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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Fire at the Bon Accord Cannery—Foreign Coal Shipments For May.

Kootenay Mining News—To Build a Concentrator at the Alamo Mine.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER, May 31.—(Special)—Government candidates held a meeting at Mount Pleasant to-night. Many of the Opposition were present and were courteously treated. Messrs. Tatlow and Anderson made convincing speeches and were enthusiastically received by the Fifth ward.

J. B. Spring was arrested at Vancouver to-day charged with bigamy, at the instance of Agnes Spring. The latter, who is out on bail, says he has some startling disclosures to make.

Arrangements have been made by Reeve Keith to run a ferry to North Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, June 1.—A petition has been presented to the Vancouver Board of Trade, signed by 100 settlers up North, praying the Board to use their influence to effect direct steamboat communication between Vancouver and way ports. The Boscowitz and the Danube, the petitioners claim, are too high in their charges, and a competing line is desired.

The canners are all busy preparing for the salmon run, which is expected to be as big as the famous run of 1882. The high water has not resulted in any injury to the canneries as far as could be ascertained. From a canner's point of view the high water, which makes the river muddy, is favorable to salmon fishing.

W. Skene and City Solicitor Hammersly are making arrangements to give a concert in aid of the sufferers by the flood. The preparation of the programme is in the hands of Mr. F. V. Austin.

During May there were four fires. The vital statistics show one birth a day, namely, 31; 15 marriages and 17 deaths.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, May 31.—D. J. Munn & Co.'s mess house at the Bon Accord cannery was completely destroyed by fire last night; loss $3,500, insurance $1,000. The fire was caused by a spark from the chimney falling on the roof.

The Methodist camp meeting, which was to have commenced at Chilliwack this week, is postponed indefinitely owing to the district being inundated by the overflowing of the river.

Nine Japs came up from Steveston this morning to be naturalized as British subjects, in order that they may get fishing licenses. Those who know the Japs say that not one of them has been in the country a year.

A meeting to organize the Westminster Art and Scientific Association took place yesterday. The following officers were elected: Rev. H. H. Gowen, president; Miss Power, treasurer; Mr. Law, secretary; [illegible] committee, with two others to be elected; Ex-Ald. Johnson and Dr. C. E. C. Brown, members of the scientific department, with one other, to be elected.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 31.—A meeting of the supporters of Mr. James McGregor will be held in the Government committee rooms, over Johnston & Co.'s provision warehouse, Bastion street, to-morrow (Friday) evening.

Joseph Randle, jr., has been appointed to the vacancy on the mine managers examining board, caused by the death of the late Robert Scott.

The electric railway proposition has been modified in order to conform with the opinion of a majority of the city council. The company now proposes to purchase the electric light works and to light the city, thus securing the ratepayers security for their guarantee of interest which, too, is to be for fifteen years only in place of twenty-five. Nothing definite has been decided upon yet, but it is probable that the modified scheme will meet with more general favor.

The meeting of Government supporters held at Nanaimo river bridge last evening for the purpose of nominating a candidate for South Nanaimo, showed very clearly the trend of public opinion in that section of the country to be very largely in favor of the present administration. For a scattered district the attendance was surprisingly large. Mayor Quennell, it was expected, would be nominated without much talk, and arrangements at once made for the campaign. As it happened Dr. Walkem who at one time had announced his intention of seeking election in the Government interests but had later on withdrawn, was present and declared his intention of standing. The great majority present were entirely in sympathy with Mayor Quennell, and wished to see the nomination closed. The "South" will poll a big Government vote, far bigger than is generally anticipated, and Mayor Quennell will be the choice.

The foreign coal shipments for the month amount to 69,231 tons, being an increase of nearly 6,000 tons over April. The New Vancouver Coal Company shipped 29,119 tons, the Wellington, 23,269 tons; and the Union, 17,046 tons.

The following have been elected officers of the Board of Trade for the ensuing year: George Williams, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, president; W. K. Leighton, vice-president; Marcus Wolfe, secretary-treasurer; council: A. Haslam, M.P.; Mayor Quennell, George Norris, T. W. Glaholm, A. R. Johnson, J. H. Pleace, E. M. Yarwood and W. H. S. Perkins.

