Dog poisoners are operating extensively in North Vancouver.

The St. Ives hotel at Masset, Q. C. I., has been granted license privileges.

The well known Nanaimo hotel has been sold to David Mottishaw of Vancouver.

Port Hammond Presbyterians have just opened for public worship their handsome new church edifice.

Nelson citizens have forwarded $206.50 as a contribution to the relief fund for the Campbellton, N. B., fire sufferers.

C. P. R. officials predict that the new tourist hotel at Balfour will next year be taxed to the limit of its accommodations.

Fernie property owners have refused a bylaw to provide for a free public library in that otherwise enterprising city.

Nanaimo's annual exhibition was formally opened on Thursday, Mayor Planta doing the honors of the occasion.

The "Prince Rupert Optimist" recently issued an exceptionally creditable "Progress and Opportunities Edition."

The Tsimpsean Power Co's water rights on Kabada river are estimated as sufficient to give the company something like 40,000 h. p.

Rev. W. F. Kerr, a New Brunswicker has been called to the pastorate of the new Presbyterian church at Prince Rupert.

October 1 has been decided upon as Tag Day by the Children's Aid society, who hope to raise $20,000 in the day.

The forest fires throughout Surrey are now reported under control with a promise of a total loss considerable under first estimates. Hunter's mill was saved at the eleventh hour.

Indefinite reports from Hazelmere state that the family of William Morrison of that place have lost their lives in a bush fire. It is believed that the report will prove incorrect.

Port Mann, like Prince Rupert, is laid out by expert landscape gardeners and architects so that a city beautiful may be created instead of a slipshod and unsightly western town.

Fraser river fishermen are petitioning the Dominion government to withhold licenses in future from all Asiatic applicants, and also to refuse the issuance of licenses to speculators.

The fourth annual convention of the British Columbia Fire Chiefs and Firemen's Association is to be held at Cranbrook on Wednesday and Thursday next.

A large vessel, name unknown, was ashore recently at Rose Spit, Q. C. I., but floated off with the rising tide after firing guns and exhibiting signals of distress throughout the night.

The bridge near Union Bay is now sufficiently completed to permit of it being used for automobile and general traffic to Comox and other Northern Island points.

With the reopening of the city schools, Vancouver's educational authorities are again faced by the problem of overcrowding. The enrollment for August last exceeded by 1,000 all previous attendance records.

Ald. Hepburn of Vancouver has lost his suit for criminal libel and unstated damages against Auctioneer A. M. Heattie, who had criticized with exceptional freedom Mr. Hepburn's official course.

The first annual exhibition projected by the Skeena Agricultural & Mining Exhibition Association at Prince Rupert, has been abandoned for 1910 in consequence of no building of sufficient size for the purposes in view being available.

Lots in Port Mann will be offered at auction early in March. Tenders for the clearing of the townsite close on the 26th inst., and it is stipulated that the work must be begun by October 5 and be completed within ninety days.

J. H. Halpin, who completed the Zenardh rapids in record time, is to have charge of the construction of the G. T. P. bridge across the Skeena at Kitseguekla. This bridge will be of steel, with five piers and three spans, the latter of 240 feet.

Three bronze medals have been received from the Royal Humane society by its resident Provincial officers, two to be given to residents of Revelstoke (Masters James St. George, Calder and Douglas Hedstrong) while the third goes to Miss Janet D. Fudge, of Port Simpson.

The survey steamer "Lillooet" is engaged in hydrographic work in Dixon's Entrance. The weather has been excellent for the work during the past few months, the mountains being in sight most of the time. Before returning south the "Lillooet" will complete her work in Masset Inlet.

While engaged in haymaking on a recent Sunday (he being a Seventh Day Adventist) Aaron Kivet of Bella Coola was struck by a dead cottonwood tree felled by the wind, both man and team being mangled beyond recognition and instantly killed. Kivet leaves a widow and large family.

