AIR NAVIGATORS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Four Men in Germany Make Trips With Fatal Results—One Balloon Driven Out to Sea by the High Wind

STETTIN, Germany, April 4.—The German balloon Pommern, which made an ascension here yesterday, met with a series of accidents which ended in a disaster in the Baltic sea. Three men lost their lives, including the Radical member of the reichstag, Werner Hugo del Brueck.

Herr del Brueck and another member of the party were drowned, a third occupant of the car was picked up unconscious and died from his injuries, while the fourth was rescued in a serious condition.

The Pommern, carrying del Brueck, who was acting as pilot, a banker, Herr Sommelhardt; an architect, Herr Benduhn, and a man named Hein, ascended early in the afternoon at the gas works. The wind at the time was blowing a gale and the Pommern broke away before she had been completely ballasted.

The chapter of accidents began immediately. The balloon collided with telegraph wires which broke, almost overturning the basket. It then dashed against the roof of a neighboring factory, destroying the smokestack. With the basket swaying wildly and half of its ropes cut, the balloon soared to a great altitude and disappeared in the clouds at a terrific speed.

Thousands of onlookers, including a detachment of soldiers, who had assisted in the ascent, ran along the roads, expecting the basket to break away. The balloon, however, was not seen again until it reached Swinemunde, 36 miles northwest of Stettin, over which it passed at a height of 6,000 feet in the direction of the sea. Tugs followed in its track and one of them which had outdistanced the others, was almost directly under it when suddenly the balloon fell into the sea.

The tug steamed to the spot quickly, but the work of rescue was difficult. Already del Brueck and Benduhn had disappeared, but Sommelhardt and they were dragged to the ropes and they were ragged aboard the vessel. Hein died shortly afterwards.

BRESLAU, Prussia, April 4.—Prof. Richard Abegg, a distinguished chemist, and professor of chemistry at the University of Breslau, was fatally injured while attempting a landing following a balloon flight. Prof. Abegg ascended here yesterday in the baloon Silisca. He was accompanied by a woman relative and engineer Karl Gerstel. Strong wind currents were encountered, and when the balloon reached the vicinity of Tessin, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, it was decided that it would be dangerous to continue the flight. Accordingly, the gas valve was opened and the balloon dropped slowly to the earth. Gerstel and the woman landed safely, but the professor could not get out of the basket, a gust of wind caught up the half deflated bag and dragged the basket along the ground for some distance. Abegg's skull was crushed and his legs broken. He died soon afterwards.

SUGAR CARRIER IS A MODERN FREIGHTER

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 6.—The steamer Baron Bridger, which is now at the sugar refinery, discharging 6,300 tons of Java sugar, is a fine type of the modern British freighter, and the fact that she is a new steamer gives added interest to her visit. It was only last May that the vessel was launched at Port Glasgow, for Hogarth & Sons, and this is her second voyage. Her maiden trip was to Calcutta and home, and then the steamer loaded on the Tyne for Genoa. From Genoa she went to Bombay and Calcutta, thence to Tuticorin and Colombo and afterwards to Java, where she loaded her present cargo for Vancouver.

The Baron Ogilvy is 400 feet over all, 52 feet beam, and draws, when fully loaded, 24 fet 2 inches. She is modern in every respect, and Chief Engineer McGill has some beautiful engines under his charge. The Ogilvy is a big carrier, as her 6,500 tons of sugar show, and crossing the Pacific she had an opportunity to show her powers against a bad sea. After leaving Moji, where she coaled on March 10, the steamer met with dirty weather accompanied by huge seas, and it was not until she was three days off this coast that the weather moderated.

Her cargo of sugar was loaded at Tjilitjap, which is the best port in Java, and the vessel brings word that one of the Blue Funnel steamers, which operate to Japan under the Dutch flag, has come to grief at Sourabayat, sinking after going aground. When the Ogilvy left, the vessel had 17 feet of water in her. She was inward bound, with general cargo.