NANAIMO, June 1.—A new lodge of the I.O.O.F. is to be instituted at Northfield.

Mr. Joseph Hunter has completed arrangements for the transfer of his electric light plant and the business to the electric railway company, provided the guarantee by-law passes the ratepayers.

Last month's police court records are the lowest on record, only fifteen cases, Provincial as well as city, of which nine were common drunks, the rest being petty cases.

The births registered last month number ten; marriages, eight; deaths, three.

The Opposition party in South Nanaimo expect to select a candidate on Saturday, who will meet with the approval of the electors of the constituency who are of the Opposition side.

Rev. Mr. Welsh has been duly called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in this city, to replace Rev. E. G. Good.

The Board of Trade have appointed a committee to make arrangements for a banquet to Dr. E. H. Praeger, who leaves for California about the 12th instant.

The farewell reception held in the Masonic hall, Wellington, on Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. John Bryden, brought together well nigh the whole community, everyone being anxious to give expression to their appreciation of Mrs. Bryden's active work in the settlement during her residence at Wellington. Addresses were delivered by the Ladies' Guild of St. Matthew's church and by the congregation. Mrs. Bryden was also made the recipient of a handsome piece of plate.

The electric railway proposition has undergone yet further modification, and in its amended state will be laid before the City Council at its next meeting on Monday evening. The company now agrees to secure the city in its guarantee by letting it retain the money due for city lighting until the interest each year is paid. They further agree to furnish the city with extra lights at a cheaper rate. The guarantee is only asked for 20 years in place of 25. With the changes herein specified it is thought that the proposition will be unanimously endorsed by the council, as it already is by the majority of business men.

Judgment was given this morning in the suit of George Vipond against the city. Plaintiff was granted judgment for the amount paid into court $695. Judgment went for the defendants for all the other points with costs. The suit was for $5,000 for extra work and damages arising out of plaintiff's contract with the city for grading the Newcastle townsite.

The customs returns for May were: Duty collected, $4,758 44; imports, free, $868; dutiable, $15,581.

Judge Harrison this afternoon granted an injunction to restrain G. F. Cane, Gallagher's assignee from collecting any moneys due the Telegram.

PLUMPER PASS.

PLUMPER PASS, May 30.—A special service was held here on Sunday afternoon last by Rev. Canon Beanlands, of Victoria, in connection with the drowning at sea of Henry Georgeson and J. T. Bodine of the schooner Libbie on the 23rd April. Both of the young men have been associated with this place from their infancy. Georgeson was the son of the lightkeeper at Active Pass, and the sympathy of the entire neighborhood is manifested towards the relatives of both the deceased.

KASLO.

(From the Times.)

Mining news circulates rapidly and mysteriously among the Chinese. As an illustration of the fact about a dozen Chinamen came in on the Ainsworth on Thursday to do placer work on the South Fork of Kaslo creek. Some of them were from Victoria and Vancouver.

In the north riding of West Kootenay J. W. Haskins has retired in favor of William Brown, who avowed himself an opponent of the Government at a public meeting held in Revelstoke last Saturday evening.

By-law No. 18, authorizing a contract for electric light and power plant, and loan by-law No. 1, authorizing a water loan of $[illegible],000, were carried.

NEW DENVER.

From the Nelson Tribune.)

The Cordelia, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, on which Messrs. Mitchell and Burns have been doing development work for the last two months, is said to be looming up big.

Most encouraging reports have come down from the Noonday.

G. W. Hughes has been in New Denver the greater part of a week. He brought through two surveyors who are making a thorough survey of the workings on the Mountain Chief mine. The Chief looks as well as ever, but short shifts are the rule in the upraise from the lower tunnel, the air is so bad. Mr. Hughes' interests are now all on the Slocan lake slope of Carpenter creek and Four-mile creek and from now on New Denver will be his headquarters.

A. D. Coplen is engaged in putting up a stamp mill on a gold property in Idaho which he has held since 1884. It will take all the resources of himself and his partners to make the enterprise a success. A. D. Coplen has always been a staunch believer in New Denver and says that as soon as he gets his stamps working he will return and invest. He made a sale of the Apex No. 2 to George Hughes while here. The consideration was $2,500. The Apex No. 2 is an extension of the Mountain Chief.

