EXACTING DUTIES FOR KING GEORGE

Attention to Preparations for Funeral of His Father and to Affairs of State Throw Heavy Burden Upon Him

TRANSFER OF BODY TO WESTMINSTER HALL

Queen Mother Is Also Burdened With Many Cares—Many People Count on Renting Points of Vantage Profitably

LONDON, May 12.—From a life of comparative ease and retirement, King George suddenly finds himself one of the hardest worked officials in the Kingdom. In addition to spending considerable time daily at Buckingham Palace, comforting his widowed mother, he has to attend to multifarious duties connected with receiving and entertaining the royal guests and arranging the difficult details of the lying-in-state and funeral of Edward VII. Seven o'clock each morning finds His Majesty already at his desk.

The lying-in-state involves a great addition to the work of arranging the programme for the funeral, all the details of which will hardly be completed before Sunday. The procession to Westminster Hall on Tuesday for the lying-in-state will be almost on as great a scale as the funeral procession. The cortege will include King George and all the foreign sovereigns on horseback, and the Queen mother and the royal ladies in carriages. The body will be received by the members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, while the choirs of Westminster Abbey and the Chapel Royal and the band of the Coldstream Guards will participate in the musical services.

When the funeral procession starts on Friday, every tramcar in London will come to a standstill for a quarter of an hour. It is also proposed that all the public houses in London should be closed while the procession is passing.

The Queen Mother herself has been exceedingly busy since the death of the king. She has received a great number of visitors who have been privileged to enter the death chamber. These included, besides the members of the cabinet and the leaders of the Opposition, many ambassadors and other officials connected with the court and prominent men who were the intimate friends of Edward VII.

A note of discord in the universal mourning comes from Dublin, where at a meeting of the corporation today, seven members of the Sinn Fein society voted against the Lord Mayor's resolution to send a message of sympathy and condolence to the Queen Mother and royal family.

Ghoulish Profits.

Hundreds of carpenters already are at work erecting stands along the route that will be followed by the funeral procession, and owners of frontages are preparing to make the most of their good fortune. Twenty-five dollars to fifty dollars is obtained easily for a single seat at points of vantage, while a small upper room with a couple of tiny windows overlooking the street is considered a bargain for $500. On the more fashionable thoroughfares, like Piccadilly, from $2,000 to $3,000 is asked for the use of single rooms.

Emperor William.

BERLIN, May 12.—It was officially announced tonight that Emperor William would leave next Wednesday for London, arriving there on the following day. The date of his return after attending King Edward's funeral has not been made known.

From Historic Trees.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Upon the tomb of King Edward VII will be placed a wreath made from ivy leaves from the tomb of George Washington, oak leaves from trees which the late king planted at Mount Vernon and magnolia leaves from a tree planted by Washington at his historic home. Members of the board of regents of the Grand Council Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, met today. Their first action was to adopt resolutions of sympathy for Queen Alexandra on the death of King Edward. The resolution provided that a wreath from the tomb of Washington be forwarded to be placed on the dead monarch's tomb.

INGENIOUS DEVICE TO STEER TANKER

Ashtabula Was Guided for 900 Miles With Cables Worked by Steam Winches After Accident

Steered 900 miles to port by one of the most ingenious devices ever contrived was the Standard Oil Company's tanker Ashtabula, Capt. Harding, which arrived at San Francisco the other day, after passing through an experience which her officers and crew will not soon forget. During very stormy weather the oil tanker, which was in ballast, broke down three times and was at the mercy of the tempest, while her crew labored day and night to keep her head up by all manner of makeshifts. After the steering gear had been shattered for the third time and it seemed likely that the vessel would succumb to the heavy seas which thundered upon her as she wallowed broadside in the trough, Capt Harding hit upon a device which undoubtedly saved his ship from destruction. Two heavy wire cables, connected with the steering chain, were operated by the steam winch. In this manner the steamer weathered 900 miles to port.

