

ACTIVE WORK ON NEW RAILWAY LINE TO BARCLAY SOUND UNDER SURVEY

Route is Found by Engineers to Be an Easy One.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The Victoria & Barclay Sound railway, which was incorporated last session, is taking active steps in the matter of locating the route for the line. Charles Hoar, a contractor who has had long experience, has for weeks been engaged with a party in this work, and is making splendid progress. A camp is located near Colwood now with 15 men in it, and before the summer is ended Mr. Hoar will have the necessary information upon which the work on the line can be announced. The route of the projected line is said to offer few obstacles. The intention of the company is said to be to build right to Victoria city with deep water connection at Esquimalt harbor. Through Metchesin to Sooke practically no obstacles are met to interfere with an easy grade.

Beyond Sooke and as far as Barclay Sound a rich timber, mineral and agricultural country is invaded. It is estimated that there is twenty billion feet of marketable timber tributary to the projected line with a rich agricultural area awaiting the clearing. The company, it is said, is well prepared to see the enterprise through, having promise of financial aid in what is expected to be a paying proposition from the start, owing to the trade to be developed.

ROSES DISTRIBUTED AT A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

Residents of Skagit County, Washington, Advertise Their District.

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—Distribution of a carload of roses and the giving away of souvenir butterflies formed a part of the celebration of Skagit county rose day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to-day. The roses were on exhibition in the Washington state building during the forenoon and the distribution began at 2 o'clock. The ladies of Skagit county held a reception in the state building at which refreshments were served in the balcony and on the main floor. Eighty hostesses received. The interior of the building was decorated by immense ropes of evergreens, festooning the walls.

To-morrow will be "strawberry day" at the exposition. Four hundred crates or 4,000 baskets of berries are to be used. Twenty thousand cones have been manufactured for the purpose, and visitors to that number will be given cones of berries and ice cream. Twenty girls, representing as many different towns in the county, each selected by popular vote, will hand out the delicacies.

TWO DROWN. Lose Their Lives When Dingy is Capsized by Squall.

Montreal, July 2.—Mrs. F. Devinish, wife of a witness reporter, and John Cain, aged 20, of Dorval, were drowned yesterday afternoon when a dingy in which they were sailing on Lake St. Louis was upset by a squall. Devinish and his 8-year-old girl were saved by a passing motor boat. Cain was a noted swimmer, and lost his life endeavoring to save that of Mrs. Devinish.

ROAD BUILDERS TO MEET IN SEATTLE Large Number Will Attend Convention of Washington Association.

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—Delegates from every state in the union and from Canada are expected to be present to attend the first American Congress of Road Builders, which will be held here July 10 to 15th, favorable replies having been received in response to invitations sent by Samuel Hill, president of the Washington Good Roads Association to governors of the various states.

Among those who will be in attendance and who will read papers on subjects related to good roads and road building, are: John F. Stevens, former chief engineer of the Panama canal; Harold Parker, president of the Massachusetts good roads commission; Jos. H. McDonald, of Connecticut, president of the American Road Makers Association; Clifford Richardson, New York; E. P. Hooley, Nottingham, Eng., president of the British Society of Civil Engineers and Road Makers; E. L. Powers, editor of the Good Roads Magazine, New York; and W. C. Campbell, of Toronto, Canada.

DOCK QUESTION SETTLED.

Neison, July 2.—F. W. Peters, of Winnipeg, for the C. P. R., and the mayor and council, came to a settlement yesterday for the city dock. The railway will take over the dock at a yearly rental, with a reasonable tariff for all users, and the board of trade will not urge their demand for the completion of the C. P. R. road from Kootenay Landing to Procter.

CONFESSES TO SHOOTING OF GIRL TROUBLE OVER WAGES RESULTS IN TRAGEDY

Murderer Surrenders Himself and Tells Story of the Crime.

San Francisco, Cal., July 2.—Learning that John Novak was accused of the murder of Caroline Brasch, the 20-year-old bookkeeper for Gray Brothers, James Edward Cunningham gave himself up to a reporter of the San Francisco Call last night and confessed that he shot the girl on Wednesday afternoon. Cunningham was taken to the offices of the Call, where he spent most of the night telling his story, and was turned over to the police early to-day.