Mr. Thompson, the steamboat inspector, has passed the W. Hunter, and the steamer makes daily trips to the head of Slocan lake.

A few men have been put to work by J. J. Moynahan on the Wakefield group on Fourmile, but as all supplies have to be packed in by men no extensive development work is being yet attempted.

R. F. Green's visit to the Slocan gave rise to a rumor that that original owners of Rosebery had quarreled with the construction company and tied up the property by means of an injunction. The rumor was a falsehood, and the sale of the property is now in order.

W. J. Goepel, the new gold commissioner, left for Nakusp yesterday morning, after visiting Nakusp and Silverton. He thinks the road between New Denver and Three Forks can be fixed without too much expense. The new record office at New Denver is to be started shortly.

Messrs. Moore & Humphreys will put in a concentrator of 100 tons capacity on the Alamo mine this summer.

As the season advances more men are going to work on the hills. A few here and a few there soon decreases the number of idlers.

H. H. St. John has been bought out of the Idaho and St. John mines by Captain Moore.

A. J. Murphy has returned from the Lardeau. He went in along with his partner Jim Gilhooley to see the Black Prince. They found too much snow there to do anything. The placer miners on the Lardeau have made good pay this winter.

CHICAGO, May 30.—Mordecai Hopkins, the veteran journalist, who was Wilbur F. Story's right hand man on the Times for so many years, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ball, in Grand Rapids, Mich. His editorials helped to make the Times famous during the hot days of the rebellion, and it was his stinging comments that caused Secretary of War Stanton to issue an order which kept the paper suppressed for nine days.

CHIEF JUSTICE COLERIDGE.

LONDON, May 31.—Rumors were extensively circulated to-day that the right Hon. Lord Chief Justice of England has tendered his resignation to Lord Rosebery. The rumor also took the form that the eminent jurist had intimated to a member of the cabinet that he had reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that his long tenure of service to his country was practically ended and that he felt it incumbent on him to announce that the possibility of his resuming his position on the bench was remote. At Lord Coleridge's residence in Belgrave Square no confirmation or denial of the report could be obtained. It was admitted, however, that for nearly a month past the Lord Chief Justice had been confined to bed with a serious internal disorder and that for the past ten days his condition has been serious and that his medical attendant Dr. John Cavendish Hale has considered it necessary to call Sir William Broadbent the eminent specialist into daily consultation. It was also stated that although his condition had in a measure improved, it would be impossible even under the most favorable circumstances for the Lord Chief Justice to leave his bed for several weeks. These developments created a sensation as the fact of his Lordship's illness had been concealed from the public.

Y.M.C.A. JUBILEE.

LONDON, May 31.—Delegates to the great international and Jubilee convention of Young Men's Christian Associations are rounding up here to-day preparatory to the opening of the Convention to-morrow morning. The American delegates gave a conversazione at the Cannon Street Hall last night, at which many of the delegates from England and the continent were present. George Williams, the founder of the Y.M.C.A., was the special guest of honor. Distinguished attentions are being paid by the local committee to Hon. John Wanamaker; Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, F. P. Raville, J. E. Defabaugh, and others of the American delegates. The arrivals to-day included 200 delegates from Germany, 150 from Sweden, 75 from Holland, 100 from France, 150 from the United States, from the Australian colonies and other parts. The International committee decided to get out a Jubilee medal in honor of the convention. The opening services to-morrow will take place in Westminster Abbey and the demand for tickets is enormous. Right. Hon. Dr. Temple, Lord Bishop of London will deliver an address to the delegates. To-morrow evening the venerable Geo. Williams will give his reminiscences of the founding of the Y.M.C.A. which are to be incorporated into the official history of the organization.

CONSUMPTION AMONG CATTLE.

STOCKTON, May 31.—A few days ago Dr Ruggles, president of the State Board of Health, and Dr. Orivis, a veterinary surgeon, inoculated tuberculin into a herd of cows at the Insane Asylum to determine whether or not the animals were affected with consumption. The temperature of the animals showed that several cows were diseased. Two of the animals were killed to-day and their lungs and other organs were closely examined by experimenters and several doctors connected with the asylum, and three veterinaries were present from other cities. The autopsy showed that the test was accurate and that the animals were badly affected with tuberculosis. The condition of the lungs of both animals was surprising even to the veterinarians, who were well read in the use of tuberculin. One of the cows was known to be sick and was farrow, but the other was a fine looking Holstein with a young calf. The latter cow was in an advanced state of consumption. The test will be further proved by killing other animals.