The Ashtabula encountered the first rough weather on April 20 in latitude 44 25 north, longitude 156 35 west. As the gales burst upon the vessel Capt. Harding found it necessary to reduce speed, and oil was distributed on the furious seas with the idea of keeping them from breaking over the struggling vessel. On April 21 the gale increased to hurricane violence, and the seas rose to great height. At 9 a.m. on the second day of the storm the steam steering gear gave way to the awful strain. A flange nine inches in thickness burst into countless pieces. For a long time oil tanker was like a bubble on the ocean. A hand gear was rigged up, which it required six men to operate.

Night and day the engineers labored, and at last the steam gear was repaired; but good fortune only favored the steamer for four days, for on the 26th the gear again succumbed to the strain, and once more the hand gear was put in operation. The damage was again repaired, and then, for the third time, the crew was disheartened. A gigantic wave again hurled itself against the rudder and bolts and rods were sent flying into the turmoil. It was at this time that Capt. Harding devised the gear which brought the steamer safely to port.

SEEK REFUND FOR LOST COAL CARGO

Interesting Customs Case to Be Decided at Seattle—Waterhouse & Co. Seek Return of Duty for Lost Coal

An interesting customs case is to be heard at Seattle by Judge H. M. Somerville, of the United States board of appraisers, from New York. It is that of Frank Waterhouse & Co., Inc., appealing from a ruling of the local board assessing duty on a scow load of coal, about 400 tons, which was lost in Elliott Bay. The coal was from British Columbia on a barge which capsized in Seattle harbor and the coal was lost. The local officers insisted on payment of duty on the coal, which under the new tariff is 40 cents a ton. The cargo was not recovered and the importing company asks for a refund of the duty. In a previous case somewhat similar to this, it is recalled that the board ruled that duty must be paid in cases where the cargo was lost as long as it was brought into the country. Consequently the ruling in this case will be awaited with interest.

STEAMERS NOT SOLD

Erna and Ella Will Not Go to Mexico —Will Lay Up at Bremerton

W. M. Ostrander, of the Jebsen-Ostrander line, yesterday denied that the steamers Ella and Erna had been sold, and declared that the Ella will shift this morning to Bremerton, where she will remain until further orders.

Reports have been circulated up and down the coast that both the Ella and Erna had been sold. Mr. Ostrander declared emphatically that that this was untrue, and that he had instructions from the owner, Mr. Jebsen, of Hamburg, to discharge the crews of both vessels and lay them up. Further than this he said he had no information.

Parisian Tragedy.

PARIS, May 14.—A tragedy of real life occurred here the other night. M. Laffargus, a clerk in a good position, was married two years ago, and six months ago his wife left him. He met her in the Boulevard Sebastopol. She shrieked, and, running down the street towards the Seine, with her husband in pursuit, threw herself over the parapet and into the black water beneath.

Laffargue dived after her, but was too late. He was very nearly drowned. His wife's body was not recovered.

NEW DEPARTURE IN LAND CLEARING

Arrivals from the East Propose Settlement Hand in Hand With Clearing of Land

What will prove to be an entirely new departure in land clearing on this island, and what will moreover add considerably to the development of much of the agricultural land in the scheme proposed by S. Estcott, of Ontario, who, with his brother, left Victoria yesterday for the purpose of looking over the ground.

The Estcotts are men with means to put their scheme into effect, and unless some unforseen difficulty arises they will go right ahead with the work. They propose to purchase large tracts of land adjacent to the railway lines on this island, or to gain timber rights on such lands, and then open them for settlement. They will take in big gangs and swamp out ties for the railroad construction, using in this manner all the marketable timber on the lands. Following this they will brand up the slashings and seed down the ashes to clover and oats. With the land developed to this point they propose to turn it over to settlers for farming purposes.

Both the Estcotts are men of long experience in the timber business, and they are enthusiastic over the prospects of this island and of the west is general.

Ball Players Released

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 14—The St. Louis National League Club today released Infielder Barbau to Kansas City, Outfielder O'Hara to Toronto, and Pitcher Higgins to Denver.