Charles Harrison of Masset, fisheries officer for the Queen Charlotte Islands, has returned from Ti-el river, after making an examination of the log jambs on that stream. He estimates that an expenditure of $50,000 will be necessary to remove obstructions so as to make the river suitable for a large salmon run.

The Royal Bank of Canada is to take possession of its handsome new premises in Vancouver Saturday.

The investigation into police affairs in Kamloops has resulted in approval of the course of Chief McGill and the suspension of officer McGann.

William Arnold, a logger employed by the Abbotsford Timber and Trading Co., was instantly killed on Wednesday last by a falling tree.

After lying in the swift waters of a creek at Wedgewood for over four months, the body of Frank Jordan has at last been recovered.

In order to bring the books of the Vancouver Lands Registry Office up to date, a night staff has been put on and double shifts are trying to catch up with several months' arrears of work.

While Rev. Mr. Marshall of Hamilton, Ont., was preaching at Wesley Church, Vancouver on Sunday last, a thief visited the vestry and appropriated the clergyman's overcoat, gloves and hat.

A special rate on hay has been granted by the C. P. R. to enable the people of the Kootenays to import this commodity from Ontario, where it is now selling at $10 per ton.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Yorston of the Australian ranch, Carlboo, will extend to them sincere sympathy upon the occasion of the death of their only children during the past week.

The B.C.E.R. Co's Chilliwack line will be opened for general traffic by October 1. Orders to rush the completion of the work have been sent to all sub-contractors.

While playing with an automatic revolver at New Denver last week a little girl named Dolly Oliver shot her sister Irene in the face. The bullet, happily, inflicted a mere flesh wound.

The body of Thomas Hudgeon has been found in 80 feet of water in Upper Moyie Lake. Hudgeon was drowned by the overturning of his canoe while duck shooting, a companion named Taylor having a narrow escape.

The new lumber mill at Castlegar, established by the Edgewood Lumber Co., is now in full operation. This mill has a capacity of 60,000 feet per day and will give employment to from thirty to forty men.

Charles Ehlers of Rossland has been arrested at Northport by Chief of Police Long on a charge of attempting to bribe a customs official. The matter arises out of the recent importation of opium into Rossland.

Quesnel's hospital board has elected the following officers: A. W. Cameron, president; Percy Harrison, secretary-treasurer; and D. E. Anderson, J. L. Hill, and Rev. Mr. Stott, members of committee.

A Nanaimo jury has come to the decision that David Terry met his death as the result of being run over by a runaway loaded car, a fracture at the base of the skull and other injuries being received.

In consequence of the government having removed the prohibition against the importation of cattle from the United Kingdom, the bringing out of several hundred goats for the Kootenay will proceed forthwith.

An exceptionally large black bear strolled leisurely up the main street of Nelson the other day and eventually returned to the woods, in no way injured by upwards of a dozen shots sent in its direction with hostile intent.

The business men of Windermere and Wilmer districts, East Kootenay, have united in a request to the Calgary Board of Trade that it use its influence with the postal authorities to secure an improvement of mail facilities between Calgary and the points mentioned.

Latest reports from the Ingenica placers indicate that very little work of importance has been done this season. The best results obtained were by Pete Enoch and B. B. Bowerman, who in 33 hours' shoveling on McConnell Creek cleaned up fourteen ounces of gold.

Mrs. Anna Dimmick, who was injured at the Mother Lode Mine, Greenwood, over a year ago by an extra heavy blast causing a rock to fall through the roof of her dwelling, has just died at Spokane. A little daughter was killed outright at the time of the accident to her mother.

An elopement a la mode is reported from Upper Sumas, where a man named Jenkins is now sought by the police in consequence of his having abducted a fourteen-year-old school girl. Jenkins drove up to the school in his automobile, helped the young girl in, put his foot on the high-speed pedal, and that is all but the subsequent fruitless search.

