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FIFTIETH YEAR

FIREMAN IS BURNED AT POST

One Man Roasted to Death and Four Probably Fatally Burned in Fire on Steamer Coquitlam Today

THE PASSENGERS ESCAPE INJURY

Fire Starting in Paint Locker Turns Engine Room Into Blazing Furnace—Heavy Loss to Steamer

Vancouver, B. C., May 27.—One man dead and four lying so badly burned that they all may die is the result of a fire which occurred early this morning on board the coasting steamer, Coquitlam, on her way north through the Gulf of Georgia from this port. With her engine room and galleys like a charnel house and reeking with the odor of burning human flesh the Coquitlam, with every pound of steam that her boilers could master, reached the Union Steamship company's dock at nine thirty o'clock.

The fire started just after daylight when Second Engineer Black and Fireman Larkin were alone in the engine room. How the blaze started no one knows, but suddenly the engine room was ablaze and the wood work and flooring which were saturated with oil and very dry bursted into flames. Fireman Stricken.

The unfortunate fireman was stricken so quickly and caught so completely that he never got a chance to give the alarm. He was roasted alive. Second Mate Watts was also badly injured and the burns sustained by the two Japanese firemen may be fatal.

The Coquitlam had left Vancouver at 3.30 o'clock with a load of freight for the northern coast. She was well clear of English Bay heading up the gulf when the fire broke out.

Looking around for help Captain Dixon saw the steamer Princess Charlotte coming from Seattle, but on board that vessel the signals of distress from the Coquitlam were apparently not noticed. For half an hour after the fire started the men aboard put up a fight for their lives. Several thousand dollars damage was done to the steamer. There were ten passengers aboard but none were injured.

The Coquitlam is an old time freighter and gained notoriety fifteen years ago by a trip she made to Ber- ling sea in company with sealing se- cures there. The vessel is valued at thirty thousand dollars. She will go out again tonight, the damage done her by the fire not being sufficient to disable her.

The accident was probably caused by an explosion in the paint locker. Assistant Engineer Black of the Coquitlam was killed at noon, and it is improbable that he will last the day out. He displayed great heroism in sticking by the engine when he held the levers until his hands were burned to a crisp.

The passengers declare that the fireman need not have been burned to death, but that after he had been as- sisted to safety he insisted upon going back into the engine room to see- cure his money, which he had cached away. WILL INAUGURATE A DOUBLE MAIL SERVICE

Party of Michigan Lumbermen Now in the City, Who Have Purchased Some Valuable Timber Limits at Jordan River



FIRST ROW—Cudwell, Welby, McAllister and McKnight. SECOND ROW—Gilmartin, Stacey, Sullivan and Morse. THIRD ROW—Dunsard, Brown, Loken, Newton, Roth, Best, McCrone, and Brown.

CITY HAS SETTLED WITH THE V. & S. RAILWAY

Agreement to End Long Standing Suit Arrived at at Meeting of Parties Last Evening

All differences between the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company and the city have been satisfactorily settled.

At a conference between the City Council and the city's officials held last night, an agreement was outlined acceptable to both parties. Briefly, it provided:

1. That the company shall vacate the market building. 2. That they forego their claim to a bonus of approximately \$25,000, claimed to be due them from the city under the terms of the Victoria Terminal By-law.

3. That the V. & S. undertake to bring freight from Eastern manufacturing centres direct to Victoria over the Northern & Burlington road, thus eliminating the necessity of traversing the present round-about route via St. Paul.

4. That the company shall be given permission to establish a new depot on Blanchard, between Pilsgrud and Cormorant streets.

Today this understanding was confirmed. Before being formally entered into it will come before the civic council at a meeting to be held at an early date.

As a result of the arrangement the suit which has been brought against the V. & S. by the city will be withdrawn. It has been pending for many months and one of the strong objections the mayor and aldermen had to sanctioning the establishment of another terminal point on Blanchard street at the time application was made a short time ago was the existence of these differences.