Cobb and the Weed

Ty Cobb, the spotlight hero of baseball, has learned to smoke. Behind that statement there is a story.

Cobb was reared down in Georgia, but in spite of that fact he never smoked or used tobacco in any form until last season, and he was considered one of the models of the game in that regard.

One day when his batting average was fading rapidly down toward the .200 mark he began to get discouraged. He was hitting the ball as hard as ever, harder, perhaps, for he was gritting his teeth and wading into it, but it seemed that he could not make the ball go safe. He was sitting moodily around the hotel one night when Bill Donovan informed him gravely that what he needed was to smoke in order to improve his batting eye. Bill produced a cigar warranted to kill or maim. He smoked that cigar, survived and the next day got three hits.

That settled it. Within a month Cobb was getting his two and three a day and smoking cigars as fast as he could consume them. He smokes all the time now. Whether it is a coincidence or not—look at his batting averages.

Enderby will have no Empire Day celebration this year—the first omission of a 24th of May celebration in twenty years. His late Majesty's death is of course responsible for the cancellation.

PUEBLO INDIANS IN REBELLION

Long Accustomed to Self-Government, They Resent Action of Territorial Court in Arresting Some of Tribe

THREATEN LIVES OF WHITE RANCHERS

Cut Telegraph and Telephone Wires—Soldiers Hurried to Scene of Trouble from Santa Fe in Special Train

EAST LAS VEGAS, N.M., May 13.—An uprising of serious proportions has broken out among the Pueblo Indians at Taos, seventy miles northwest, and tonight troops are hurrying by special train from Santa Fe to check a possible massacre of white ranchers.

The Indians have cut all telephone and telegraph wires, but reports indicate that the depredations have been confined to an attack upon the wife and children of L. L. Myers, a homesteader, the cutting of fences and the theft of horses and cattle.

The uprising of the Pueblos, who for years have been peaceful, is believed to have been caused by the punishment of Pueblos by territorial officers.

For years the Pueblos have governed themselves, electing their own chiefs and village councilors, who tried and punished malefactors of the tribe without appeal to the territorial officers. Several months ago an Indian who had been imprisoned by an Indian officer appealed to the territorial courts, and the Indian chief and the councillors of the villages were put in jail. Since then the Indians have been unruly.

FROM THE NORTHLAND

C. A. Fews, Collector of Customs at Glenora Here on Visit—His Location Changed.

C. A. Tervo, collector of customs at Glenora, was among the first arrivals from the north yesterday. Mr. Tervo came out in the tail of the Sticken's ice with the Rev. Dr. Inglis and party. He stated that the winter in the north had been fairly good without extra severe weather and without incident of moment.

Mr. Tervo has been instructed to remove his office from Glenora to a point on the Stickeen, on the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, and he will carry this out upon his return. It is likely also that he will soon be made a deputy game warden under the provincial government. This step will be taken in order that Mr. Tervo may assist in preventing the depredations of outside trappers who have, it is said, been making a practice of trapping furs in Canada for exportation to the American side of the line.

LUCKENBACHS HAVE PURCHASED LYRA

Steamer Which Was Formerly Operated to the Orient from Victoria Changes Hands.

The steamship Lyra, of the Boston Tow Boat company, has been sold to the Luckenbach estate, of New York City. The vessel was formerly operated out of Seattle and is wellknown on the Pacific coast. The Lyra was built in 1901, has a net register of 3,516 tons, is 331.5 feet long, 47-foot beam and a depth of 25-feet, and is regarded as one of the best cargo ships flying the American flag.

It was the Luckenbach estate which last fall purchased the steamship San Mateo from the Pacific Improvement company, the San Mateo sailing from the Sound with a cargo of canned salmon for New York. They also own the steamship J. L. Luckenbach, now en route from the East for the Sound with general cargo.

At the time of the purchase of the San Mateo it was stated that the Luckenbachs were behind a scheme to start a service between New York and the Sound, anticipating the construction of the Panama canal.