Cunningham formerly was a laborer in the employ of Gray Brothers. Like Novak, he encountered some difficulty in the settlement of his time check at the company's office in this city. According to his story, \$2.55 had been deducted from the amount due him, and repeated trips to the office failed to get what he believed was a fair settlement.

Miss Brasch, the pretty bookkeeper, who met her death while carrying out the orders of her superiors, was in charge of the payroll. She refused to comply with Cunningham's demand for the immediate payment of the balance on the check, and had turned calmly to go about her work when the man drew his revolver and fired the fatal shot.

"I had tried many times to collect what was due me," Cunningham said to-day, "but I decided at last it was impossible. Wednesday morning I determined to make a last attempt, and to kill the girl if she did not pay me. She exerted a peculiar influence over me," he continued in an awed voice. "I was sure that she was trying to hypnotize me, perhaps to get me to hypnotize her. I could feel the influence creeping over me, and I was afraid of it."

"Before I went to Gray Brothers' office I bought the revolver and cartridges. I am a crack shot, and I knew that one shot would do the work. Yes, the whole thing was premeditated, as you call it. The girl had been given plenty of chances to pay the money and save herself, but she would not take them."

"Novak was in the office when I went there. I knew he was the man, for I read the description in the paper. After he left I went to the little window at the desk and presented my claim. As I expected, it was refused, and after a long discussion during which the shirt off my back disappeared, I shot the Brasch girl."

"When I shot her I think she was standing by the safe with her back toward me, although she may have been bending forward so that her mass of hair looked like the back of her head. I knew I could not miss her."

"I stayed in the room about ten seconds after I fired. Then I went out in the hall, where I saw two men. I went down the stairs around the elevator to the third floor, then back through the hall to the back stairs and down into the street. I hid the pistol in my hand all the time."

"Yesterday I wandered all over the city. I saw a paper in the evening and saw that they were blaming the wrong man. Then I made up my mind to tell the whole story."

After being questioned by the police, Cunningham was placed in a cell. Novak has not been released, and is held today. He will be held until further investigation of Cunningham's story is made.

THREATENED BY "BLACK HAND" ORDERED TO PAY \$1,000 OR FORFEIT LIFE

Police Shadow Two Men Suspected of Being Implicated in Plot.

San Jose, Cal., July 2.—Two men are under suspicion to-day of implication in black hand threats made against John R. Chace, manager of the Associated Oil Company, who was ordered to pay \$1,000 to blackmailers or lose his life. No arrests have been made, and the police are working quietly, but it is known that they expect to draw the net around the suspects within a short time, and they may be taken into custody late this afternoon.

Search for the blackmailers began when a letter was received by Chace, reading in part as follows: "Read this letter to the end, for your life depends upon it. We command you to leave \$1,000 in a place described as follows: Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m., you will go to the Lawrence saloon and leave your conveyance there." Then follows minute directions as to the place where the money was to be left.

The letter continues: "If you mix the police up in this no attempt will be made to get the money and your life will pay."

"Warning—if you do not do as we tell you, never open a letter again—it may contain poison or fever germs. Never open a package—it may be a bomb. Don't get anything from a grocer—the delivery man may poison it. Don't go outside of the house, or a poisoned bullet may find you."

(Signed) "BLACK HAND."

It was thought at first that the letter might be a hoax, but investigation convinced the police that it was bona-fide.

OPERA STAR IN PRISON. Thrown Into Jail in California Town for Vagrancy.

Oakland, Cal., July 2.—Floating through the bars of the city jail, the strains of "Miserere," the prison song from the opera "Il Trovatore," revealed the sorry plight of a grand opera star who, stranded without funds or friends, has been thrown into jail for vagrancy.

Millicent Gabriel is the name given by the woman to the police. She was a member of an Italian company which disbanded here several months ago. Her incomplete mastery of English and ignorance of the laws of this country are believed by the authorities here to be responsible for her present predicament. One evening recently the opera singer accosted a stranger on the street and asked him for directions to an address she gave. Later she was arrested, accused of having picked the man's pocket. None of the missing variables were found in her possession, but she was without money and a charge of vagrancy was preferred against her. She admitted that she was penniless and was sent to prison for six months.