Captain Bridger, who is accompanide by his wife, is making his first visit to Vancouver. He was formerly commander of the Baron Balfour. Mr. Bewsher, the chief officer, however, is no stranger to British Columbia, for seven years ago he was on the British steamer Warfield, which carried coal between Ladysmith and San Francisco for 14 months.

The sugar, which comes from Java, is packed in bamboo baskets, lined with leaves, in contrast to the Mauritius and Fiji sugar, which comes in sacks. So far no use for the bamboo has been found, and the baskets are burned, although in eastern America the baskets are first boiled to extract the percentage of sugar absorbed.

Hogarth & Sons, owners of the Baron Ogilvy, have a fleet of some 14 fine steamers, among them are the Baron Napier, Baron Balfour, Baron Ardrossan, Baron Cawdor, Baron Eldon, Baron Fairlie, Baron Innerdale, Baron Lovet, Baron Minto and Baron Dalmeny.

The Ogilvy arrived on April 1, and so far no charter has been arranged for her outwards, although a rumor is circulating that she will load lumber on the Columbia River for Australia.

CARGO FOR MUKILTEO FOR EVERETT G. GRIGGS

Barges Take Lumber Previously Refused from Puget Sound—Will Be Loaded on Barkentine

Four hundred thousand feet of lumber was towed from the Canyon Lumber Co., at Mukilteo, yesterday, to Chemainus, to be loaded on the barkentine Everett G. Griggs. The consignment is the same which Capt. E. R. Sterling, the new owner of the Griggs, refused to take aboard some time ago because of its condition.

The Griggs, after leaving Seattle some time ago, went to Mukilteo to load 600,000 feet of lumber for Hind, Rolph & Co., for shipment to South Africa. After 200,000 feet had been taken on, a heavy sea began to run, and the remaining 400,000 on the barges was soaked. Capt. E. R. Sterling refused to take the lumber on, and shortly left for Chemainus, to complete. In the interim, Hind, Rolph & Co. and Capt. Sterling arranged matters with the result that he will now take the lumber.

Attempts to Kill Woman

WINNIPEG, April 5.—A. C. Smith, a colored man, and son of a Toronto barber, was today sentenced to seven years in prison for attempting to kill his paramour. He brought the girl here from Toronto, and when she refused to live with him any longer he shot her, but the wound was not serious.

Loading at Moodyville

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 5.—The news that the bark Kate Thomas was sunk off Falmouth, with the loss of the skipper and wife, mate and wife, and fifteen hands, while towing round the coast, recalls the fact that it was either this vessel or the Annie Thomas which loaded lumber at this port. Shipping men are divided upon this point this morning. Some maintained that the Kate Thomas loaded at Moodyville in 1896, or thereabouts, while others claim that it was the Annie Thomas. The vessels are owned by William Thomas, Sons & Co., of London, Liverpool and Cardiff, and the Boadicea and Rowena, which loaded here a year ago are owned by this firm.

CONFERENCE FAILS OF A SETTLEMENT

Vexed Question of Provincial Company Incorporated in the Same Status as Before Ottawa Consultation

Letters from Deputy Attorney-General Maclean, received at the department yesterday, give particulars of the fruitless inter-provincial conference just held at Ottawa on the question of Provincial company incorporation law, the point at issue being the right of Provincially incorporated companies to extend their business operations beyond the territorial boundaries of the incorporating provinces, under such conditions as may be imposed, in the form of extra-provincial license or registration, by the provinces or foreign countries invaded in the pursuit of business.

Mr. Maclean notes in his letter that the minister of justice for Canada expressed a willingness to refer the point at issue for determination to the courts, but the represented provinces were unanimously opposed to the adoption of such procedure. It was held that the right had been claimed and exercised in the incorporation of companies during the past forty years, and that to acquiesce in such a reference as proposed would be to inferentially call into question the authority which in the past has thus been exercised.