TAPPING THE TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, May 31.—For some time the police have been endeavoring to find the source of the telegraph race reports to various pool rooms and until Tuesday they were at sea. Then they learned that a sporting man had constructed a system whereby the wires of the Western Union could be tapped or "rubbed" and the results of the races in all parts of the country secured. By means of insulators the wires leading from the Tremont House to the Western Union building at Clark and Jackson streets were rubbed and a successful scheme of pirating conducted at a great advantage to the pool rooms as well as the pirates. Captain Duffy, of the central police station, heard of this and hit upon a plan to stop it. Securing the services of an expert electrician, he sent him to the place where the Western Union wires were "rubbed" and had the wires of the pirates cut.

LONDON, May 29.—The visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Leeds for the purpose of formally opening the extensive new buildings of Yorkshire college, has been definitely fixed to take place either in the last week of September or during the first week in October, and they are to be the guests of Mrs. Mynellingham, at Temple Newsam, one of the oldest and most splendid country seat in Yorkshire. Temple Newsam is famous for a very valuable collection of pictures, among which is one of the finest Titians in England.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Congressman Caminetti has arrived in this city on a hurried visit, bringing home his youngest son, who has been very ill. He says the tariff bill will probably pass the senate within two weeks and becomes a law by the middle of July, and further states that he doubts the authenticity of the report that the president would veto the bill unless coal and iron were put on the free list.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 30.—The Populist State Convention met yesterday. About 200 delegates were present, and more are arriving on each train. An organization was effected by the election of Dr. Taylor of Chicago chairman. Among the speakers will be National President Taubeneck of Washington and Paul Van Dervoore, commander of the people's party industrial legion of the United states.

THE FLOODS.

Fraser River Still Rising, and the Situation Practically Unchanged.

Government Doing the Utmost to Extend Help to Distressed Settlers.

Mission Bridge Still Standing, But No Railway Communication Yet Established.

Though the assurance was given by the C. P. R. Wednesday night that at least a portion of the long delayed mails for the coast would be got through last evening, none arrived. It is now promised that connection will be accomplished to-day, but the fulfilment of the premise will be difficult, as the waters are still rising all along the line. High water mark of 1882 has been reached and passed, and still the flood mounts higher. No further loss of life is reported, and the situation generally remains unchanged. The settlers on the lowlands are awaiting the arrival of relief with what patience they can command. The railway officials are exerting themselves to the utmost to reopen the avenues of communication in their charge, and all are anxiously watching for some indication that the climax has been reached. The Fraser at North Bend is now a full foot higher than in the memorable flood of 1882, and still rising; while higher water is reported from Mission, Matsqui, Langley, Chilliwack, Westminster and other points in the inundated district. The railway company have been forced to a tacit acknowledgment that the aid of steamers must be enlisted for the present to connect the various links of the service, and the Transfer left Westminster yesterday morning for the Mission, intending to connect at Ruby creek, where she will receive the mails for delivery at the Royal City; thence they will be brought down to Victoria by the Islander to-day. The latter steamer leaves port this morning and has orders to render any assistance possible to the settlers in the distressed district. When the Premier went through Plumper Pass last evening at 4 the steamer R. P. Rithet, which had been ordered to Mission to act as ferry for passengers and mails, was still lying at the wharf storm-bound. There are now upwards of 250 passengers at Vancouver awaiting an opportunity to get through; contrary to expectations no train went out yesterday though a strong effort will be made to send one away at 9 this morning, the summer arrangement going into effect to-day. The reports brought back by the Transfer on her return to Westminster from up-river ports yesterday, were dramatic in the extreme, though woefully distressing. The whole settlement of Matsqui is now under water to the foothills, dykes and bridges are gone, and the people are living in the upper stories of their desolated homes, stepping from second floor windows into their rowboats when it is necessary for them to move about. At Hatzic the Transfer sailed up over farms and fences, across the slough, Hatzic bridge and the dyke, and tied up to the rails of the C. P. R. track. The principal work of the day was the rescuing of cattle and stock of all kinds, an undertaking accomplished with much difficulty. All or almost all the small bridges, barns, fences, farm implements and outbuildings are out now, and the desolation of the fertile valley is complete.

