lumber tariffs of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroad, which have just been completed, show that Washington lumber and shingle manufacturers will be able to ship forest products to points on the Milwaukee system in the middle west from 2 to 14 cents per hundred cheaper than in the past under the transcontinental freight bureau rates. The reductions in rates made by the Milwaukee system are principally to points on its own lines in South Dakota and Minnesota.

According to lumbermen, these reductions mean that they will be able to reach many places in the middle west in which they have been unable to do much business in the past owing to high rates and the more favorable rates enjoyed by the white and yellow pine manufacturers.

The reduction of rates on lumber and shingles to these points along the new transcontinental line are taken by lumbermen to indicate that the Milwaukee line intends to secure for itself the entire lumber and shingle business of the section covered by its lines.

FIGHT FOR WIRELESS TELEGRAPH PATENTS

Portland Man is Accused of Violating Terms of Contract.

Portland, Ore., June 25.—M. L. Ludington, a San Francisco capitalist, and C. F. Elwell, a professor of Palo Alto, Cal., charge John C. Coburn, of Portland, with attempting to get away with a $450,000 contract and a $5,000,000 syndicate, in a petition for a restraining order just filed in the United States court. Judge Wolverton has issued an order citing Coburn to appear in court and show cause why he should not be prevented permanently from disposing of the whole syndicate. Vlademar Poulsen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and his patents covering wireless telegraph and telephone appliances, are causes for the action at law. It is set out in the complaint that Poulsen is the inventor of various appliances for wireless telegraph and telephones.

It is alleged that Ludington, recognizing the value of the patents, entered into a contract with Coburn and Elwell by which he was to finance a trip to Copenhagen, having for its purpose the securing of the rights to all patents now issued or to be issued in the future covering all of Poulson's inventions. According to the contract, the bill states, Coburn and Elwell made a trip to Copenhagen and secured from Poulsen the right to handle his patents in the United States. Prior to making the trip it had been agreed that Ludington was to have a half interest in the contract secured, Elwell one-fourth and Coburn one-fourth.

Following the securing of the patent rights a syndicate was to be formed with a capital stock of not less than $5,000,000 for the purpose of making the inventions commercially valuable. It is charged that when Coburn visited Copenhagen he secured all of the rights for himself, thus violating his contract with the other two men. Coburn agreed to pay Poulsen $450,000 for the patent rights, it is alleged, together with ten per cent. of the capital stock.

Ludington and Elwell now contend that not only did Coburn violate the terms of his contract with them, but he concealed the fact until after he had returned to the United States, when he informed the other two men that he was the owner of the rights and that they could take no part in the organization of the syndicate or the sale of stock. It is said that the rights secured by Coburn are worth upwards of $1,500,000.

CHEAP POWER FOR VICTORIA

COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE AGREEMENT

If Ratepayers Ratify B. C. Electric Co. Will Develop Jordan River.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Cheap power, and abundance of it, with all the industrial and commercial advantages which this makes possible, will be Victoria's within two years.

The city council, on behalf of the people, last night expressed its approval of the draft agreement which the B. C. Electric Railway Company submitted over three months ago. This places the company in a position to go ahead with its project for the development of Jordan river, involving an expenditure of at least a million and a half. In return for the city undertaking not to enter into competition with the company in the production of electrical energy the latter agrees to reduce its light and power rates to Victoria consumers to what these are in Vancouver to-day, a substantial reduction, and spend $250,000 in extensions to its railway, power and lighting systems. For street lighting purposes the city can, at any time it desires, secure energy at one-half the cost of development at the municipal station. The company has an agreement with Vancouver somewhat similar to that proposed here.

The agreement has been under consideration by a small committee, consisting of Mayor Hall, Ald. Henderson and Ald. Turner, and some small amendments suggested by them were embodied in the draft considered last night. This was taken up in committee of the whole and gone through clause by clause. W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, was present advising the council. For the company A. T. Goward was there, but he naturally desires to submit the amendments made to their solicitors for legal approval. None of these appear to touch the kernel of the agreement, being more in the nature of clearer expression of its details.

The city agrees to apply next session for an amendment to the Municipal Clauses Act which will ratify its action in making this agreement. This will be done at the expense of the company. The city further agrees that it shall not pass any by-law to raise money to construct or operate any undertaking which would come into competition with the company, without first making an offer to buy out the company at a figure to be fixed by arbitration.

On its side the company agrees that within three years it shall spend at least $1,500,000 on a power plant with a capacity of not less than 10,000-horse power, this energy to be available for extensions of its light, railway and power systems. A subsequent clause binds the company to spend a quarter of a million additional on extensions in the city and immediate vicinity.

Mr. Goward stated that the plant is expected to be running inside two years, but the longer period was named in case there may be any unforeseen delay.

The rates to be charged to the consumers of light and power in Victoria when this plant is in operation shall not exceed those now charged in Vancouver, and the rates charged in the district around shall not exceed those charged in the district surrounding Vancouver. If the city asks for it the company shall supply power for street lighting purposes only at a price which shall not exceed one-half the cost of generation at the city station.

If the city goes to Sooke for its water supply and has any surplus to dispose of the company will take it, provided it can have a continuous and uninterrupted flow during certain hours, and of at least 1,000-horse power.

Ald. Fullerton wanted to be certain that if, three years from now or subsequently, electricity can be generated at much less than now in Vancouver we will get the benefit of it here.

Mr. Goward assurred the council that if any great economies in electrical generation were effected Victoria would benefit the same as other places. He explained the reason for fixing to-day's rates in Vancouver instead of those that may be in force when the Jordan river plant is ready. Competition in the Terminal City may at any time lead to a cutting of rates below the cost of production.

The council agreed that it would not be fair to expect a special rate to be made the basis. A schedule of the existing rates in Vancouver will be attached to the agreement.

The agreement as a whole was adopted by council, and the city solicitor will be instructed to prepare a by-law embodying it for submission to the ratepayers. If ratified by them it will remain in effect until the date of expiry of the company's franchise, September 5th, 1938.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Winnipeg, June 25.—Mrs. Gust Benikson was killed at Preston, Minn., Wednesday night by her crazed husband while trying to shield her 12-year-old son from death at his father's hands. Before the sheriff arrived the crazed man went into the woods and shot himself, dying in a few minutes. Seven children survive, the youngest being six months old.

WILL BE TOTAL LOSS.

Liverpool, June 25.—A cablegram received here from the salvage company says it will be impossible to float the Cunard line steamer Slavonia, which went ashore on Flores Island, Azores, a fortnight ago.