The decision in the case of the Ottawa fire insurance company, which brings the matter of Provincial jurisdiction to the fore, is now in the provinces' favor. Private litigation is expected ere long to bring the matter in issue to a head.

The conference, as had been anticipated from the beginning by the authorities of British Columbia, resulted in no accomplishments.

ERNA LIBELLED AT SAN FRANCISCO

Delayed Jebsen Liner Finally Sailed From the Golden Gate Yesterday Afternoon for Victoria

Steamer Erna of the Jebsen line, long delayed at San Francisco, left that port at 5 p. m., yesterday for Victoria, according to advices received yesterday by R. V. Winch & Co. The Erna, which put back to San Francisco with leaky boilers some weeks ago and had to effect temporary repairs, was expected to have sailed two days ago for this port, she was held back, however, owing to libel proceedings taken against the vessel by Barneson & Hibberd of San Francisco. Bonds were given and the steamer sailed yesterday afternoon, after being released.

The suit, according to Jebsen & Ostrander, is an old one, and is in the nature of a dispute between underwriters in which the firm are intermediaries only. It originated, it is claimed in a collision between the German steamer Mariechan, now in Seattle harbor, and a vessel owned by the Libelants in 1906. The Mariechan was subsequently submerged and half sunk in this harbor April 7, 1906. She was raised and sent north and in False bay a short time afterwards she foundered. She was again raised by the B. C. Salvage Co. of Esquimalt, and taken to Seattle, where she has since remained.

Jeffries Is Confident.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 4.—Expressing entire confidence in his ability to get into condition for a long fight with Jack Johnson, James Jeffries arrived from Los Angeles en route to his training quarters in the Santa Cruz mountains. He will go to his camp tomorrow, accompanied by his manager, San Berger, and the usual retinue of rubbers and trainers. Berger said today in Jeffries' hearing that they expected to win from Johnson in ten rounds or less, and the fighter smiled approval of the statement, although he said nothing.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Skilled labor is in strong demand for the mills of the Kootenays.

Hope is looking forward to the erection of a $75,000 hotel.

A light shock of earthquake was felt at the Nelson jail on Sunday last.

James Pooley, the Nicola rancher, claims a record in having already sown 1200 acres with grain.

The newly-organized Delta Board of Trade is advocating a tram car system for the Delta.

The builders and contractors of Prince Rupert have organized a builders' exchange.

Deputy-Minister Scott of the Department of Agriculture, was the guest of honor of the Nelson Canadian club.

Kamloops clerks are petitioning the merchants of that city for a weekly half-holiday.

The first annual fruit fair to be held in the Arrow lakes' district will take place at Nakusp on October 6 and 7.

Owing to a mishap to the dynamo at the city station, Moyie was left in darkness for three nights of last week.

Three victims of the "Arthur B." wreck were interred at Vancouver on Monday last.

Kaslo's Board of Trade is vigorously pressing the campaign for municipal ownership of the telephone system.

Extensive improvements to the roadbed of the Eholt-Phoenix line have been begun by the C. P. R.

Ladysmith's council has agreed to supply electric light to persons just outside the city limits at one cent above the charge to city consumers.

New Westminster's streets are in such bad condition that grocers and fuel merchants find it impossible to deliver orders in certain districts.

An authoritative denial is given to the report that the big Aurora mine near Moyie is to close down temporarily.

Nelson's Inland Revenue returns for March amounted to $3,933.2, approximately double the return for the corresponding month of last year.

Nelson capitalists are erecting a first class hotel at Princeton.

The St. Eugene concentrator at Moyie is now being run by water power.

Delta's newly-formed board of trade already has a membership of upwards of sixty.

Vancouver's Park Board has determined to stand to its guns in the street widening matter.

Vancouver has now still another Masonic lodge, known as Kilwinning Lodge.

The major portion of the new Delta waterworks system will be completed by autumn of the present year.

