

ENQUIRY HEARS CAPTAIN JARVIS

FIGURES GIVEN IN REGARD TO SECHTEL

Late Captain James Passed Higher Examinations Than Any Seaman in Canada

(From Thursday's Daily). Before the marine court taking evidence in regard to the wreck of the steamer Sechtel, adjourned until May 23, yesterday afternoon Capt. H. V. Jarvis, joint manager of the B. C. Shipping Company, which owned and operated the Sechtel on the Victoria-Sooke run, gave evidence and spoke in praise of the late Capt. James, who lost his life when the Sechtel sank. He said that the late master of the vessel had passed higher examinations in his profession than probably any man in Canada, and had among others taken and passed the voluntary examinations in marine engineering in England. Capt. Jarvis said that he was a court-ordered, painstaking and thorough. He held a master's certificate at the time of his death, but the highest office he had held before taking charge of the Sechtel was as third officer on one of the Canadian-Australian liners. The Sechtel, said the witness, had been surveyed by Capt. James in Vancouver. He had reported on her to the B. C. Shipping Company and was authorized to purchase her. He had then resurveyed her at Vancouver and finally brought her to Victoria. Capt. Jarvis had not seen the ship out of the water but she was then just out of the hands of the underwriters, who had sent \$5,000 on her in repairs. She was insured by the B. C. Shippings Company for \$9,000 with the same underwriters. The company paid \$3,500 for the ship and the company was incorporated at \$25,000, of which about \$10,000 was paid-up capital. Capt. Jarvis said that he did not improve of shelter-deck boats, but his partisanship for others was probably due to the fact that he had been used to British naval architecture. He believed that on the last trip the boat was in good condition, and that on May 6, and he understood that it left her at William Head. Referring to the time the Sechtel was on Turlay's wharf, Capt. Jarvis said he personally notified the inspector of hulls about 6 p. m., but the inspector was leaving for Vancouver and an examination was not made until the next morning and sailed at 8 o'clock for Sooke. He attributed the disaster to the ship becoming suddenly and swiftly unmanageable. Referring to the evidence of Engineer Clark, he regarded it as a loose plate on the stern post, the witness said that there were iron strength plates there. These had been bored with more holes than necessary, and it was probably these that the engineer referred to. The plates were secured with four bolts and were not lashed nor was the paint cracked. The ship had been to Sooke in worse condition than that of the day of the week and neither he nor Capt. James had made any reference to the weather prior to the sailing that day. The witness answered several technical questions regarding wind, and was asked by the assessors, and the inquiry then adjourned until May 30 at 10 a. m.

TWO KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED BY NEGRO

Runs Amuck With Razor and Revolver—Injured Men in Critical Condition

New York, May 18.—John Cain, a big negro who ran amuck with a razor and revolver last night on the upper west side and killed two men and wounded eight others, has admitted to the police, it is said, that he is the man who killed Richard Bell, a newspaper man, on Broadway eleven years ago. Bell's sister said that he killed his man for stepping on his toes. Cain went wild last night when a white passenger on the platform of an elevated train objected to his smoking. Cain said that he was sentenced to 14 years in Sing Sing for killing Bell in 1897, but was released a few weeks ago after serving but nine years of his term, same being shortened for good conduct. The two men who died in the hospital last night were covered with lacerations from Cain's razor. A policeman and another man are in a serious condition and may die.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Life of Girl Parachute Performer Saved by Electric Wires

Asheville, N. C., May 18.—Fierate Lorenz, a triple parachute performer, narrowly escaped yesterday, when, after cutting the wrong parachute, she fell from a height of nearly 100 feet. Her parachute caught on electric wires, saving her life.

TRIBESMEN ATTACK FRENCH SOLDIERS

Detachment is Moving From Algeria to Relief of the Capital

Paris, May 18.—Advices received at the ministry of war to-day state that a French detachment was attacked by Moroccan tribesmen near Dedbou during a fog on Tuesday. The enemy was repulsed, but the French lost two officers killed and twelve men killed or wounded. Dedbou, Morocco, where the French forces are reported to have engaged the rebellious tribesmen, is directly east of Fez and about forty miles west of the Algerian frontier. If the dispatches were correctly transmitted to Paris the news is significant, indicating that the French are moving on to Fez from Algeria. Their operations heretofore reported have been from the Algerian coast.

DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Philadelphia, Pa., May 18.—The very Rev. James McGill, C. M., aged 84, one of the most widely known Roman Catholic priests in the United States, died at St. Vincent's seminary to-day after a long illness. He was formerly provincial of the congregation of Mission in the eastern province of the Vincentian Order in the United States.

FOUR KILLED

Portland, Ore., May 18.—Four laborers were killed and four so seriously injured that they may not recover, by an earthslide on the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company's line, 20 miles east of Portland yesterday.

FINE STRUCTURE IS NOW UNDER WAY

Telephone Building Will Cost \$250,000

Building Permit for Structure Issued and Construction Will Be Rushed

Before the end of the present year Victoria will have one more building of substantial stature and design to count among its architectural features. Yesterday afternoon the building permit for the new structure which the B. C. Telephone Company proposes to erect at the corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets was issued. The new home of the telephone company will be composed of concrete and steel. It will rise to a height of four storeys and is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000. Thos. Hooper is the architect and the contract for construction has been awarded to J. E. Skene & Co. It is expected that it will be practically completed by September and that the company will obtain entry at the beginning of next year. The ground space occupied by the new building will be 4,000 sq. ft. For some time past the work of excavation has been proceeding, and now that the permit has been obtained from the building inspector it is anticipated that the work of construction will be commenced forthwith. In order that when the company goes into its new premises there will be no unnecessary delay or difficulty it is proposed that a new exchange will be fitted up and that all the new extensions and conduits will be connected, so that when the transferance takes place the new system will be ready for operation. The building will accommodate all the clerical staff with comfort as well as the operating staff.

STRUCTURAL WORKERS STRIKE

Work on G. T. P. Bridge at Red Deer River is Delayed

Calgary, May 18.—Nearly two hundred structural steel workers employed on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway bridge, where the Calgary branch crosses the Red Deer River, near Albx. are reported on strike, and according to several of the workmen, who arrived in the city yesterday, bridge building operations will be tied up for some time as the men and the contractors are equally determined. The probable result will be that the Calgary branch of the G. T. P. line will be delayed in building, and may not reach here this fall, as was the intention of the company. The trouble is said to have been coming for considerable time, and the men have demanded increased wages repeatedly, but the contractors did not accede to their wishes. The men state that the G. T. P. track-laying machine is at present north of the bridge, where the strike has occurred, and it has been waiting completion of the structure in order to proceed toward Calgary with the steel.

LUMBERMEN AND RECIPROCIITY BILL

REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE U. S. SENATE COMMITTEE

Opposed Proposed Agreement—Detroit Business Men in Favor of Measure

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Representatives of the lumber industry in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, appeared to-day before the senate finance committee in opposition to the Canadian reciprocity bill. Geo. W. Jones of Norfolk, declared that reciprocity should not be built up at the expense of the sawmill workers of the south. He characterized as absurd the allegation that a lumber trust existed. Milton McKee, president of the board of commerce, headed a delegation of Detroit business men in support of the committee. Mr. McKee declared that the farmer population of the United States would benefit greatly by the passage of the agreement. Leonard Bronson of Chicago, spoke for the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, in opposition. Governor Osborne of the Michigan spoke at yesterday afternoon's session in favor of the bill. Senator Root appeared before the committee to suggest an amendment to the wood pulp and paper provision of the bill. In order to insure complete reciprocity, he declared, there should be a stipulation that Canadian wood pulp and paper should be admitted into the United States only when the president of the United States shall have efficient evidence and shall make proclamation that wood pulp, paper and boards, the product of the United States are admitted into Canada free of duty. Senator Long said after the word Canada there should be inserted the words "and all its provinces".