OIL FIELDS AT OTTER POINT

Oil Boring Outfits Arrive From California and Preliminary Work Will Be Commenced This Week

Vancouver Island may yet rival Bakersfield as an oil producing area if the prospects already discovered pan out as it is hoped they will. Following the discovery of crude oil seepage on the beach at Otter Point, 14 miles from here, some time ago, the field has been looked over by an expert from California, who pronounced the find good. Steps were taken at once to commence operations and a party will leave Victoria early this week to begin work. Two complete drilling outfits arrived on the last boat from San Francisco and these will be transported to the oil field at once.

It is understood that the preliminary drilling will be done with as little delay as possible and that the prospect will be well worked. Those who have looked into the field are sanguine and declare that unless all the usual signs fail there will be some gushing in the vicinity of Otter Point before long.

Rumors are current at Kaslo that the proposed concentrator for the Lucky Jim mine will be erected at that town.

CHANTECLER ACTOR GETS FINE SALARY

M. Guitry, who Plays Part, Guaranteed $300,000 and Ten Per Cent. of Receipts.

PARIS, May 14.—M. Guitry, who plays the name-part in "Chantecler," is guaranteed by contract a minimum of $300,000, and 10 per cent of the gross receipts.

The play has reached its hundredth performance in Paris, and, although it is still doing pretty well, there is a considerable falling-off in the receipts.

During the first few weeks the average evening's receipts at the Porte St. Martin were between $2,250 and $2,500. They now average $1,800, and on Sundays—which compare with Saturday evenings in New York the receipts are very low indeed.

This shows that the popularity of the play has not extended to the bourgeois class.

Bank Manager Resigns

NORTH VANCOUVER, May 14.—A. B. Chapman, manager of the Bank of British North America here, has handed in his resignation and intends retiring from the service. Mr. F. F. Sellsbury, of the Vancouver office, has been appointed in his stead, and will assume charge on Monday next.

RICH STRIKE IN TAKU DISTRICT

Mr. John Hyland Here From Telegraph Creek Tells of Find on Tributary of Taku River

Prospects of another big gold rush have developed in northern British Columbia, where a party of experienced miners, who went in from Juneau last fall have made a strike of rich coarse gold on a tributary to the Taku River. News of the strike was brought to Telegraph Creek this spring by one of the party, named George Adsit. Adsit grub-staked for the summer and returned at once. He was non-communicative beyond stating that he and his pals had found coarse gold, had been with it all winter, and that it looked good enough to him to cause him to get back to it with as little delay as possible.

Word of the strike reached here yesterday through Mr. John Hyland, the well known trader of Telegraph Creek. Mr. Hyland, with Mrs. Hyland and their children, came out in an open boat, following the ice down and meeting with a variety of exciting adventures, all of which would be traced, by a superstitious mind, to the fact that they left on a Friday with thirteen in the party.

Story of Find

"I would rather be conservative in telling of this gold strike," said Mr. Hyland yesterday to the Colonist. "I do not want to be the means of inducing any man to go into that country with the idea that he will come out a millionaire when there are chances that he will not. The facts as I have them are these: Last fall a party of ten or eleven sourdoughs started from Juneau and bored into the northern part of this province, where they began prospecting. Nothing was heard of them until this spring, when one of the party, George Adsit, came to Telegraph Creek, to our post, to outfit and grubstake. He stayed about a week and during that time we learned from him that the party had made big strikes of coarse gold off the Taku River. He said that they had been at work all winter, that the results were big, and that they would remain during the summer. He said that there would be a camp on the creek later.

"To reach the creek where the strike has been made, you go up the Stikine to Telegraph Creek, where there is a 45 mile portage with a fine trail for pack mules. Then there is a boat trip of 40 miles down the Shesley River to the creek.

"The whole country is a rich field for the prospector. It is an immense country, and there is small doubt but that there will be more than one rich strike there."