Mr. Murton Jones and his younger brother narrowly escaped death at the paws of an enraged grizzly one evening last week on Jervis Inlet. They were preparing camp when the bear with two cubs made her appearance and at once attacked. Thirteen shots were fired at her, seven of which reached vital points, but the bear still came on, and to save their lives the brothers were compelled to leap from the cliff into the sea.

During the course of an altercation at West Fernie about a week ago, Ole Kjelberg received a knock-down blow from John Frederick. Both men had been drinking, and although the injured man did not regain consciousness the fact did not excite any special concern. When Kjelberg failed to recover consciousness in four days, however, he was taken to the hospital, where he still lies in a state of coma. Frederick is under arrest.

August Johnson, one of the oldest residents of Revelstoke lost his life a few days ago under tragic circumstances. Through a slip of the load Johnson was thrown from his wagon under his horses' feet, the heavy vehicle passing over and badly crushing him. Johnson lived only an hour or so.

The main roads on Deaman island are being re-gravelled.

Kaslo's pear crop is the largest and best in the district's history.

The new wagon road between Three Forks and McGuigan is in use.

Mrs. Jane Vipond, a resident of Nanaimo for the past thirty years, is dead.

An exhibit of B. C. apples is to be sent to the Canadian commissioner for Australia.

Game—both deer and birds—is reported exceedingly scarce this year on the lower Mainland.

North Vancouver's authorities are building a road to connect the Keith road with Deep Cove.

The output of coal from the Cumberland mines during August totalled 45,760 tons.

The management of the New Westminster opera house has been acquired by W. N. Carty from Harry Tidy.

Fifty-eight carloads of apples have this year been exported from the Kootenay district by way of Nelson.

The seventh annual fair at North Vancouver this year eclipsed all previous exhibitions in that new city.

The Bank of Vancouver has opened a branch at Collingwood, with Eliot B. Haworth in charge as local manager.

Sir Hugh Beevor, Bart., who visited Victoria a few days since, is on his way to California and other States to make a special study of dry farming.

The G. T. P. is considering the advisability of erecting a million dollar hotel at Vancouver and another at Edmonton.

The money bylaw submitted recently to the citizens of Kelso providing for various civic improvements passed by seventy to five.

Delta, Langley and Surrey boards of trade favor the proposal to form a federation of Fraser river boards of trade.

New Westminster property values show an appreciation of upwards of five hundred per cent during the past five years.

North Vancouver's leading citizens have organized a club and incorporated; the intention is to erect handsome premises without delay.

Fire Tuesday last seriously threatened the destruction of the Western Canada Lumber Co.'s big mill at Fraser Mills.

At North Vancouver the corner stone has just been laid of the first solid brick and stone building in the city. It is for the B. C. Telephone Co.

Harry J. Campbell has been arrested at North Vancouver, charged with defrauding a client of $50 in the course of a real estate transaction.

Daniel Davies, a logger, was instantly killed Tuesday by the mis-falling of a tree at Barber's Camp, Bute Inlet.

Maple Ridge has set an example to the other rural municipalities of the lower Fraser by passing a bylaw providing for an expenditure of $150,000 in a good roads campaign.

Rev. Mr. McLeod has bade farewell to the Baptist congregation at Nanaimo and left for Summerland, where he assumes the position of athletic instructor at the Baptist college.

Fisheries inspector C. B. Sword has been notified by the Dominion authorities that no changes will be made this year in the fisheries regulations for the Fraser, as requested by the fishermen.

Dan McKeeman, of Golden, recently shot a mountain lion which had been chasing his cattle the animal weighing 205 pounds and measuring over nine feet from tip to tip.

Consulting Engineer Latimer has been instructed to prepare a report as to a proposed water system and electric light and power plant for Penticton municipality.

The new provincial law has been taken advantage of at Ainsworth to place on the interdicted list all residents known to possess an inordinate appetite for liquor.

