

Steel Trade Strike

Being Made to Run Wells-Plant With Non-Unionists.

Mill Will Probably Be in Operation To-Day—Advance Rejected.

Pa., July 25.—The steel employees of the last 24 hours are slowly accomplishing their work...

Offer Rejected. The machinists' committee, about 200 in all...

WELCOME RAINFALL. Reported From Parts of Iowa and Nebraska.

July 25.—The Tribune gath-ers reports at 2 o'clock this morn-ing...

Hot Wave Broken. Minn., July 25.—A heavy and rain fell throughout this section...

LL BUILD NEW DOCK. Arik Company to Erect Depot near to Riverside Station, Liverpool.

York, July 25.—The New York company, a corporation with a capital of \$2,000,000...

RECORD BREAKING. Hundred Degree at St. Louis and St. Paul.

Lighting in Manchuria. That Chinese and Russian Troops Have Been Defeated.

Went Away by Floods. On July 25.—The valleys of the Ohio and other Austro-Hungarian...

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Rifle Meet Opened

Beautiful Weather Favored the Marksmen at Clover Point This Morning.

Splendid Shooting in the New Westminster Match—Vancouver Man's Great Score.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The annual meet of the B. C. Rifle Association will commence at the Clover Point range to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock...

This will be the first time for six or seven years that the match has been held here, the obstacle in former years being the inadequate range. Now, however, the completion of the new range removes all difficulty...

The number of entries is, exceptionally high, there being in all 103. These are made up as follows: Vancouver, 25; Nanaimo, 5; Kamloops, 1; H. M. S. Amphib (including Capt. Casement and officers), 42; H. M. S. Warspite, 1; Royal Engineers, 3.

Capt. J. Reynolds, T.M., secretary of the Provincial Rifle Association, and Capt. Duff-Stewart, the treasurer, arrived from the Mainland last evening, and were busily engaged this morning in settling to the multifarious preliminaries which fall to their department.

As will be observed by the entry figures quite a number of regulars and a contingent of blue-jackets will take part. These will shoot principally in the official events.

Thirteen targets will be employed—the eight new ones and five of the old ones. The marksmen and register keepers will be furnished by the R. A., and these will be under the charge of Sergt.-Major Mulcahy.

Quite a number of new shots will be seen at the ranges, including representatives of the recently organized Rocky Mountain Rangers. Other old-time shots such as Barry Forrest and Dr. Vance, while the Veterans will have some marksmen on the range.

This meet is especially important in view of the fact that the team for Ontario is selected from the aggregate. The eight securing the highest will comprise the team to be sent to compete in the D. R. A. matches at Ottawa.

The time table follows: Thursday, July 25th. 8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Extra series, 500 yards. 9:00 to 10:30 a. m.—Tros, 500 yards.

Friday, July 26th. 8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Victoria Corporation match, 500 yards. 9:30 to 1:30 p. m.—Helmcken match, 200, 500, 600 yards.

Saturday, July 27th. 8:30 to 12 a. m.—Bankers' match, 200, 500, 600 yards. If possible a Military match will be arranged to take place between 2 and 5 p. m.

To-morrow's programme is: No. 1.—Tros Match. Prizes value \$10, presented by the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia...

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Sergt. Lettice, Victoria, and W. J. McAllan, Nanaimo.

The committee having charge of the drafting of the constitution submitted a report which was approved. This will be submitted at the general annual meeting of the association to be held to-morrow night.

The government not having furnished free ammunition competitors will be charged 15 cents per package of 10 rounds, but the money will be refunded if the government supplies ammunition later on, or if the competitor replaces the ammunition during the meeting.

Competitors from places where there are no militia corps will be allowed to shoot in the tyros match if otherwise qualified. Men of the regular army and navy will also be allowed to shoot as tyros in all matches except No. 1, if otherwise eligible.

The committee accepted the \$25 donated by a citizen of Victoria as a prize for the best score made at 500 yards by a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Imperial forces.

The markers and register keepers will be furnished by the Royal Artillery.

DESTROYED BY FIRE. Big Blaze at Leigh's Mill Last Night—Sash and Door Factory Completely Consumed.

The new chief and his department had another big fire on their hands last evening. Leigh's sash and door factory at the foot of Turner street on the Arm was totally destroyed, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Fortunately there was little wind, and the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to one particular apartment. The fire was seen by a lady between 8 and 9 o'clock, who immediately notified Mr. Leigh.