Light Year for Furs

Mr. Hyland, who is at the head of a series of four trading posts, headquarters at Telegraph Creek and three others in the interior, says that the past winter has been rather light as regards furs. His party brought out $10,000 worth of good quality, but the catches throughout the north were smaller than usual. The Indians passed the winter well. They had plenty and were happy and contented. Mr. Hyland, whose company outfits big hunting parties from all parts of the world, supplying them with everything they require, from flour to guides, expects that there will be some important parties after big game in the upper interior this summer. His company is now in communication with some sportsmen who are desirous of coming to this province this season in search of Roosevelt-size game.

On the trip down the Stickine in a big sturgeon-head, Mr. Hyland's party had plenty of excitement to break the monotony of the trip. They left on the tail of the ice a week ago Friday last, passing between banks piled high with drift floes. There were thirteen souls in the boat, including Mrs. Hyland and the children, two Yukon Telegraph Line operators, F. M. Jackson and F. Bullock, who are out on leave, and the Indian crew. Barring minor adventures the trip was uneventful until the boat reached Hudson Bay Flats. Here the current carried the big flat into the ice jam, the ice shoved it aside like an egg-shell and, despite the frantic efforts of the crew, the boat struck a huge snag. The shock sent a shiver through every timber, then the stern swung clear with a sharp jerk, throwing the steersman clear into the air and threatening the lives of the entire party. For a few seconds there was a period of suspense. Then one of the crew jumped overboard to help the struggling steersman. The boat righted itself, the two swimmers were hauled aboard and the boat continued. The next stop was at Glacier, lower down the river, where the ice formed a bridge and held the boat up for twenty-four hours.

Telling of conditions in general at Telegraph, Mr. Hyland said that the country was in good shape and that there was no sign of the trapping grounds pettering out. At Wrangel the party found a large number of prospectors waiting for the break-up to go into the interior for the summer.

EXPLOSION KILLS 137 COAL MINERS

Disaster Occurs in Cumberland Colliery Owned by Earl of Lonsdale—No Hope for the Host of Men Entombed

WORK OF RESCUE STOPPED BY FIRE

Fatal Event Preceded by Warning That High Barometric Pressure Rendered Fire Damp Explosions Probable

MANCHESTER, Eng., May 12.—One hundred and thirty-seven miners lost their lives today in an explosion in the Wellington coal mine at Whitehaven. Rescue parties succeeded in saving four men, but fire has broken out in the workings, leaving practically no hope for those who are still entombed.

Tonight rescue work was stopped by the collapse of the roof.

A curious fact is that a colliery warning was published in many of the newspapers in the mining districts of the kingdom yesterday to the effect that unusually high barometric conditions rendered fire damp explosions extremely probable, and that all underground workers ought therefore to be on the alert. The barometer reached its highest reading in the Whitehaven district.

On account of the three some days may elapse before the bodies can be recovered. Families of the entombed men gathered at the pit head frantically beseeching the officials to have rescue work continued, but descending into the mine would simply have meant suicide.

The colliery is owned by Lord Lonsdale.

DESERTED BECAUSE DIDN'T LIKE COMPANY

Three seamen shipped in the big barkentine Everett G. Griggs, which is delayed in Royal Roads owing to the illness of Capt. Sterling, locked up the watchman, took one of the ship's boats, and escaped ashore yesterday morning. They called on the shipping master and stated that they had deserted because they were unwilling to go to sea with some of the others of the barkentine's crew, who, in their opinion, are not qualified sailormen. However, it is likely that the runaway trio will be returned on board as they have signed articles for the voyage to South Africa and have cashed the advance paid them.

An Indian Murderer

LUCKNOW, India, May 14.—A woman has been hanged in the Hardoi district jail for murdering a girl of seven for the sake of silver ornaments valued at $2.62. The girl was playing with the son of the murderess, who suddenly pounced on her and stripped off her ornaments, and flung her down a well. The boy immediately ran off and informed the villagers of the crime.

MILAN, May 14.—The first International Juridical Congress for the regulation of aerial navigation opens on May 31 at Verona. The congress will discuss the State ownership, the nationality of airships and flyers, and the problem of extra-territoriality. The congress will also be concerned with the rights and functions of the State in the shape of taxes, customs and duties, also in relation to public health and safety. The delegates are mainly juris-consults, who will devote their energies to formulating an international code for use in time of peace and in time of war.