"I don't think she knows how what she was without money and a charge of vagrancy was preferred against her," said an officer. "It appears to have been a case where she was solely without friends and funds."

WILL TRY TO BREAK AUTOMOBILE RECORD

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—F. H. Smith and James Scott, who drove Ford car No. 2 in the transcontinental automobile race from New York, will start in a few days for San Francisco in the same car. Leaving San Francisco they will undertake the return trip across the continent to report at the point from which they started. They expect to establish a new record for running time between the California metropolis and New York City.



"DROPPING THE PILOT."
—With Acknowledgments to Punch.

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GERMAN RIVALRY OF THE DREADNAUGHT CLASS Dimensions and Armament of Four New Battleships Now Known.

Berlin, July 2.—The dimensions of the Nassau, Westphalia, Rheinland and Posen, the four new German battleships of the same class as those known as Dreadnaughts now under construction, concerning which the strictest secrecy has been maintained, follow:

Length, 450 feet 7 inches; breadth of beam, 83 feet 10 inches; draught, 28 feet 6 inches; displacement, 18,500 tons; indicated horse power, 30,000; speed, 21½ knots; normal coal capacity, 950 tons; maximum, 2,700 tons.

The armament comprises twelve 11-inch guns, twelve 5-inch guns, sixteen 3¼-inch guns, four machine guns and six torpedo tubes.

ORVILLE WRIGHT FLIES AROUND FORT MYERS Makes Three Flights at Average Speed of 35 to 40 Miles an Hour.

Washington, July 2.—Orville Wright last night made three successful flights in his aeroplane around the Fort Myer drill grounds and was cheered by thousands of persons who had assembled to witness the trials.

The machine circled the grounds five times in the first round, at a height of from 15 to 30 feet. On the sixth round Wright brought the machine down within a hundred feet of the starting point. The landing was perfect. Twice more the aeroplane was sent up and encircled the drill grounds with ease and grace. During the last flight he reached a height of forty feet.

An average speed of from 35 to 40 miles an hour was maintained in all of the flights.

Among those who witnessed the flights were many senators and other prominent officials from Washington.

SAVES GIRL'S LIFE.

Nelson, B. C., July 2.—Little Jack Wilson, the 10-year-old son of Judge P. E. Wilson, on Wednesday dived into 12 feet of water at the edge of the lake opposite the city and rescued his playmate, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stewart.

The girl was knocked into the water by a gust of wind striking the boat, which was overturned, and Jack, who was on the shore, jumped into the water and kept her head above water, and after a struggle pushed her back to the boat. A moment's hesitation and the little girl would have been drowned.

An effort will be made to get the Royal Humane Society medal for the judge's brave little son.

MILL DESTROYED.

Another Mysterious Fire in the Snohomish Valley.

Snohomish, Wash., July 2.—The Triple E. Saw and Shingle Mill burned last night and one more mystery is added to the many regarding the destruction of this mill in the Snohomish valley. The mill had been closed down for some days and there was no fire in the mill or millyard when the watchman left at 11 o'clock. At midnight the flames were discovered and to-day the mill is a total loss and the lumber in the yards lies in heaps of ashes. The loss approximates \$8,000.

TWO SLAIN BY INDIAN STUDENT DOUBLE MURDER AT IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

Former Official Also Wounded — Murderer Overpowered After Hard Fight.

London, July 2.—News leaked out to-day that Sir Lesley Probyn a prominent Indian official was wounded last night at the Imperial Institute when Nadar Lal Dhingras, an Indian student, shot and killed Lt.-Col. Sir Wm. Curzon Wylie and Dr. Calas Lalleaca, a practicing physician of Shanghai. Sir Lesley was wounded in the scuffle which followed the assassination and was taken home by friends who said nothing of his injury until to-day. It is thought he will recover.

Detectives are investigating the double tragedy of last night and are of the opinion that it was the result of political intrigue. Sir Wylie has been prominent in Indian affairs and it is known that many secret enemies might desire his death.

Dhingras, the murderer, refuses to talk and sits quietly in his cell, apparently unmoved by the thought of his crime. His case was called to-day before a magistrate who set the preliminary hearing for July 10th.