The estimates of the Nanaimo city council for the current year provide for expenditures of $70,578, inclusive of $24,262 for schools.

Kelowna has appointed Robert Golightly, formerly of Bridgewater, N. S., city constable, at a salary of $70 monthly.

Lost in the bush and frozen to death within a short distance of a human habitation was the fate of a lineman named C. Davis, near the Mother Lode mine last week.

The case of J. J. Bottger and James Madison, charged with keeping a common gaming house under the title of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, has been further adjourned at Vancouver.

The Baptists of Vancouver will, on the 20th instant, lay the corner-stone of a handsome new church edifice, to cost approximately $100,000. It is to be ready for the first services by September.

The death occurred at Ladysmith a few days ago of Mrs. Agnes McMillan, aged 61, for some time past a resident of the neighbor coal mining town.

March was the lightest month on record for the Nelson jail, but six prisoners having been incarcerated during the month.

The Nicola Valley Coal Co. is boring two new tunnels at the Middlesboro mines, to increase its coal area, and will produce 1,500 tons daily if the C. P. R. will furnish the cars to handle this output.

The coroner's jury investigating the case of Amet Shibben's death at Vancouver, found that death resulted through a fracture of the skull caused by Shibben falling on the tiled floor of the Iroquois hotel bar, while intoxicated; and recommended the cancellation of the bartenders' licenses, the hotel also being severely censured.

Vancouver's Harbor Improvement committee and the False Creek Property Owners' association have failed to reach the expected agreement.

Dr. Hastings, of Ottawa, head of the milk commission operating under the auspices of the Canadian Medical association, is in Vancouver conferring with the local authorities on the "pure milk" question. It is understood that the federal authorities contemplate legislation that will give civic authorities control over the milk supply in their respective jurisdictions, and Dr. Hastings is obtaining all possible information in order that Ottawa may be advised as to the best regulations to be adopted.

Fort George is asking for immediate connection with the Yukon telegraph line.

Miss Lena Hughes is now leading in the Nanaimo May Queen contest.

Vancouver journeyman plumbers are now receiving $5 a day.

The Nanaimo mines produced 48,000 tons of coal during March—a record in output.

Edwin Machin, for many years city librarian of Vancouver, is dead at the age of seventy-seven.

A convention of the Liberals of the interior is to be held this week at Nelson.

$100,000 is estimated as the cost of the new B. C. E. R. Co. offices at New Westminster.

A bridge will be built by the Government across the Salmon River at Braden & Johnston's mill.

John Hanbury's new sawmill on False Creek, Vancouver, is to be operated by electric power.

Dr. Knight, of the Department of Agriculture, will visit Salmon Arm on Saturday, to discuss the formation of a creamery association for the district.

Grand Forks' police commissioners have made it a rule that all hotel and saloon bars close hereafter at 11.30 each and every week day.

Many bears have of late been shot by the Indians above the Capilano canyon, about eight miles out of Vancouver.

It is announced that the provincial government will erect an isolation hospital near Grand Forks during the present summer.

The merchants of Salmon Arm have decided to have no half-holiday this summer, but to close all places of business at 6 o'clock the year round.

Vancouver's license commissioners support Mayor Taylor in his pertinent questioning of licensees as to the manner in which they conduct their premises.

It is announced by Chief Mathias, of the Capilanos, that all the Indians of the Pacific Coast will join in erecting a marble vault for the late Joe Capilano.

J. Keleker, a timber cruiser, while partially intoxicated, fell thirty feet to the hard ground below his hotel, window at Nelson the other day. Her injuries are serious.

The general strike at present disturbing industrial conditions at Frank, is in no way likely to extend to the British Columbia mines of the Crow's Nest field.

Thomas Westover, of Stone & Westover, Milestone, Sask., is at New Westminster, looking over the field with a view to the establishment of a pork packing plant.