GENEVA, May 14.—A well-known Swiss art expert, Professor Gustavo Klitscher, states that the painting of the Madonna in the Alpine church of Acletta, 4,236 feet in altitude, in the Canton of Grisons, is a genuine Murillo. The picture, which is in an excellent state of preservation, has aroused the attention and curiosity of several generations of tourists and experts, and on the church authorities receiving an offer recently from a foreign museum of $6,000 for the picture they decided to call in the best expert advice. The Murillo is worth $40,000 to $50,000 at least.

MEN'S ATTIRE TO MOCK THE RAINBOW

Gorgeous Hues Characterize Attires on Exhibition at Drapery Exhibition in London—Symphonies in Color

LONDON, May 12.—Men's attire will be glorious in blue, red, carmine, yellow, purple, peacock blue, and old to bloom like the flowers in spring in variegated colors of gorgeous hue. That is the one startling and sensational fact revealed by the clothing and drapery exhibition at the Agricultural Hall.

Not to be outdone by the "Chantecler" craze, men, it seems are about to don canary waistcoats of brightest yellow; purple, peacock blue, and old gold ties; socks of any color of which the poets dream; lilac braces; and soft shirts of many stripes.

This is but an abridged catalogue of the color schemes presented at the exhibition. In addition to canary waistcoats there are light green, plum, salmon-pink, and tawny port wallets to suit every complexion and temperament.

As yet there is a tendency to conceal part of this bright and beautiful raiment, for the outer garments have not yet burst forth into ecstatic color harmonies. But in the privacy of the dressing-room the man may revel in a wealth and riot of color. Geniuses have designed dressing-gowns for him which would look gay at a fancy dress ball, and add splendor to a carnival. Not the Emperor of Japan could be more gorgeously attired in his Imperial komono than a modern bachelor in one of these latest lounge suits.

In bed, his very nightclothes would grow warm at the color of the pajamas in which his fancy may roam. He may lie in silks like a fairy prince. When he plunges to his bath in the morning he may appear like a beautiful butterfly released from its chrysalis.

The women's section of the exhibition, beautiful and interesting as it is, has been put into the shade by the gentlemen's haberdashery. The delicate shades of women's dresses, the daintiness of their laces and linens, are simplicity itself when compared to the vivid tints of those socks and scarves and articles of underwear in which men are invited to become beautiful.

To Prospect for Coal

A. R. Stevens and party, who are at the Dominion Hotel at present, will leave this week with their outfit to prospect the Carmanah Coal Company's properties at Carmanah. The party will spend some time in the district, and will make a thorough investigation of the ground.

Endorse Proposal For Park

The Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League has received four more endorsations of the resolution brought in some time ago by the Natural History Society relative to the establishment of a great forest reserve near Cameron lake. The latest endorsements come from the branch leagues at Holberg, San Josef, Quatsino and Port Renfrew, and will be brought to the attention of the government.

Must Disband Company

A copy of the "Pioneer" (the Thunderer of India), dated the 15th of April, contains an account of an action at law in the High Court at Madras against F. J. Rouse, of the Pollard Liliputian Opera Co., the outcome of which was that Mr. Rouse undertook to disband the company and send the children back to Australia, for which Commonwealth they were to have sailed on the 23rd ultimo. Action was also taken against Pollard for cruelty to the children, the charge being proven in the opinion of the court.

The University of Washington students who came here Friday to debate against the Victoria Law Students were taken for a trip in the "J. G. Cox" to Race Rocks and Pedder Bay. About twenty-five law students and college men made the trip and the students expressed themselves well satisfied with the treatment they received over here and intend to draw closer the bonds of friendship between the local students and the University. The Victoria Law Students' Society wishes to express its appreciation of the act of the local barristers who contributed to the fund raised by the society to pay the expenses of the visitors.