The dispute between contractors Macdougall & Sons and the Nanaimo city council as to the payment of moneys claimed for differences between rockwork and general excavation is to be settled out of court.

Sixteen men under Engineer Percy Williams are actively prosecuting the exploitation of coal measures on Lasqueti island. A 100-foot level is being driven north and south on the vein. All surface work is completed and facilities for shipping are ready.

E. B. Drummond has been appointed Indian Agent for Lytton, his jurisdiction extending from Agassiz to Spatsum, and including the Nicola lake district to Douglas lake. This appointment has been made as a result of the division of the Kamloops-Okanagan agency into three, Mr. Brown of Summerland, taking the Okanagan end and Mr. Irwin retaining that portion of the district from Spatsum to Sicamous and the North Thompson valley.

For transgressing the new Provincial liquor law by not having his barroom blinds in the required position, the proprietor of the Coldwater hotel, at Merritt, has been fined $100 and costs. The fact that he had been constantly in attendance at the bedside of his sick wife was not accepted as extenuation.

David Bowers, of Golden, recently distinguished himself by shooting a 22-pound wild goose, using a rifle at approximately a mile and a half range.

New Westminster will continue to urge the rising of the B. C. E. R. Co.'s high potential wires across the Fraser river bridge to a height of 190 feet. It is urged that the wires at their present height are a dangerous obstruction.

Eight houses and a store were burned Tuesday at White Rock as the result of the spreading of a bush fire, the loss involved exceeding $15,000. The houses destroyed were all occupied by employees of the Hazelmere Lumber company.

Mr. W. E. Blakemore left last evening for East Kootenay on a mining trip, to last about ten days.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE WORLD'S NAVIES

Internal Combustion Engines Will Put Dreadnought Type of Battleship Out of Commission

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The naval history of the world will probably be changed within the next few years through the building at Hamburg of a 9,000 ton Atlantic liner with internal combustion engines. As a result, the fleets of Dreadnoughts and super-Dreadnoughts which are now being created may be obsolescent almost as they reach the water. Naval competition will continue, but it will be competition on new lines—so new that no change since the abandoning of sails for steam will have made a similar upheaval in the working of ships. For oil-engines, if they come, mean the supersession of a great part of the engine room staff, the elimination of the stokehold and its human population, the doing away with coal trimming and the great space required for coal storage, and the driving of a battleship through the seas by a small band of glorified chauffeurs.

How near that prospect is it would be unsafe to prophesy. The advance made in the last few years is amazing and is scarcely realized by practical engineers themselves. An article in Cassier's Magazine, which is intended to give the latest information about the propulsion of cargo boats is devoted to proving that internal-combustion engines, developing 1,000 horse-power, are a practical proposition. The engines of the new German liner will be 3,000 horse-power. At a single step then the limits of what can be achieved have been trebled. Before another year is out it is probable they will be extended ten times.

Apart from the questions of efficiency there are big economies to be made by employing oil engines. In the first place the engines will be lighter and smaller in all probability although that is not an advantage of material consequence. As the oil engine utilizes something like forty per cent. of the heat energy of the fuel and the steam engine less than 20 per cent., the saving in daily cost while at sea would amount in the course of a year to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The weight of fuel required is only about one-fourth of that necessary when coal is employed. Here again the economy can be reckoned in the thousands of dollars. The saving in space is scarcely to be believed by anybody who has not been in the interior of a liner or a battleship. There are no rows of boilers, no stokeholds, no bunkers, with their hundreds of tons of coal. The oil fuel can be carried in tanks in the depths of the ship, acting as ballast, requiring no army of trimmers to keep the balance of the ship or to convey the fuel to the engines. A single pump set in motion by a turn of the hand will feed the fuel straight to the engines. Finally, with oil fuel there will be no smoke to betray the presence of a vessel to the enemy.