From the Scene of Danger.

MISSION JUNCTION, May 31.—(Special.)—The steamer Transfer, on her way up to Ruby Creek to bring by way of the Fraser river the passengers and mails delayed for eight days by the destruction of the C.P.R. track in that neighborhood, along the way was called upon for many an act of relief of the flood sufferers, for though proceeding in a hurry upon a special errand, her captain did not ignore or treat with unconcern the numerous signals of distress made by anxious waiters at all possible stopping places.

The COLONIST special reporter proceeding on his trip through the flooded district, took the steamer at Langley, the position of affairs at which place was described yesterday, and twenty-four hours having brought no change save a rise of four inches in the water, making it now about six inches below the high water mark of 1882.

Above Langley on the right, ascending the bank, there are a constant succession of small farm houses in connection with holdings on the lower level, and these buildings were all found to be surrounded by water, seemingly standing far out in the stream. The wagon roads skirting the stream are washed away in so many places that they are altogether impassable, and Langley is in consequence accessible only by steamers.

Accustomed as all had become to the far-outstretching waters which had been passed, they proved as nothing compared to the desolation of the scene at Mission City, where the vessel arrived about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. At this point the Fraser river is spanned by a mighty wooden bridge, over which passes the traffic of the Whatcom branch of the C. P. R. This bridge is about three quarters of a mile long, including trestle work approaches, and past its southern end ran, or runs, for it still stands, the Matsqui dyke, extending three miles and a half in each direction up and down the river, having been made to protect the low-lying fertile land on the south side from the encroachment of the tide. The dyke is a most substantial looking affair, being about twelve feet wide at the base and six feet at the top; made of solid earth, heavily packed, and well bonded, it stood quite out of the water on both sides, open to constant inspection. Ever since the flood of the Fraser commenced to touch its base, watchmen have been on the lookout for any sign of weakness. Soon after daylight Monday morning, a small leak was discovered.

This rapidly became a serious breach, and the settlers on the land from which protection was thus withdrawn were hastily notified, and commenced the work of flitting with their live stock, most of which has now been brought to the high land on the Mission side with little loss.

During Monday there were breaks in several other places. A mile and a half below, the railway bridge gave way, so that now the water inside is almost up to the level of the Fraser, which will no doubt reach to-morrow the level lands for three or four miles along the complete length of the dyke. All this land is covered with a great depth of water. Fortunately a great part of this tract is not occupied, being still held for sale by non-resident owners, but there were about a thousand acres under crop, the crops of course being totally destroyed, while the occupants suffer heavy damage to buildings and the carrying away of moveables.

The Principal Sufferers.

include:

H. F. Page, one of the dyking commissioners, who had 150 acres under crop and large herds of cattle.

Embro Bros., two young men who came from England four years ago, and by unremitting energy had got their farm into comfortable condition, with 50 acres cropped, lose nearly all the fruits of their toil.

Applebee Bros., C. J. Sim, Wm. Elliott, A. H. Howell, C. B. Sword and T. H. Morshon are among the other heavy losers, and there were probably twenty-five settlers besides who have lost severely through the misfortune.

The dyke has been completed since 1889, but this was the first occasion when it was tried. It seems simply to have not been strong enough, and the report that the break occurred at a spot weakened by cutting for drainage purposes, is said to have been wholly without foundation. What the owners of the dyked lands will do now, they have not determined. Some who have lost all the capital are greatly discouraged, but others urge repairing and strengthening throughout, in confidence that with this extra precaution the fertile prairie which the dyke encloses will soon repay them.

A meeting of all interested is to be held at an early day. One has only to visit the vicinity of the Mission bridge to realize the gravity of the interruption of railroad traffic and the impossibility of immediate resumptian of through trains on either side of the bridge. There was several hundred yards of high embankment leading up to the bridge level; the unusual pressure of the water from the swollen river, charged with the immense mass of debris, has undermined ar bodily driven away the earth and gravel af this embankment, and at many places only the rails are supporting the ties on their place.