CAME FOR A DAY BUT LINGERS LONGER

Chicago Man Who Visited Here Tarries and Invests His Monies—He Discovered Victoria

Mr. John Armytage of Chicago is one of the latest converts to the order of the adorers of Victoria. Mr. Armytage happened to run across to Victoria from Vancouver to spend the day yesterday. Now he has settled down to stay three or four days.

"I started to take this trip for business reasons," Mr. Armytage said, "but I didn't figure on the real conditions in Western Canada. When I reached this land of corn and wine I couldn't help getting in the swim and in consequence I have done quite as much business in the way of investing money as I would have done had I remained at home. At the same time I have not failed to have a fine holiday. I knew little or nothing of Victoria 24 hours ago. Now it seems impossible that I have gone all these years without knowing that there was such a delightful place as this to live in. I took a tour of the town today and I am so much impressed with it that I shall stay over for a while and get acquainted.

"Victorians should take a trip east once in a while just to have something to compare their 'home-growing' city with so that they will fully appreciate its advantages and charms."

CHARTERED FOR COAL

H. C. Henry Will Load at Boat Harbor for Mexico—Claverley Coming for Lumber Cargo

To load coal at Boat Harbor for Guaymas on account of Robert Dollar Company, the creosote tanker H. C. Henry has been chartered, and will probably proceed to Europe from Mexico for another cargo of creosote.

The British steamer Claverley which left the sound May 8 with a cargo of wheat for Salina Cruz, will return as soon as discharged to load lumber on the sound or at Hastings for Melbourne, having just been fixed for the voyage by Heatley & Co. It is understood that she gets a rate of 32 shillings.

Elmer Criger, the Angels' southpaw is disabled. He is suffering with blood poisoning that affects his pitching arm and the greater portion of his left side. He was infected by the bite of a mosquito, according to his physician, who says that while the septicemia is under control, Criger will be out of the game for some time.

Oil was poured on troubled waters in the Northwestern league the other day. The magnates were called together informally to talk over the umpire question, with the intimation that some of the dissatisfaction with the umpiring would be put up to President Lucas. However, the brakes were put on somewhere, for after the meeting it was given out that the only business transacted was to fill in the open Monday dates on the western side of the mountains. This plan will give the ball players another day of labor, an idea which they do not relish.

WIRELESS NEWS STOPPED DANCE

Festivities in Saloon of R. M. S. Empress of China Ceased Abruptedly on Receipt of News of Death of King

GAEKWAR OF BARODA IS ON WAY HERE

Andrew Weir of Weir Line and R. D. Law of Butterfield & Swire Among Passengers—Large Complement Brought

The passengers of the Empress of China, which reached port yesterday from the Orient, were assembled in the liner's saloon and partners were taken for the first set of lancers to open a fancy dress ball on Thursday when Capt. Archibald sent down word to stop the music. The purser announced that the sad news had been received from the outbound Japanese liner Awa Maru that King Edward was dead. Quickly the merrymakers disbanded—the music was stilled, and the ship's company ceased their enjoyment. Great preparations had been made by the 102 travellers, and many had created elegant costumes for the occasion. These were, however, quickly doffed because of the news flashed through the ether from the Awa Maru.

Brings Rich Cargo

The Empress of China brought 102 saloon, 570 steerage passengers, and 1,682 tons of general cargo, which included silk goods, raw silk and pongees worth $871,000 for shipment to New York. The Gaekwar of Baroda, G. C. S. I., who rules over Baroda's two million brown men in India, accompanied by the Maharani and Princess Indiaraja, and a large suite, including 'aide-d'camps, physicians, companions, servants, were passengers from Hongkong by the Empress liner to Japan, where they were to attend the Cherry-viewing parties of the Mikado, and they are expected to take passage for Victoria on the Empress of Japan, which leaves Yokohama on June 14th, and is due here on June 25th.