MORMON MOB THREATEN TO LYNCH

Three "Gentiles" Are Roughly Handled at Mormon Settlement in Alberta—Two Men and One Woman

TROUBLE AROSE FROM INTERMARRIAGE

Lethbridge, Alb., May 27.—A mob of thirty or forty Mormons this afternoon mobbed and threatened to hang and severely handled three "Gentiles," two men and a woman at Magrath, a Mormon settlement about twenty-two miles southeast of here.

The matter arose from the marriage a year or more ago of a Mormon girl to a "Gentile" as the Mormons call all non-members of their church. The interference of the church, which bars all marriages of its children to Gentiles, James Barclay, one of the men who was mobbed, declares was the cause of the whole trouble.

Barclay and his wife, the couple concerned, after their marriage lived happily together in Calgary. Mrs. Barclay, about five months ago, returned to her mother's home at Magrath and intended to return to her own home in the course of a week or two.

Today Barclay accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Bolderson of this city, and a friend of Barclay's named Harrison, went down to Magrath to urge his wife once again to come back to him. She refused. He finally declared that if she would not come back he would have his child and be proceeded to take the latter. If Mrs. Barclay wanted her child she could go with him, he declared.

Sheriff Took Part. A mob got together and Barclay was attacked by a man who called himself "Sheriff." His sister and Harrison were hauled before a magistrate, who gave orders that the child was to be returned to its mother, and that the three "Gentiles" quit the place on the first train. The three were taken handcuffed to the depot by the sheriff on behalf of the firm. He sent them when Mr. Hicks told him he was not manager.

He Kept Silent. In cross-examination by Mr. Moore, the accused admitted that he had not made this explanation in his letters in regard to the alleged shortage. He also admitted that on other occasions referred to he had obtained the consent of the mob, "get a rope."

GLOVER CASE WAS REMANDED FOR DAY

Accused Admits That He Kept Silence as to Certain Money Received by Him for Advertising on Cards

Twice a murderer and suspected of having been one of a trio of hold-up men who entered the saloon of Charles Thomet at Midway, B. C., killing the latter and getting away with the contents of the cash register, Charles Phillips, alias Charles Bentone, a one-eyed half-breed, was arrested near Quesnel, B. C., early this morning, and will be brought to Victoria to be held pending instructions from the Washington State authorities.

There is no direct charge against the outlaw in this province. His capture was made on instructions from the police of Republic, Washington. Therefore he will be sent there for trial, and, if refusing to go voluntarily, probably will be extradited.

Phillips' first notorious crime was committed in 1897 at Seattle, Wash- ington, when he killed Constable James Wells, of that city. He had been apprehended for some minor offence and was being taken to jail in the patrol wagon. The vehicle had stopped at the entrance. Constable Wells was assisting the criminal to alight when the latter, with lightning-like rapidity, drew from his breast a small revolver, shot him down and, leaving him mortally wounded, mysteriously disappeared.

Of course there was a hue and cry, but the whereabouts of the escaped convict remained a secret. The detective force and every policeman tried to try and bring the murderer to justice. But their efforts were vain. The wily, unscrupulous half-breed remained at liberty despite the combined exertions of all the machinery of the law. A few months and the excitement died down, although a reward was offered and there was maintained a constant desultory search.

Like a bomb from the blue came the intelligence, almost twelve months later, that the intrepid murderer was in Ferry County, Washington. Immediately the forces of Republic and all the outlying cities got busy. They located him, and it looked as though this time he was securely trapped.

A posse in charge of Deputy Sheriff Rawli Siebert set out to effect his capture. Once more the desperado got away and a second time he made his escape at the expense of an officer. This time it was the Deputy Sheriff who bit the dust. He was plucked off by a bullet directed with unerring precision from Phillips' revolver. In the ensuing confusion the latter made himself scarce.

The scene of the story now changes to Canadian soil. For years he was not heard of. Descriptions were sent broadcast. Governor Hays of Washington offered a reward of \$250 for information that would lead to his being brought to justice. The people of the county doubled the amount. Word of this was sent to the police authorities at Victoria, but, until a month or so ago it was not thought that he had taken refuge on this side of the line. Then last August the dastardly murder of Charles Thomet occurred at Midway, B. C., and the attention of the police was directed to that district.