The Brackman-Ker Milling Co. are examining properties with a view to the probable erection of large offices and storerooms on their property on the New Westminster esplanade.

Fred and James Belanger, implicated in the Coal Creek holdup case, have asked for a speedy trial, expressing a desire to "plead guilty and take the medicine."

L. E. Miller, teller in the Fernie branch of the Home Bank, was tendered a complimentary banquet last week, on the occasion of his departure, on transfer, for Winnipeg.

Harvey Gorman, alias William Cummings, a recent arrival from Pensylvania, is under arrest at Fernie, accused of having attacked an unknown man at the Roma hotel, and horribly gashed his throat with a razor.

A real estate agent named Cannon has been arrested at Fernie on a charge of fraud, in the misrepresentation of property. Cannon is said to have been disposing of bare mountains as choice fruit lands.

The deputy minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa has written the secretary of the New Westminster Board of Trade that he has referred the board's representations regarding the Fraser fishing, to the members of the International Fisheries Commission. None of the points have as yet been determined to which New Westminster raised objection.

The Canadian Northern has decided to name its new townsite on the south side of the Fraser "Port Mann." In order to do full justice to the vice-president it is to be made something of a model town.

An analysis of the water from the lake at Okanagan Landing, made by the Government analyst, shows it to be totally unfit for domestic use, and a sample taken one hundred yards from shore was but little better.

Word has been received in New Westminster from Hugh Guthrie, M.P., the Royal City's solicitor in the Coquitlam dam case at Ottawa, to the effect that the city's appeal against the decision of the Dominion government in granting the Vancouver Power Co. the right to erect an 85-foot dam at the head of Coquitlam lake, will be heard at Ottawa in June. No decision has as yet been reached as to whether the city will apply for an injunction restraining the company from proceeding with the dam until this appeal has been decided.

Fruit growers of the Kootenay district wish the Dominion Express Co. to guarantee the continuance of the barge service on Okanagan lake from year to year so as to give security in the planting of increased acreage. They also urge that the C. P. R. establish this year a free-cooling warehouse at Kootenay Landing or some suitable point on Kootenay Lake; that the minimum car lot should be reduced, and that the C. P. R. grant leave for the opening of cars in transit to permit of the distribution of the contents.

The output of the C. N. P. Coal Co. for March was 112,000 tons—a record production.

Falling overboard from the steamer Georgia at New Westminster about midnight Monday, W. Creeden saved his life by clinging to a pile and shouting lustily until help arrived.

A handsome trophy has been awarded by Thomas Taylor and Hon. Dr. Young, for competition between the football teams of the Ladner and Westham Island public schools.

J. H. Brownlee, C. E., has a force at work sub-dividing an addition to the Hope Townsite, for Hon. Edgar Dewdney. The new addition will contain 740 lots.

A new stamp mill is being installed on the McLennan property on Graham Island, which promises to be an important gold camp. The Island Valley Railway will give it adequate transportation.

The largest cash transaction in realty put through in the New Westminster district in some time was recorded Monday when City Auditor W. J. Walker of the Royal City, sold eighty acres on the new Yale road, Surrey, to the Canadian Northern, for $80,000, cash.

W. S. Hawes fo Butte, Mont., F. W. Mason, a mine surveyor, and Joseph Thomas, assistant superintendent of the mines at Coeur d'Alene, have been visiting Phoenix, and the famous Franklin camp, reporting on properties which F. Aug. Heinze is likely to purchase.

At a cost of $20,000, the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Co. has built a mile and a quarter of railway from its mines at South Wellington to Fiddick's Junction, over which coal will be transported, making the company independent of the E. & N. in the matter of facilities for handling its output.

I. O. Graham, right-of-way agent for the E. & N. railway company, stated while in Nanaimo on Monday that the right-of-way for the railway from Comox to Campbell river has all been arranged and he is now working on the section between Comox and French Creek. No difficulty is anticipated in making terms with the owners of the land along the proposed route.