Andrew Weir, head of the Weir and Bank lines and other interests, and R. D. Law, a prominent official of the big shipping firm of Butterfield & Swire, closely associated with the Holt lines in the Orient, were among the passengers of the Empress of China. Mr. Weir was accompanied by Mrs. Weir. He was met here by Frank Waterhouse, president and A. Gillespie, vice-president of the Waterhouse Company, of Seattle, managing agents of the Weir lines on this coast, and by Capt. D. Baird, port superintendent at Seattle, of the Weir Company. A conference regarding the development of the company's business in this vicinity was held between the officials, but nothing was announced. Mr. Weir stated that the steamer Lucerio, which was under construction for the transpacific service would probably be ready late this summer or in the autumn, and would sail for Hongkong to inaugurate her service in the transpacific service. With regard to other changes there was nothing to be announced, at least until after Mr. Weir had looked into the situation. Mr. and Mrs. Weir left the steamer here, and will remain at the Empress hotel until tomorrow.

Loo Gee Wing, the well known local Chinese capitalist, who has invested so heavily in real estate in Victoria and Vancouver, and Mrs. Loo Gee Wing, a bride, were passengers from Hongkong.

PRINCESS MAY FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Took Many New Citizens for Stewart—Will Take Special Excursion From Victoria on May 24th

The steamer Princess May sailed for Skagway and northern British Columbia ports last night with a good complement of passengers, including a number of new citizens for Stewart, that rapidly growing city at the head of Portland Canal.

On May 24th, the May leaves on a special trip to Prince Rupert, where a stop of part of a day will be made, thence to Stewart, where the steamer will spend from one to two days, giving passengers an opportunity of visiting the new mining town and mines of the vicinity. A short stop will also be made at Prince Rupert on the return trip. The round trip fare of $50 will include meals and berth.

Cline vs. Hoppe

NEW YORK, May 14.—Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia, the present title holder, at 18.2 balk line billiards, has agreed to meet Willie Hoppe for the world's championship on May 26th in this city. The game will be 500 points for the championship emblem and $1,000.

In Milwaukee Mayor Seidel refuses to cut out the boxing bouts in the city's auditorium. Some of the ministers urged him to do it, but he declined, saying: "Personally I see no objection to boxing matches so long as they are not brutal. There are many people who like to see harmless contests, and they should be given the opportunity. A boxing contest if conducted properly has the same effect as a sham battle, no one is hurt, and it is a source of enjoyment. I understand that a court ruling is to the effect that these harmless contests are legal. I certainly do not propose to put a stop to them so long as they remain within the bounds of the law."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 14.—Sam Langford, of Boston, had things practically all his own way tonight at the six round bout with Jim Johnson of Tennessee at the National A. C.

Something is playing havoc with the deer on both Galiano Island and Valdes Island.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Jury Finds McLaughlin Guilty—June 13th is Fixed as Date of Execution

WHITBY, Ont., May 13.—A verdict of guilty was returned at 5.32 p. m. in the case of Archie McLaughlin, of Uxbridge, charged with murdering his wife and two children on Friday, October 29th, last.

Mr. Justice Teetzel at once sentenced McLaughlin to be hanged in Whitby jail on July 13 next.

Friday would appear to have been a fatal day for him. The tragedy occurred on a Friday. The three days' trial ended on a Friday, with sw[illegible] justice, and there are but sixty days from this to another thirteenth, the final scene in the awful drama.

The jury were one hour and a half finding him guilty.

Killed by Live Wire

SUDBURY, Ont., May 13.—Frank S[illegible]ver, son of H. J. Silver, superintendent of Protestant schools, Montreal, was killed this morning by a live wire in the Garson Mine, near here. He was twenty years old.

Reported German Disaster

BERLIN, May 12.—A special dispatch from Wilhelmshaven reports that five bluejackets were killed and several severely wounded by an explosion today, when the mine-laying division was manoeuvring off the coast. There is no confirmation of this report.

In an early morning accident on the B. C. E. R. at Vancouver Wednesday, Conductor Sanbrook and Linesman Walsh received injuries which necessitated their immediate removal to the hospital. The former's right leg was broken and the latter sustained a fractured left wrist, besides other injuries.