With the same displacement the battleship of the future will be able to carry more or heavier guns, because of the saving of weight in engines, boilers and fuel. These guns will have a wider sweep because no funnels will restrict their action. Between decks she will be vastly more roomy, affording better accommodation for the crew. When she is moving in place of an army of toiling stokers and engineers there will be a tiny company of the latter and their attendant greasers. The inferno of the stokehold will be unknown. Half as many men again will be available for fighting the ship, or crews may be reduced if more gunners and sailors are not required. Oil vapor and electricity will provide the motive power for all the machinery. If an accident comes in battle the number of men doomed to almost certain death will be but a fraction of those who would perish today.

The battleship, as she rides on the water will have no funnels to be shot away, so reducing her efficiency. She will present a smaller mark, while the whole of the machinery will be so low in the ship as to make disablement by a shell a remote event. Instead of coaling, a laborious and dirty fashion in harbor and on sea the fuel will be pumped quietly from the store tanks. The coal lighter will be replaced by an oil-tank steamer carrying sufficient fuel for a whole fleet and delivering it to the battleships through a hose, while steaming ahead at full speed. When the call for urgent action comes there will be no waste of hours in getting up steam, no lying for weeks under banked fires. The switching of an electric motor will start the engines within a couple of minutes of the demand for power. It is possible that this dream battleship will be faster than the fastest of her type now afloat. All must depend upon the still unexplored possibilities of the internal combustion engine.

FRUIT PACKING EXPERT

Provincial Department of Agriculture Secures Mr. Denny to Give Demonstrations at Fairs

The Department of Agriculture has been most fortunate in securing the expert services of Mr. R. B. Denny, late of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Ore., and one of the most expert and celebrated exponents on the continent of the science of fruit packing, to demonstrate fruit packing methods at the British Columbia fairs. Mr. Denny is especially qualified for this work, having similarly served the fruit interests of the neighbor states during some seasons past, and last year acting as judge of fruit packing at the Spokane Apple Show. The British Columbia fair management have this year been especially keen to secure the services of the best fruit packing demonstrators, and the department is to be congratulated upon the fact that in the case of each application received, it has been found possible to comply and to send an admitted expert. In addition to Mr. Denny, Mr. A. B. Cartwright of Salt Spring, will this season give fruit packing demonstrations at the fall fairs, being assigned to Chilliwack and Maple Ridge. Mr. Denny's fair assignments include:

Nanaimo, September 17; Ganges Harbor, September 21; Duncan, September 24; Surrey, September 27; Victoria, September 28; Mission, September 29; Kamloops, September 30; Westminster, October 5, 6, and North & South Saanich, October 8.

In addition the Department of Agriculture has arranged for demonstrations at Burgoyne Bay (Salt Spring Island) on the 20th instant; at Hatzic on the 1st of October; and at Hammond on the 4th proximo.

QUALIFYING FOR BIG AERIAL EVENT

Largest Number of Balloons Ever Entered in a Race Seek Chance to Represent America

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 17.—Drifting northeast from this city are thirteen baloons, the largest number that ever started in a race meet in the history of ballooning, and piloted by the best aeronauts in America. Nine are sailing to win a chance to represent America in the international balloon race which starts from St. Louis on October 17, and four entered in the free for all event to gain a diamond studded cup.

A light breeze was blowing to the northeast when the first balloon, the Drifter, left the Indianapolis motor speedway at 3:58 p. m. and was carried rapidly away but the breeze died down and the last balloon to leave the course, the New York, which rose at 5:55, was slow in travelling after its competitors.

The American championship race is both for endurance and distance. Distance is the goal for the four balloons entered in the free-for-all contest. Seventy-two hours is the record for endurance, made in an international race, which started from Berlin, and the distance record is 852 miles, made by Oscar Erbslohe, who sailed from St. Louis to the Jersey coast.