Speaking to the Nelson Daily News, R. S. Lennie said recently that from conversations he had with Premier McBride, he knew the Provincial Government to be in thorough sympathy with the movement to have the Dominion government operate the zinc smelter at Nelson for its experiments in the treatment of zinc ores. The Provincial government had been consulted in every step that had been taken, said Mr. Lennie, and the proposition had its cordial support.

This year the members of the Kamloops fire brigade intend adopting a new rule in the election of a May Queen. Instead of allowing a girl of any age to be nominated and voted upon as in past years, an age limit has been set, and this year girls over twelve years of age will be barred. Only public school children and those of similar grades in the private schools will be allowed to vote. As May 1 falls upon a Sunday this year, the celebration will be held on Friday, April 29.

In an address to Conservative workers at Vancouver on Thursday evening, Mr. George H. Cowan, M. P., reviewed the work of the five Conservative members for British Columbia in the parliamentary session now drawing to a close. He paid a high tribute to the debating abilities of the members of the opposition, declaring them to be superior in debate to those of the government benches. Referring to what had been accomplished for British Columbia during the session Mr. Cowan stated that through the efforts of the five members the province had received more attention than ever before. The secret of this had been that the five members had throughout stood solidly together.

An interesting legal fight is now under way between the British Columbia Copper company and the C. P. R. in connection with railway's right-of-way over the Oro Denoro mine. The track runs over the outlet of the property and prevents the mining of a large tonnage of valuable ore, the railway company claims the prior title. As a result of the C. P. R. branch to Wellington camp crossing a carbonate claim and the grading covering 100 feet of tunnelling and other development work the owner, John Buckley, has taken action against the company for trespassing. The carbonate is close to the British Columbia Copper's Jackpot group, and besides the work done on the property Buckley had 100 tons of good ore on the dump, the values in gold, silver and copper aggregating upwards of $50 per ton.

The pitiful details of a terrible domestic tragedy which resulted in the death at Prince Rupert of Mrs. Emma Lofstedt, wife of Charles Edward Lofstedt, a rock driller and miner engaged at the time of the homicide on G. T. P. construction work at the Pacific terminal, are unfolded in the depositions of some half a dozen witnesses, taken at the preliminary hearing of Lofstedt before J. O. McMullin, S. M., on the charge of wife-murder, which hearing took place a few days ago at Prince Rupert. The result was a committal, the accused reserving any statement in defence or extenuation and being now on his way to Vancouver, where his trial is listed to take place at the spring assize on the 2nd proximo.

Two of the most important witnesses against their father are the little son and daughter, who were playing in their swing, just after the supper hour and while their mother was "washing up the dishes." They tell how they heard the father and mother talking; how the unfortunate mother ran out of the house, the father pursuing her and throwing her from the verandah, afterwards jumping upon and striking her repeatedly.

Crying with terror, and impelled by their mother's supplication to run and get help or she would be killed, they sought the nearest neighbors. These tell of the finding of the poor woman in a dying condition, of attending her until the end came between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, and of Lofstedt's admission that he had been responsible for the blows that caused her death, "because she was going to run away with another man."

The verdict of the coroner's inquest supports the committal, being to the effect that "the deceased Emma Lofstedt came to her death through blows inflicted with some blunt instrument by Charles Edward Lofstedt, her husband."

BEAR MAKES FAST RUN FROM ATLANTIC

New Steamer for Trade Between Portland and San Francisco Reaches Bay City

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Completing a voyage of 13,612 miles, the new steamer Bear, in command of Capt. Charles F. Austin, arrived in port yesterday, fifty-eight days out from New York.

The Bear is to operate in the service of the San Francisco-Portland Steamship Co., between this port and the Columbia River ports. Her sister ship, the Beaver, which is also new, is now en route from the East coast to Portland.

