LOCAL NEWS

(From Friday's Daily.)

Death at White Horse.—News has reached the city of the death a few days ago at White Horse of Miss Bertha Turner, daughter of the collector of customs at that point. The deceased was a trained nurse, and her health broke down through overwork. She was buried at White Horse. She was 26 years of age.

Shipping Horses.—Hon. E. Dewdney and associates will ship eleven head of horses to Sidney on the West Coast on the next trip of the Queen City. A few were shipped on the last trip of the steamer, and buildings are now in course of erection for their accommodation. They are intended, it is understood, for hauling ore.

Poor Run at Clayoquot.—News was received by the Queen City, which arrived from the West Coast yesterday morning that the cannery at Clayoquot has not yet had a heavy run of salmon. The particular kind of weather which generally brings the fish to the surface has not been prevalent this season.

Few Fish Spawning.—Mr. John P. Babcock, British Columbia fisheries commissioner, has returned from the provincial hatcheries at Seaton lake. He stated that very few fish had reached the spawning grounds on the lake yet, but they are not expected in large numbers till the latter part of the present month, as it is difficult for many of them to get past the wall of nets at the mouth of the Fraser just now. It will be about the end of September before much spawn is taken at the Seaton lake hatchery.

Late Yukon Shipments.—The experience of the transportation companies in past years in connection with the Yukon trade is apparently being repeated again this year—shippers have waited till the last minute before having their Dawson consignments made up. The result will be that a number of shipments designed to be sent north before the special commodity rates expire on August 15th will be left behind to go at class rates, which are in some instances materially higher.

Painful Accident.—When driving from Nanaimo across to the West Coast a few days ago, M. Brownell had the misfortune to break three of his ribs. He arrived on the Queen City from the west coast yesterday morning. A companion who was with him was also injured and compelled to remain at Alberni. Mr. Brownell went on to Seattle. The accident happened as their team was descending a mountain side. The king bolt of the buggy came out, and the horses running away, both occupants of the rig were thrown out. Though badly injured, both had to walk a distance of seven miles before reaching a house.

Use for Kelp.—It is believed iodine can be successfully manufactured from the kelp found on these shores. In this connection the Post-Intelligencer of yesterday says: "William D. Crane, C. E., A. M., of 18 Broadway, New York, a wealthy naturalist, who visited this city a few days ago in company with a prominent English naturalist, on their way to Japan, expressed the belief that the kelp or seaweed found at Neah bay can be successfully utilized as the basis for the manufacture of iodine. As an earnest of his belief, Mr. Crane informed J. E. Standley, who is in business on Colman's dock, that he will return next summer to conduct experiments along this line and investigate the fossil beds of Fossil island, Georgia strait, both of which seem to him from a cursory investigation to have important commercial possibilities."

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Seal For Ladysmith.—W. Phillips, the engraver, has just completed and forwarded to Ladysmith a seal for the newly-incorporated town. It bears the coat of arms of the city, the design being the work of Mr. Phillips. Two miners with picks support a shield, which is surmounted by a coal train. On the shield is shown a car loaded with timber, matte retort, and a steamship, emblematic of the chief industries of Ladysmith. Underneath are the words "We Lead."

Westminster's Fair.—The premium list for the provincial fair at New Westminster has been issued. In addition to the prize list the pamphlet contains other information about the great fair, and $20,000 is being offered in prizes and attractions. The catalogues are being sent to almost every farmer in British Columbia and many outside. Any one who has not received a copy and wishes it, should send in a request to W. H. Keary, managing secretary, and his wish will be promptly responded to.

B. C. Fruit at Winnipeg.—Hon R. G. Tatlow has been apprised by R. M. Palmer, of the department of agriculture, who is in charge of the fruit exhibit from this province at Winnipeg, that the fruit is arriving in excellent form. There is a very creditable showing, he says, included in the preserved and raw forms. Brandon exhibition has also made application to have the British Columbia fruit displayed there. The wish will be complied with, and from Winnipeg the exhibit will be taken to Brandon.