The latter sent in a telephone alarm, while another alarm was turned in from the corner of the mill and dry kiln, which were in dangerous proximity to the flames.

The firemen realized that to save the factory was impossible. They, therefore, directed their attention to the mill and dry kiln, which were in dangerous proximity to the flames.

The firemen kept up a continuous play of water on these and prevented the spread. The fight was a hot one for considerably over an hour, but gradually the forces of the fire fund were forced back, the firemen took up their station on the charred fragments of the building and by midnight extinguished the fire.

The owner, Mr. Leigh, had been through the place about three-quarters of an hour before the fire was observed, and there was no indication of fire then. The vicinity of the engine had been carefully damped, and the cause of the fire is unknown.

This was the second fire last night. The first was a chimney blaze on the corner of Blanchard street, which started at 8:30 o'clock. It was extinguished with no damage.

DAWSON OVERSTOCKED. A. G. McCandless returned from Dawson last night after spending several weeks at the Yukon capital. He states that the market, in every line is overstocked at that point.

After visiting the north and seeing the difficulties which lie in the way of transferring the gold dust to the coast cities, he thinks that the proper place for the Dominion assay office is at Dawson. The numerous inspections of certificates and the trouble connected with carrying any quantity of dust is such that he believes the miners would gladly embrace the opportunity to dispose of the gold at Dawson.

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READY FOR THE FRY.

Crews Now at Shawnaigan Awaiting To-Morrow's Great Races—Racing Craft Shipped Last Night.

All arrangements have been completed, the boats have been shipped, the crews have gone to the place of the great regatta, and everything is now in readiness for the annual aquatic event of the N. P. A. O.

Last evening a number of enthusiasts assisted in shipping the racing craft on board the cars. These consisted of ten canoes, four shells and several doubles and singles.

In connection with the racing boats it is interesting to note that all were constructed by Glasgow, of London, England. Those used by the visitors were also turned out by this master craftsman.

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LEGAL NEWS. Crosby v. Cunningham Settled Out of Court—Chambers Lists.

The case of Crosby v. Cunningham has been taken out of court. An agreement was reached by the parties to the case which was satisfactory to both sides.

Re Medina Estate—Application to issue process with service on the mortgage. To be dispensed with, service to be made on mother for infants.

More v. Foulkes—Application for assessment of damages. Order made.

Re Victoria Tax Sale By-Law, 1900—Application to confirm. Order made, also for taxation of costs.

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Therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, in pursuance of the provisions of the law above recited, do hereby issue this proclamation, and do declare and make known that a civil government for Porto Rico has been organized in accordance with the provisions of the Foraker act, and I do further declare and make known that the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico has enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the necessities of the government of Porto Rico.

A TERRIBLE FATE. Bones of a Man Who Had Encounter With Bear Found Near Dawson.

Near a small stream, 40 miles west of Dawson, lie the bones of a man, none of which are of the most desperate struggles for life that a prospector has ever had in the north.

The unfortunate fellow has never been learned. A Dawson News of recent date says that Constable Sparrow, who went to the scene of the struggle with Mr. Bell, a prospector who found the remains, has filed a report that the articles belonging to the dead man were examined fully, but no trace of his identity could be ascertained.

The underclothing of the man was torn into shreds, as though someone had spent hours in deliberately cutting them. The outer garments were also badly torn.

The constable examined the woods in the vicinity and found the hair of a cat which he evidently had used as a weapon with which the victim made his last desperate stand for life, had been scratched by the claws of the bear. The skeleton had been stripped of practically all the flesh and every rib torn from the backbone.

A piece of jawbone was found at one place and another piece not far away. The bear had evidently been on the scene only a few days before the constable and Bell were there.

The victim had evidently succumbed at the junction of two bear trails that led to the creek. There was the remains of a two-hour fire on the scene. This indicated that he was simply stopping on a spot for a short time. His traps were found hanging on a bush near the creek, indicating he had just washed them before the bear began his attack. The clothes were scattered along the beach.

It is thought the man certainly was foolish or unacquainted with the custom of bears or he would never have taken the risk of camping on their trail, especially in the season when they were young and are prone to follow any one who may cross their path.

Among the articles of the victim found on the scene of his death was a small pocket book, but not a sign of a name is in the book. It is suggested that probably the man was on his way from forty-mile to Dawson when attacked by the bear. It was probably six weeks ago when he was killed. The hatchet and bones that could be found were gathered by the constable and Mr. Bell and buried where the unfortunate man made his desperate struggle and fell.

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