The Bear has a steel hull and is a vessel of 4,507 gross tons. There are 91 state rooms, with berths for 273 cabin passengers. There are accomodations also for 105 steerage passengers.

RACE TRACK BETTING

Agnew-Perkins Bills Likely to Be Passed by New York Legislature

ALBANY, N. Y., April 5—The Agnew-Perkins bills, prohibiting oral bookmaking and repealing the exemption from general responsibility which members of racing associations now enjoy under the Percy-Gray law, were advanced to the order of final passage in this assembly today after a vigorous effort to have them recommitted for a hearing.

This course was combatted by assemblyman Perkins, backed by Chairman Fawler of the codes committee, both of whom declared that during the two months the bills were in committee not a single request for a hearing was received.

Mr. Clarke, of Brooklyn, who represents a district in which race track interests are prominent, insisted that his constituents were entitled to a hearing. Assemblymen Hoey and Foley, of New York, took the same view, but suggested that the proper reference was to the judiciary committee. The attempt to recommit the bills failed, the vote being 47 to 70 and another 37 to 74. Minority leader Wilsbe was one of the few Democrats who opposed recommittal on the final vote.

ARRESTS MADE IN LYTTON MURDER CASE

Indian and Halfbreed in Toils at Lillooet on Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Crime

Two men have been arrested at Lillooet on suspicion of having had some connection with the Lytton murder, whereby John B. Barrick, aged 78 years, was foully done to death on the morning of March 17th last. The men are Henry Aleck, an Indian, and Charles McGillivray, a halfbreed. Both men are known to have been at Lytton at the time of the murder, and to have left shortly afterwards. Suspicion was attracted to them through certain marks on their clothing, supposed to be bloodstains. These marks are now being analyzed and the provincial constables in the district are working up a case which it is believed will inculpate one or both of the men who are at present being held at Ashcroft and Lytton respectively.

The motive for the murder is supposed to have been robbery, although nothing in the store of the aged merchant had been touched. It is believe that the murderers were interrupted while at their work and fled.

The coroner's inquest in the case conducted by Dr. George Sancon, has just been brought to a conclusion, the finding being "That the deceased, John B. Barrick, was wilfully murdered by some party or parties unknown."

TO PRESERVE FRASER FROM CONTAMINATION

Provincial Authorities Not Favorable to Granting Request of the Chilliwack Council Regarding Sewage Disposal

The application of Chilliwack council for permission to construct its sewerage system with outfall into the Fraser river is not likely to be favorably entertained by the Provincial authorities, the Health act apparently being strictly antagonistic to any such proposal.

Some little time ago a similar application was received from the city of Revelstoke but disallowed on account of certain logging camps and other interests on the lower river taking their water supply from the Columbia. In the case of Chilliwack, it is true that the Fraser is not the source of supply for the domestic use of the citizens of New Westminster. Ladner and other points on the lower Fraser, but these might naturally object in any event to sewage deposits in the river flowing past their homes.

It is not expected that the list of business for consideration by the Provincial executive at its next meeting on Tuesday will be a lengthy one, the numerous appointments under consideration having been fairly well disposed of at last Thursday's meeting. The principal topic on the cards is that of the Vancouver trolley tenure, while an appeal is also listed from certain Vancouver realty men, with whom the council of that city is not in complete accord, regarding their sub-division offerings.

Plans have at last been filed by the Great Northern in connection with its New Westminster depot proposals, in connection with which operations were abruptly halted some weeks ago by order of the Provincial engineer. It is understood that the required guarantee of equal rights for other railways using the trans-Fraser bridge has now, however, as yet been forthcoming. The entire matter is still under government consideration.

COLLIER SUNK OFF HARBOR OF SYDNEY

Marama Brought Particulars of Sinking of the Currajong by the Coasting Liner Wyreema—One Man Drowned

News was brought by the Marama of a harbor collision at Sydney shortly before the steamer sailed, in which the new steamer Wyreema rammed the steam collier Currajong and sank this vessel. The pasenger steamer struck the collier a tremendous blow on the port side, cutting deep into the hull.