The double murder occurred last night at a reception tendered the Indian students at the Imperial Institute. Dhingras was noticed talking to Sir Wylie and then suddenly whipping out a revolver, shot the Englishman through the head. He fired several more shots and a stray bullet hit and killed Dr. Lalleaca, who was standing nearby.

Half a dozen men threw themselves upon the assassin but he struggled with the strength of a maniac and it was only after a hard fight that he was overpowered. It was during this struggle that Sir Lesley was wounded.

Dhingras is a young man, apparently about 20 years of age. He has been a student at the University College, London. At the reception last night he was dressed in European clothes, but wore a turban.

Lady Wylie is prostrated to-day by the terrible affair. She was in another part of the institute when the shooting took place but heard the shots and rushed to the scene. Falling to recognize the bloodstained features of her husband, she knelt beside his dead body.

"Poor fellow" she said, and then for the first time realizing the identity of the victim, fell in a dead faint.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Wm. Hutt Curzon Wylie was born in 1846 and was the youngest son of the late General Sir Wm. Wylie, C. C. B., and was formerly political A. D. C. to the secretary of state for India. In 1888 he entered the Indian staff corps and was in England during the Afghan war in 1878-80, and accompanied Gen. Sir Robert Phayre's force to the relief of Candahar. For this service he was decorated.

GOETHAM MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS SUSPECTED MURDERER HIMSELF FOUND DEAD

New York, July 2.—Different opinions are expressed by the authorities to-day as to the identity of a Chinese corpse found floating in the Hudson river near Riverdale last night. Coroner McDonald and Police Captain Ward are certain that it is the body of Leon Ling, sought on the charge of having murdered Elsie Sigel, but Capt. Carey, of the homicide bureau, and Detective Wagner contend that it is not.

If the body is identified as that of Leon Ling, the police will be confronted with a mystery deeper than any which has arisen since the hunt for the Chinese slayer of the white girl missionary began.

The coroner and Captain Ward contend that the body is that of Leon, and believe that he was slain at the same time as the girl. It has been learned that the trunk in which Elsie Sigel's body was found was taken from Leon's room and returned again some time before the discovery of her death.

Therefore it was thought that the slayer had his body carted about the city in a vain effort to find a safe hiding place for it. Now it is believed that the first time the trunk was taken from the room it contained the body of Leon. According to this theory the trunk was taken out and emptied of its gruesome load and then returned to the room to bear away the corpse.

The intervention of the police prevented this plan from being carried out.

These officers think that connection of Chinese secret societies and tongs with the murder will be established. It is their belief that Leon told the girl certain secrets of these organizations, and both were killed by agents of the societies to keep these matters from becoming known to outsiders.

The condition of the body precludes the positive identification of the features, and the police have failed to prove to a certainty that the corpse is that of Leon.

The physician who conducted the autopsy declared the body showed that the person died from strangulation, evidently from drowning.

Edward Burn, a reporter on a Yonkers newspaper, was a witness at the inquest, and said that he was positive the room to bear away the corpse was the missing Chinese were called, but their testimony was unsatisfactory, and did little to prove the identity of the corpse.

ZEPPELIN WILL TRY TO REACH NORTH POLE Expects to Complete Preparations for Trip by Next Summer.

Berlin, July 2.—Offers of advice and money are pouring in upon Count Zeppelin to-day following the announcement that he would attempt to reach the north pole in his airship. National enthusiasm is aroused and the Count is assured of sufficient financial backing if he makes the attempt.

In his statement announcing the project, the Count said he expected to complete his preparations for the trip by the summer of 1910.

KNOWLEDGE IN LAKE.

Kenora, Ont., July 2.—Frank Burr, who was employed in the C. P. R. construction offices here, was seized with fainting while attempting to reach a dock yesterday and fell over the edge into the lake. His lifeless body was recovered shortly afterwards. The dock was crowded with people at the time, but he never rose to the surface.

SHACKS GO UP IN FLAMES.

Elk Lake, Ont., July 2.—Owing to the dry weather of the last few days bush fires were started yesterday in close quarters to the town. Some shacks on the outskirts were damaged or destroyed, but the town is entirely protected by the fire brigade.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Winnipeg, July 2.—The three-year-old daughter of David Wilson, ex-M. P. for Gladstone, was run over and instantly killed by a street car yesterday morning while playing near her home in Fort Rouge.