COURT MUST ACT ON COAL CLAIMS

Investigation by U. S. Interior Department

Irregularities Responsible for Delay in Granting Titles in Alaska

Washington, D. C., May 18.—It became known to-day that as a result of the recent demonstration at Cordova as a protest against the delay of the interior department has directed an immediate investigation to determine whether there are any coal land claims in the territory which may be cleared immediately and made subject to development by the claimant. At various times the charge has been made that there are many of the claims now before the department against which there are no charges of irregularity and which might have been disposed of many months ago. This is denied by the general land office, where it is claimed that every claim must be investigated before title is awarded and that nearly 700 to 1,000 claims now before the department have been put through this process, with the result that many have yet been found which did not require the attention of the courts. It is among the remaining 400 claims that agents of the interior department have been ordered to make now a search in the hope that a few claims at least may be found which have been regularly made, and which may be handed over to the claimants at an early date.

PROPOSED IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF STATE

London Paper Says Scheme Would Cause a Constitutional Revolution

London, May 18.—The Morning Post says: "Every state primitive or modern, has rested on the principle that the units composing it shall acknowledge the obligation of mutual preference. Until this truth is acknowledged by the parent state of the empire the sessions of the imperial conference might as well be suspended." The Standard says: "If the home government meet the overseas premiers in conference with the plea of Non-Possumus, as in 1907, it would stand self-convicted and self-condemned of having betrayed the great imperial interests entrusted to its keeping." The Daily News, discussing the forthcoming imperial conference, says: "The imperial council of state, composed of representatives of all parts of the Empire, as proposed by New Zealand, could not be reconciled with cabinet government and parliamentary control either here or in the overseas dominions. Its establishment would cause a constitutional revolution in every state of the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier attacked the idea in 1907, and still holds the same views. We assume that the real purpose of the suggestion is to clear the air rather than the hope, or even desire of securing its adoption."

SEVEN LOSE LIVES

Ladingship Prussia May 18—A School teacher and six pupils of a nearby village were drowned to-day while bathing in an abandoned marl pit. None of the seven could swim.

TWO KILLED IN AIRSHIP ACCIDENT

Monoplane, Capsized by a Squall, Falls to Ground and is Destroyed by Fire

Rheims, France, May 18.—A monoplane carrying Lieut. Paul Dupuy and Pierre Marie Bourlaque fell from a height of about 250 feet to-day. Dupuy was killed and his companion seriously injured. The machine was capsized by a squall and burst into flames the instant it struck the ground. The body of the lieutenant was burned beyond recognition. Bourlaque's arms were broken and his legs fractured. Dies From Injuries. Rheims, May 18 (later)—Bourlaque, who was injured in the monoplane accident here, later died of his injuries.

RACE MEETING WILL GO AHEAD

CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER REFUSES INJUNCTION

Declares That Court Can Lend No Aid to Eleventh-Hour Applications

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, May 18.—The city's application for an injunction restraining the Country Club from holding a seven-day race meet was dismissed by Chief Justice Hunter this morning. For the club, H. W. R. Moore objected that the papers were not properly drawn or served. The judge thought the objection fatal but offered F. A. McDiarmid, city solicitor, till afternoon to look into the authorities. Mr. Moore then drew attention to the fact that the club had agreed to pay a large rental to the B. C. Agricultural Association, of which the latter should not be deprived without being heard. Mr. McDiarmid objected that the association had no right to grant a lease. To this the Chief Justice of British Columbia replied that he could not decide that in the absence of the association and dismissed the application. Mr. McDiarmid then applied for special leave to bring on a fresh application quickly. The chief justice refused, saying that the city should have started proceedings earlier; that the court could lend no aid or sympathy to such eleventh-hour applications and that matters must take their usual course. The application was made by the city solicitor on the ground that the Country Club had not complied with the requirements of the by-law passed last year, making it essential that a permit be obtained before the holding of any race meet on the grounds, notwithstanding the fact that there are on the grounds many horses awaiting the opening of the races. City Solicitor McDiarmid produced an affidavit from Mayor Morley to the effect that the five-year lease of the track granted by the British Columbia Agricultural Association to the Country Club was of no effect, alleging that the association did not possess the right to grant such a lease. The Country Club was prepared to demonstrate to the court that this affidavit conflicted point-blank in certain details with one sworn to by his worshipful lord the Mayor last year. In addition the club relied on the merits of the case. CONGRATULATES THE CZAR. St. Petersburg, May 18.—Crown Prince Frederick William and the Crown Princess of Germany arrived here last night to visit the Emperor and congratulate him on the occasion of his birthday, May 18. This visit was planned in connection with the prince's interrupted trip in the Far East.