Vast volumes of water immediately commenced to pour in through the great gap in the side of the Currajong, and within the space of a minute it was only too evident that she was a doomed vessel. The water rapidly filled the engine-room, extinguishing the furnace fires; and the engineers and firemen, who remained at their posts as long as possible, were at last compelled to rush to the deck of the sinking vessel. Then there was a fear that the water coming into contact with the heated boilers would cause an explosion, but happily this did not take place.

Within a very short space of time, variously estimated at from two to four minutes, the Currajong was full of water, and commenced to settle down by the head. Eventually she took a terrific plunge, and sank bows first into deep water.

All hands on the Currajong were thrown into the harbor, and there were loud cries for help. The lifeboats of the Wyreema were quickly manned and launched, and proceeded to the assistance of the men struggling in the water. The night was somewhat dark, and it was difficult to locate the distressed seamen, but the lifeboat crews worked well, and within an incredibly short space of time succeeded in rescuing the whole of the crew of the Currajong, with the exception of one man, who is still missing. In view of the fact, however, that numbers of motor boats, sailing craft, and pulling boats came to the rescue, it is regarded as quite possible that the missing man was picked up.

The Wyreema remained in the vicinity for about half an hour, and cruised round and round in search of the missing man.

Premier Roblin Better

WINNIPEG, April 4.—Hon. R. P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, has returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he has been for the last two months for the benefit of his health. Although not fully recovered, the Premier has been greatly benefitted by his trip to the south.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$ 2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	2.00
Robin Hood, per sack	2.00
Calgary, a bag	1.75
Snowflake, a bag	1.85
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75
Three Star, per sack	1.80
Moffet's Best, per bag	1.85
Feedstuffs.	
Bran, per 100 lbs.	1.60
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	1.70
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	1.80
Oats, per 100 lbs.	2.60
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	2.35
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.75
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.90
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	1.80
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.05
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	2.05
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	20.00
Hay, prairie	19.00
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.40
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.30
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.10
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Alberta, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.35
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.35 @ .38
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.40
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.45
Salt Spring Is. Creamery, lb.	.45
Meats.	
Beef, per lb.	.08 @ .18
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ @ .20
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15 @ .18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18 @ .20
Guinea Fowls, each	.50
Chickens, per lb.	.25 @ .30
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.12½ @ .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20 @ .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 @ .22
Vegetables.	
Onions, 6 lbs for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.25
Beets, per lb.	.02
Carrots, per lb.	.02
Parsley, per bunch	.05
Celery, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers	.25 @ .35
Potatoes, per sack	1.50
Cauliflower, each	.20 @ .25
Cabbage, new, per lb.	.04
Lettuce, a head	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Fruit.	
Lemons, per dozen	.35
Figs, cooking, per lb.	.08 @ .10
Local Apples, per box	1.75 @ 2.50
Bananas, per dozen	.50
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25
Pineapples, each	.25 @ .50
Quinces, 3 lbs.	.25

Births Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

SHEARER—On the 30th inst., to the wife of J. R. Shearer, a son.

BOYD—On April 7, to the wife of Mr. A. E. Boyd, Government street, a daughter.

MARRIED.

TURNER-GIBSON—On 2nd April, at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, by the Rev. W. Haugh-Allen, James Ross, eldest son of the late Major G. H. Turner to Marie Falarton, eldest daughter of Archibald F. Gibson, of "Viewfield," Esquimalt road, Victoria, B. C.

DIED.

MACKENZIE—At Cliff Ranch Penticton, B. C., on the 24th inst., Andrew Donald Mackenzie, age 61 years, a native of Huntington, Quebec.

BLOOM—At St. Joseph's hospital, March 30th, 1910, John Bloom, head barber at the Empress hotel, aged 29 years, a native of Germany.