MR. BALFOUR NOT IN GOOD HEALTH

Condition of Leader of Unionist Party Subject of Pessimistic Statements in the Party Organs

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Unionist papers still continues to publish pessimistic statements about Mr. A. J. Balfour's health. He dislikes leaving this island so much, especially for a place where there is no golf, that his visit to Gastein must have been made under the sternest admonitions of his doctors. He undoubtedly benefitted enormously by his visit to Cannes last spring, and has since had only one recurrence of the influenza trouble.

The effect of these constantly recurring influenza attacks must necessarily be wearing, and, if Mr. Balfour intends to lead the campaign this autumn, he will need all his strength for the work. He has arranged to golf pretty regularly at North Berwick during the current month. It appears to be generally felt, now more than ever, in the Unionist party that Mr. Balfour is absolutely essential to its well-being, for there is no member of it who comes within measurable distance of him as a leader.

Has Been Superannuated

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—W. M. McMahon, assistant King's printer, has been superannuated and it is reported that Charles Throburn, a local stationer and bookseller, will be appointed to succeed him. The offices of superintendent of printing and controller of stationery will be amalgamated.

Russian Diplomat Dead.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Alexander Ivanovitch De Nelidoff, Russian ambassador to France and president of the second Hague conference, died tonight. M. Nelidoff was stricken with apoplexy while passing through Munich on August 8. He was born in St. Petersburg in 1835. He was one of the signers of the treaty of San Stefano, which ended the Russian-Turkish war. He was appointed ambassador to France in 1903, and was president of the second Sagne Peace conference in 1907.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Although Mme. Lina Cavaleri is coming to this country to fight for her rights under the pre-nuptial agreement whereby her husband, Robert Winthrop Chandler, turned over to her his fortune, present indications are that it will be left to the husband or his relatives, or creditors to first institute legal proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Black announce the engagement of their daughter Marguerite to Mr. R. M. Harvey, the marriage to take place on the 4th of October, at their residence, 2525 Rose street.

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Public Baths for Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 15.—The library and baths committee has endorsed a widely signed petition for the erection of public baths costing $50,000. This ensures the adoption of the scheme.

More Arbitration

THT HAGUE, Sept. 15.—The first meeting of the International Court of Arbitration to hear the Orinoco claims case in dispute between the United States and Venezuela will be held on October 28.

Kills Son and Self

SEATTLE, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Mina Bennett, wife of J. O. Bennett, a tailor, killed her three-months-old son and herself today with strychnine. She gave a drink to the baby then swallowed the rest of the contents of the phial and lay down beside the child to die. The woman left a note to her husband, saying that she was going insane.

On Trial, He Suicides.

DONOPHAN, Mo., Sept. 17.—Thos. N. Kennon, who was on trial on the charge of murder, left the court room today and killed himself in his room in a hotel. He left a note which read: "Swearing lies has ruined me. Good bye to all my friends." He pleaded self-defence in the killing of a neighbor during a quarrel. It was expected that the testimony on the case would be completed today.

Killed on Eve of Marriage.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—While trying to board a southbound suburban car into the city, where she intended to purchase the final articles for her trousseau, Mrs. Eliza E. Williams, who was to have been married soon to Warren K. Jessup, of Los Angeles, was struck today by a northbound trolley car and instantly killed. Her husband was run down by a freight train several years ago and killed within sight of their home.

A Nome Holdup

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 15.—While one of the largest gambling houses in Nome was crowded with players early yesterday morning, two bandits, with their faces concealed by hoods, entered and covered the inmates with automatic pump guns. Scores of players and the dealers were lined up against the walls and the bandits searched each man. Then they scooped up the "bank" and backed out of the door. They escaped with thousands of dollars.

President of Panama

PANAMA, Sept. 15.—Pablo Arosemena, Liberal, was yesterday elected president of the republic of Panama to fill the unexpired term of the late President Obaldia. The vote was 22 to 6. Few Conservatives were present when the balloting occurred. Arosemena's election was in a measure unexpected until Tuesday evening. It is believed to have been the result of a compromise between the faction of the Liberals and a tacit agreement with the Conservatives, who had no chance to elect a candidate.