BATTLE RAGES FOR TWELVE DAYS

Commander of Garrison in Town in Mountains Forced to Surrender to Rebels

Culiacan, State of Sinaloa, via Nogales, Mex., May 18.—News has just reached here of a twelve days' battle which has left the town of Culiacan, in the mountains southeast of Culiacan, desolate. A force of rebels said to have numbered 1,400, attacked the town, which has a population of 7,000 and was garrisoned by 400 federals. The fighting continued with little intermission during the entire period. The federals were given no opportunity to bury their dead. Bodies fell from roofs and barricades and lay in the tropical sun until the federal commander marched out under a white flag. He offered to surrender the town if the rebels would allow him to move out with the honors of war and guarantee not to destroy their records, saying that he could fight until death, were it not that the stench of the unburied dead had made life a horror to the residents. It was accepted by the rebels.

STRUCKEN AT BALL GAME

Philadelphia, May 18.—The condition of Frank Elliott, vice-president of the Philadelphia Nationals, who was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage at the game on the local grounds yesterday, is in a critical condition to-day and fears for his recovery are entertained. Mr. Elliott was taken ill after the game with Cincinnati had been won by Philadelphia in the twelfth inning. He fell unconscious and remained in that condition at the hospital. Mr. Elliott is a well-known athlete.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON WRECKED

Bitterfeld, Saxony, May 18.—Parsival II, the new German military balloon, while returning from a trial flight yesterday against the hanger and wrecked. Two passengers on board the airship suffered sprained ankles.

TRYING TO SOLVE MYSTERY AT KIEV

Police Investigating Mysterious Death of Boy Which Has Caused Unrest

Kiev, May 18.—The vice director of the police, M. Lindoff, and several detectives are here endeavoring to solve the mystery of the murder of a boy, Yushinsky, a Christian and a student at the Orthodox seminary, whose mutilated body was found February 28, in a cave near the Jewish quarter. The circumstances gave rise to rumors that the boy was the victim of a ritualistic murder. As yet no definite evidence has been discovered to decide as to the mystery.

INQUIRY AT OTTAWA

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 18.—There were no sensational developments before the committee investigating the charges this morning. The only witness was R. E. Young, chief of the Land Branch of the interior department. He said the Canadian Northern had been given the chance to select land grants of the Manitoba and Southwestern Railway in Saskatchewan instead of Manitoba, because only about 20,000 acres of suitable land was available in the latter province while by the original agreement the company was entitled to 600,000 acres. The agreement to transfer the right to select lands in Saskatchewan was made at a conference between the company, Mackenzie and Hon. Mr. Oliver. No official record was kept of what was said at this conference.