Engine 154 is

Stalled Upon the Bridge.

and cannot get off on either side. The worst feature of the affair is that until the water subsides it will be difficult or impossible to proceed with the work of replacing these embankments as now it is rushing like a mill stream through the gaps on the Matsqui side of the bridge.

Not only is the embankment carried away as described, but further on, where track is laid on a lower level, it is for two or three miles under water, and the settlers rounding up their stray cattle were to-day rowing boats across the invisible line of the railway. This is on th atpart of the track which crossed country guarded by the dyke.

The railway interruptions just noted are all on the Whatcom branch which separates from the main line at Mission though on the main line a few miles east of this point there is also a very serious washout on Hatzic slough. This has now been repaired. The great bridge at Mission is no longer considered to be in danger, as it is not thought that much more drift will come down, but a gang of men are still watching it. Mission townsite is far under water, the buildings there being approachable only by row boats, but the C.P.R. station and the Bellevue hotel, which are situated on the high land are well out of the water, and consequently favorite gathering places, where notes of the losses suffered are compared.

The Government Relief Fleet.

WESTMINSTER, May 31.—(Special.)—Premier Davie made a flying trip here to-day for the purpose of inquiring closely into the flood situation, and ascertaining in what direction Government aid could be most advantageously applied. He learned that there were about 200 head of cattle on Barnston island in imminent danger of perishing, and at once engaged the steamer Courser to proceed there, with scows on which to convey the cattle to the higher land. Mr. James Wise was put in charge of the steamer, which under his direction will proceed to whatever portions of the district most require its service for the relief of distress or the saving of property. The Transfer and Gladys have also been chartered by the Government and with the Courser form the relief fleet, which is doing excellent work.

The water came up another two and a half inches to-day, and at high tide the level of the Fraser was only seven and a half inches below high water mark of 1882 The situation up and down the river is unchanged. The general impression in the flooded districts is that the worst is over, and the settlers and others can do nothing now but wait patiently for the waters to subside. The cattle have been removed to places of safety and the lives of the settlers are not now in danger. About all the damage possible has been done, unless the river should rise two or three feet above the 1882 mark, when the consequences would be very disasterous.

The new bridge just completed on the North Arm at Richmond is shaky. The water has scoured out the fillings round the piles and there is danger of the structure sustaining serious damage, if the scouring continues. The water rose to the 1882 mark at Bon Accord last night. The wires are still down between Agassiz and Yale and no report of the water at the latter point could be obtained. Dispatches, however, came through from North Bend this morning. They were carried by hand to Yale and then by canoe to Ruby Creek, from where they were wired. This message stated that the water in the Fraser at North Bend when it left was a foot higher than in 1882 and still rising. The railway line is open from North Bend to Spence's Bridge.

The water rose last night fourteen inches over the C.P.R. track three miles west of Mission, but trains passed through the flood without difficulty. The situation at Mission was unchanged to-day. The bridge is still standing, though the approaches on both sides are partially washed out. The Fraser is still pouring through breaks in the Matsqui dyke on to the prairie, which is covered to a depth ranging from one to ten feet.

The steamer Gladys arrived down from Chilliwack and intermediate points this evening. She brought little news to add to what has already been told. The water rose three inches at Chilliwack last night. Only three families are sticking by their homes on Nicomen island. Two of the piers of Mission bridge are shaky, but the structure still stands.

C. P. R. Arrangements.

VANCOUVER, May 31.—(Special)—The train East was cancelled to-day on account of the C.P.R. Company's steamer Rithet being delayed by wind. The following notice was posted up in the C.P.R. office to-day:

"Passenger and mail train will start to-morrow for Mission; passengers will be transferred by the steamer Transfer to Ruby Creek, and thence embarked again on the train for all points East."

The company do not want to cause passengers any more delay than can be avoided, and it was thought better to keep them here, where they are comfortable in the hotels, than to taking the risk of tedious delays at the Mission. It is thought, however, that they may get safely through to-morrow.

The World started a subscription list to-night with $100 and the mayor and prominent citizens held a meeting to night to devise means of raising funds for the sufferers. The last report to-night from Westminster is that the Fraser is still rising.

A New Mark at Portland.