SEATTLE BOY DIES FROM LOCKJAW

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—The first pre-fourth of July fatality was recorded in Seattle to-day, when little Louis Rohs, ten years old, died from lockjaw following the premature discharge of a toy pistol.

The lad had been firing the pistol while celebrating the approach of Independence Day. He was holding his left hand over the muzzle of the weapon when the blank cartridge exploded and the paper was forced into his hand. Tetanus developed, and despite the administering of anti-toxin, death resulted in a few hours.

STRIKE AGAINST STEEL TRUST OVER EIGHT THOUSAND IDLE AT PITTSBURG

Corporation Determined Not to Recede From Stand for "Open Shop."

Pittsburg, July 2.—Over 8,000 men, including members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and unorganized day laborers, were idle to-day as a result of the strike yesterday against the United States Steel Corporation.

The officials of the big steel company apparently are making no efforts to fill the places of the strikers in any of its fifteen mills, but give out the statement that they will not recede from their stand in favor of the "open shop."

There has been no violence in connection with the present strike, and none is expected unless the steel corporation attempts to resume work with strike-breakers.

The authorities are being petitioned by various business interests to take every possible means to prevent a repetition of any of the horrors of the famous Homestead strike of a decade ago, which was so bitterly fought by the Knights of Labor against the Cambridge company.

WILL CHALLENGE IF CONCESSIONS ARE MADE Lipton Seeks to Ascertain Views of New York Yachtsmen.

London, July 2.—If the officials of the New York Yacht Club will make moderate concessions to Sir Thomas Lipton in the size of a challenger for the America's cup, it is more than possible that the veteran sportsman will make another attempt to left the coveted trophy next year. The persistent rumors that Lipton intends to challenge again are said to-day by his private secretary, H. Westwood, to be feelings to learn whether or not these concessions would be granted.

Sir Thomas contends that it is practically impossible to construct a craft on sufficiently delicate lines to have a chance in the race, and at the same time make her strong enough to withstand the rigorous ocean trip to American waters. It is said here that Lipton does not want to be embarrassed again by a refusal of his challenge, and that he waits an expression of opinion by the American yachtsmen. If it is that they are willing to concede a few minor points in construction and size, Lipton will issue a challenge immediately.

DESERTS INFANT IN HOTEL. Woman Carries Baby in Suit Case and Leaves It in Bedroom.

San Francisco, Cal., July 2.—Carrying a battered suitcase, a pretty young woman entered the Merritt hotel late yesterday afternoon, and engaged a room. She refused to take a bell boy to relieve her of her burden, and bore it gingerly into the elevator when she was taken to her room. Ten minutes later she left her key at the office and walked into the street.

Near midnight the crying of a baby attracted the attention of the night clerk. An investigation showed that the sound emanated from the room assigned to the woman. Hastily getting the key from the office, the clerk entered the room and found a scantily dressed woman lying on the bed.

Police officers who were summoned took the little waif to the central emergency hospital, where it was cared for.

CITY OF SPOKANE FACES DEFICIT Shortage May Reach \$200,000 By End of the Fiscal Year.

Spokane, Wash., July 2.—The city of Spokane faces a deficit of \$200,000, although less than half of the fiscal year has passed. It was pointed out to-day that unless money is taken from the funds appropriated for purposes for which there is no immediate need, the city employees may not receive their pay for some time. If the finances of the city continue to sink as they have been during the past few weeks, it is estimated that the shortage will not be less than \$200,000 at the end of the year, and perhaps much more.

DESTROYERS AT SEATTLE. Flotilla Will Probably Spend Summer in Puget Sound Practicing With Improved Torpedoes.

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—The United States torpedo boat destroyers Perry, Paul Jones, Truxtton and Whipple are in Seattle to-day, having arrived from the Mare Island yard last evening. They are moored at the city buoys, where they will remain at least until the beginning of next week. The destroyers Hunt and Hopkins are expected from San Francisco in a few days.

It is not known at present what plans are in contemplation for the flotilla. It is expected, however, that the destroyers will spend the summer on Puget Sound to engage in practice with the improved Whitehead torpedoes.

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