PRISONER SAYS HE IS THIEF SPECIALIST

ALLEGED CAMORRIST'S FRANK CONFESSION

Denies Charge of Murder—Has Feeling of Repugnance to Such Deeds

Viterbo, May 18.—The Italian Press was attacked to-day by Enrico Erricone, otherwise known as "Erricone," alleged leader of the Camorristi. When the murder trial continued, Erricone asserted that the newspapers had misrepresented him in their reports of the court proceedings, making statements that tended to inspire a feeling of hostility toward him on the part of the jurors. He declared that the press had sold itself to the enemies of the defendants. Tommaso De Angelis was called for interrogation. This man was denounced, along with Gaetano Amadio as the murderer of Gaetano Cuocolo and his wife, by Giacomo Ascarti, who it is alleged conspired with the priest Vittozi to involve these two in the crime in order to save Erricone and others, asserted to be the real assassins. De Angelis frankly confessed to being a thief and recounted a long series of thefts which he described as "artful." He enumerated larcenies in which he had engaged in partnership with Cuocolo and added: "I had resentment against Cuocolo. Moreover, if I should kill everyone, who has injured me, I would have to slaughter half of Naples. Believe me, I am only a thief specialist. Yes, a thief specialist, with false keys and breaking in, my destination was a round-about route." De Angelis frankly confessed to being a thief and recounted a long series of thefts which he described as "artful." He enumerated larcenies in which he had engaged in partnership with Cuocolo and added: "I had resentment against Cuocolo. Moreover, if I should kill everyone, who has injured me, I would have to slaughter half of Naples. Believe me, I am only a thief specialist. Yes, a thief specialist, with false keys and breaking in, my destination was a round-about route."

OBJECT TO STREET CARS

Countess Sechenyi Pays Budapest \$50,000 to Keep Projected Line Away From Her Palace. New York, May 18.—No noisy street cars will disturb the slumbers of the Countess Sechenyi, who was Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, in her palace in Budapest. She has just signed a contract to pay that city \$50,000 in order to keep a projected line of tram cars away from her neighborhood. According to advice received here, she threatened to quit Budapest if the city carried out its plan. After negotiations with the municipality, they decided to take the \$50,000 and send the cars to their destination by a round-about route.

SEARCHING FOR BACONIAN RELICS

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PEACE TERMS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED

PRESIDENT DIAZ WILL RESIGN OFFICE JUNE 1

Madero to Act as Chief Advisor to Mexican Foreign Minister

Jaurez, Mex., May 18.—Francisco I. Madero, Jr., announced to-day that news from Mexico City was satisfactory to him and it might be universally proclaimed that peace throughout Mexico is now accepted fact. Madero will accept the offer to go to Mexico as chief advisor to Minister of Foreign Affairs De La Barra, who will become president ad interim as of the date for the withdrawal from office of President Diaz and Vice-President Corral has been definitely fixed for June 1. It will not be necessary for the insurgents to institute provincial governors or provisional members of the cabinet for the intervening twelve days, but the fact that Madero himself will act with Minister De La Barra in the reorganized government will be accepted as sufficient guarantee of the success of the revolution. President Diaz has announced his intention to resign, and the same is accepted by the insurgents in absolute faith. Referring to the policy of the Madero government regarding foreign capital in Mexico, Senor Madero said he and his cabinet would continue to encourage American investments, but a vigorous prohibition would be made against trusts of any kind and against the wholesale granting of concessions. Madero has no doubt that he will be the next really elected president of Mexico, and Dr. Vasquez Gomez will be vice-president. To-day is to be devoted to work of a definite peace agreement. Some insurgents, bent on securing their guarantees, will insist on four provisional governments, but not until after the cabinet is reorganized. These four governments have a deep significance, it is asserted. The revolutionist party already feeling the immense responsibility before the country imposed on it as a result of practical surrender to it of the governmental machine, wishes to build up a strong machine by which to keep the country at permanent peace, and the rebels point out that with men like Provisional Governor Abraham Gonzalez in Chihuahua and Venustiano Carranza in Coahuila, a brief telegram to the political or military leaders in the states would suffice to restore tranquility in a few days. Madero Congratulates Diaz. Juarez, May 18 (Later)—Peace will be signed by Saturday, according to public opinion to-day. Developments in negotiations to-day progressed to a point justifying the confident prediction that the end of strife was at last plainly in sight and that the signing of the peace pact would be followed Monday by the formal resignation of President Diaz. The provisional president did not to-day make formal acceptance of the invitation of Minister De La Barra to come to Mexico City, but unofficially he expressed himself as highly gratified over this action and there is no doubt that he will start for the capital upon the announcement of the retirement of President Diaz. (Concluded on page 4.)

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