Ministers in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Sept. 15.—Armand Hubert, minister of industry and labor, gave luncheon here in honor of Hon. Mackenzie King, Canadian minister of labor, and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian postmaster general. During his stay in this city Mr. King has brought to the attention of the representatives of several countries, who are present at the conference, the work of the royal commission on industrial training and technical education in Canada. He has also taken steps to facilitate the work of the commission when it visits Europe.

SEATTLE, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Nina Bennett and her three months' old baby son are dead today following the administration of strychnine to the child and herself by Mrs. Bennett yesterday afternoon. After drinking the dose, Mrs. Bennett called a neighbor and lay down beside her child to die. The woman's husband is a tailor and the couple were married three years ago in South Dakota. Mrs. Bennett left a note for her husband bidding him take care of their other child, a girl of two years. Mrs. Bennett killed herself because she feared she was losing her mind.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

The Laurels, Rockland ave., Victoria, B.C. Headmaster, A. D. Muskett, Esq., assisted by J. L. Mollet, Esq., B.A., Oxford. Three and a half acres extensive recreation grounds, gymnasium, cadet corps. Xmas term commences September 12th. Apply Headmaster.

GERMAN STRIKE STILL SPREADING

Hamburg Dock Laborers' Trouble Extending to Other Industries — Official Intervention Has Failed

BERLIN, Sept. 17.—The strike of the Hamburg dock laborers continues to spread to industries which have only a remote connection with the trade originally concerned. Last Saturday the weekly payment of wages was the occasion for the abandonment of work on the part of 420 metal-foundry hands belonging to the firms of Monk and Rabba, of Hamburg, and Dietz, of Altoona.

The workmen of the engineering shops of the Woermann Line and the German East African Line also came out on strike. The fifth week of the strike has now begun. Next week strikers who do not belong to any trade organization will also receive strike pay. A report is in circulation that an attempt at intervention has been made by the German Ministry of the Interior, but it failed. This rumor, however, is denied.

Aiding the Sufferers

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 15.—Unless another strong gale springs up the forest fires of Whatcom county which have caused havoc this week, will burn themselves out in the brush and logged off land without further damage. The Bellingham chamber of commerce today started a canvass to raise funds for the aid of forest fire sufferers in Whatcom county. At a meeting of the chamber of commerce last night several hundred dollars were pledged by members of the organization to assist the sufferers.

Greek Chamber in Session

ATHENS, Sept. 15.—King George yesterday opened the specially elected chamber charged with the work of revising the constitution.

Dr. Cook Emerges

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen today says that Dr. Frederick A. Cook is aboard Cornelius Bradley's yacht Beauty bound for Etah to recover the records he says will establish his claims to polar discovery. Communications, the dispatch states, have been received from government officials in Greenland saying that all the Eskimos who accompanied Cook on his trip are convinced he reached the pole. The last authentic word regarding Dr. Cook was that he was in Rio Janeiro and was planning to sail for New York. Cook maintained that his records were cached at Etah.

Slaughter of Penguins.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Sept. 14.—A terrible slaughter of penguins by gangs of men sent to the Macquarie islands by Mr. Hatch, a New Zealander, is causing indignation. The birds were driven in thousands from the rookeries, knocked on the head, thrown into digestors, and boiled for oil. It is alleged that formerly the birds were occasionally driven into digesters alive, although this is denied by the last gang. Complaints have been made to the New Zealand government, but it cannot interfere as the islands are under Tasmanian jurisdiction. Owing to representations made by the premier, the Tasmanian government is now asking Mr. Hatch for an explanation. If the reply is unsatisfactory, Mr. Hatch's lease, which expires in October, 1912, will not be renewed.