PORTLAND, May 30. — All high-water records were beaten here at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the river reached 28.9 feet above low water mark. The Union Pacific mails and passengers due here Saturday have not yet arrived. The Northern Pacific is now open from St. Paul to Kelso. At the latter place the west-bound passenger train was placed on the huge transfer boat Tacoma and brought to this city by water, a distance of about fifty miles. The boat arrived here this afternoon and immediately returned with the east-bound passenger train to Kelso.

The Union Pacific cannot get west of Umatilla. A boat will run down from the Snake river this evening, and to-morrow passengers and mails will be conveyed from Umatilla by boat to Celilo, thence by rail to The Dalles; by boat from The Dalles to the Cascades and over the Portage road to Bonneville, thence by boat to Portland. The Union Power Company was compelled to close down during the afternoon, seriously crippling the street care service.

From the Lower Columbia intelligence comes that operations have ceased at nearly all of the salmon canneries, and that fishing has been suspended and much damage is feared. Among the farmers living along the river a bad state of affairs is reported. A great many houses and barns are afloat, moored to the banks, and their owners are fearful that the swift current will carry them away. Thus far no serious losses have occurred.

The latest news from the Upper Columbia region is of a favorable nature. At Riparia the river has fallen one foot. At Umatilla there is a rise of four inches, while at The Dalles the water is at a standstill. A further rise of at least one foot is expected in this city.

Coconnully Devastated.

SPOKANE, May 30.—Word reached here to-day that the town of Coconnully, Okanogan county, on the Coconnully river, was swept away by the flood. Every business house in town was destroyed. Among the losers are: H. Harris, blacksmith; D. E. Wilson, merchandise store; Hunter & Co., general merchandise; A. W. Tulloch, drugs; C. F. Haul, hardware store; L. Linder, livery stable; William Shuffeldt, barber shop; H. W. Thompson, the Outlook and all the residences between the concentrator and the town, a distance of a mile and a half.

Mrs. Almira Keith lost her life. There is much suffering among the people, as they saved nothing.

Coconnully is the chief town of the Okanogan country. It has 700 people, and the nearest railroad and telegraph point is Coulee City, 105 miles distant. The flood was due to a rapid rise of Conconully creek, which runs through the town. The disaster occurred last Sunday morning. Saturday night the entire inland empire experienced a terrific lightning and rainstorm. It is believed by Conconully men now here that there was a cloudburst, and that this swept away the dam at the concentrator in the upper part of the town.

The Spokane river rose an inch last night, but to-day has been at a standstill. It is thought that to day's hot weather may bring another small rise, although it is believed the worst is over. The old Dent and Bradley bridge went out this morning, but did no material damage to bridges below. On the Cœur d'Alene branch of the Union Pacific 35 miles of track between Cataldo and Catcolit is under water. It will be all right as soon as the water falls, there being no current to wash it away. Between Wallace and Burke more than two miles of track are completely gone. The Northern Pacific branches are reported in like condition.

High Water in Kootenay.

From all sections of southern Kootenay come reports of high water interfering with mining operations. On Forty-nine creek, the Nelson Hydraulic company is unable to begin sluicing. On Eagle creek the Poorman mill has had to shut down. On Toad mountain five feet of snow disappeared in three days, and water interfered with work in all the shafts. On Salmon river, the Kleinschmidt company has to suspend operations. On Sheep creek, a tributary of Salmon river, Hill & Co., had their sluice-boxes washed away. At the Dardanelles mine, in the Slocan, the pumps had to be pulled out. Carpenter Creek was never so high, to the knowledge of "old-timers." Cottonwoon-Smith creek is a river. The outlet is a lake. And with it all the finest weather ever had in any country on earth. The big slide on the Three Forks side of the box canyon came down on Saturday night. George Hughes and A. D. Coplen who arrived in New Denver about eight in the evening must have had a narrow escape. On Monday afternoon it came down again bigger than ever. The snow is piled up over the wagon road to a height of sixty feet. A great deal of the work done by engineer Gillette and his gang on the canyon bridge has been swept away in the flood. The loss must have been not less than $500. Carpenter creek has been an angry stream for the last two days and the rush of water through the canyon is a sight to see.—Nelson Tribune.

LONDON, May 31—Fifteen hundred troops and five hundred horses took part in the opening of the Royal military tournament at the Royal Agricultural hall. The Prince of Wales and a party of friends were present at the opening exercises.