A NOTED OUTLAW CAPTURED AT QUESNEL

Charles Phillips, Alias Bentone, Is Charged With Two Murders and With Taking Part in Hold-Up

CAREER IS ONE OF BOLD CRIME

The three men who entered Thomet's saloon were masked and so it was impossible to obtain anything but a vague description of them. In the investigations that ensued, in the endeavor to obtain a clue to the identity of the murderers and highwaymen, a man by the name of Bentone, whose real cognomen has since been discovered to be Phillips, was located. His past career wouldn't bear scrutiny, and it wasn't long before Superintendent Hussey and his staff picked together information in their hands, and aided by that secured from the police departments at Seattle, Republic and other Washington centres, were able to satisfy themselves that Bentone was the bad man so much wanted on the other side.

Promptly steps were taken to secure his arrest. Meanwhile the hunted man, who had heard rumors that the Canadian police were on his track, from the vicinity of the 150-Mile House, Cariboo, and started out with two horses, three or four days' provisions and some few dollars in cash. It is thought that he was warned partly by a short paragraph in a local newspaper and to some extent by friends.

By this time every constable within a three or four hundred mile radius was on the still hunt, going cautiously because of Superintendent Hussey's advice to secure him by stealth, if possible, on account of his readiness in handling a gun.

It remained for Constable Anderson of Quesnel to effect the coup. He went south upwards of a week ago to coming north along the west side of the Fraser river. Although no details are available, it is presumed that somewhere in that vicinity the meeting took place, the last intelligence being the following terse but satisfactory telegram from Anderson:

Quesnel, B. C. Captured Bentone early this morning. Advise regarding procedure. Hoses, blankets, etc. Letter follows. D. ANDERSON.

Beats a Dime Novel The last ten or twelve years of Phillips' career, if related in extenso, would make the average dime novel look cheap and tame. He started by stealing in Vancouver and served seven years in the New Westminster penitentiary as a result. Freed, he went to the other side and had made the acquaintance of a cell at the Walla Walla jail before murdering Wells and Siebert.

ROOSEVELT WILL DINE AT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

Teddy is Nearing Close of His Nighthood in Africa and Game is Glad

Nairobi, British E. A., May 27.—Theodore Roosevelt who is at present the guest of Governor Jackson, of Nairobi, has accepted an invitation to a public banquet to be given here in his honor on August 3. The results of the expedition's hunting trips have been assembled.

Mr. Roosevelt has secured 98 specimens of game of 32 different varieties. With the exception of six specimens they are all for the National museum at Washington. The naturalists of the party have obtained about 1,000 specimens of birds, mammals and snakes. The jungle children are glad that he is going away from here.

NORRIS COMPANY BUYS NEW PROPERTY. It is understood that the firm of Fred. Norris and Sons, of 1223 Government street, have purchased from the late J. H. McNeill, of Vancouver, the president of the company, John Le Hardy, right of way agent of the Great Northern, Seattle, and F. Van Sant, local manager.

Number of Gentlemen Co-operating With Victoria Musical Society in Selection of a Site

FORT STREET SITE BEING CONSIDERED

Committee Meeting of Victoria Musical Society at Empress Hotel Last Night Arranged for Coming Season

A committee meeting of the Victoria Musical Society was held last night at the Empress hotel, to arrange for artists for the coming season. The following were present: Messrs. J. C. MacKay, chairman, W. Blakemore, Dr. Nash, C. W. Rhodes, E. Ricketta, C. Denham, Geo. Phillips, manager, and Stewart Williams, honorary secretary.

After having disposed of the routine business, it was decided to engage the following artists for the coming season, viz.: Geo. Hamlin, tenor; Fritz Kreisler, violinist; Bos-senthal, pianist, and the Damrosch Orchestra, thus giving to their patrons good attractions for the season.