Conditions at Crofton.—The outlook for the future of Crofton is considered bright, many improvements of a substantial character are contemplated. A new wharf is projected and a fleet of freighters constantly plying to and fro across the Gulf in the ore carrying trade will add still more to the liveliness of the place. All these improvements promise much for Crofton, and there is no reason why Victoria could not secure all benefits arising from the development of the mine, including the shipping of supplies for the camp which, it is understood, have up to the present, been purchased in Vancouver.

David Jenner Dead.—David Jenner, one of the pioners of the province, died at Nanaimo on Wednesday evening. Deceased was a native of Germany, and came out to Victoria while quite young. He was in California in 1849, and spent several years there during the gold excitement. From there he came up the coast and gradually drifted in to Nanaimo about the year 1862, and has resided there ever since, being chiefly employed as carpenter for the New Vancouver Coal Company, in which capacity he was engaged for over 20 years. He was 75 years of age, and leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Davis, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. William Cameron, of Victoria.

Drowning Accident.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning another drowning accident occurred in the Gulf. This time the victims were two little Indian children, while the father and mother of the little ones barely escaped. The Indian, with his wife and two children, was out in a boat belonging to the Terra Nova cannery when the craft was suddenly overturned. The two children, who were sleeping in the bow, were drowned, while the father and mother managed to cling to the keel of the boat till picked up several hours later by some fishermen from the Albion cannery. The woman was almost exhausted when rescued and for some time her life was despaired of. She will pull through, however. The Indian was not much the worse off for his long hours in the water.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Southeast Kootenay Licenses.—Inquiry at the lands and works department yesterday elicited the information that 300 prospecting licenses for the coal and oil lands of Southeast Kootenay have been issued to date, representing a total contribution to the treasury of $30,000. The method adopted in issuing these licenses by the government will obviate litigation as it throws the onus of the proof of title entirely upon the applicant, who asks for and receives his license without any assurance from the government.

Wins the Appeal.—A special cable announces that the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company, a branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, has won its appeal before the Privy Council in the suit with the crown over the right to all minerals except gold and silver in the grant of lands to the company by the Dominion government in May, 1890. The contention of the government was that, nothing having been said of minerals, they therefore came under the general regulations and were reserved to the crown. This view was taken by the Supreme court of Canada, but was upset by the Privy Council decision on Friday.

Embezzler Captured.—Isaac W. Burpee, who fled from Dawson to escape a charge of embezzlement, is now on his way to the Yukon capital. On Thursday morning M. H. Welch, chief of the detective department of the Northwest Mounted Police and one of the cleverest men in the man-hunting business, left Seattle in company with Burpee, who will face the charge of embezzling more than $15,000 belonging to his partner, Ernest Shoff. Burpee was arrested at Linden, Mo., a town in which he is a total stranger, and his capture is claimed to be one of the most remarkable displays of detective work ever accomplished. Burpee, when he fled from Dawson, was traced to Victoria and then East.

Testing Coal.—The admiralty is conducting an interesting experiment with coal. That which was sent from Esquimalt to England a few weeks ago to be tested with other samples from elsewhere will be compared with anthracite that had been buried under salt water for experimental purposes. It has been shown that this deteriorates considerably if kept stored above ground for any length of time. A certain amount of the heating power is lost, and its smokelessness, one of the most valuable properties of anthracite, also largely disappears. Under water storage was suggested as a remedy for this deterioration just over a year ago, and the admiralty determined to try the experiment.

Navy Movements.—H. M. S. Grafton is expected back at Esquimalt from Comox on Wednesday, and will make a sea voyage before recommissioning. On Thursday she will coal and take on stores and sail for Honolulu the following day. She will only make the one port so far as known, and will return there to this port to prepare for recommissioning. The Flora, when she gets back to Esquimalt, will provision for a cruise south, as previously announced, while the Bonaventure, which came in on Thursday morning to secure supplies will cruise up the east coast until the end of the month. The Flora is expected on September 4th, and she will sail three days later.

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The Day at The Capital

Senator Black Will Resign if the Upper House is Not More Orderly.

A Victorian Honored by a Seat on The Floor of The House.

Some Amendments are Made to the Present Alien Labor Bill.

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The official scores in the military rifle league convention were announced today. The 57th, Peterboro, is the first of the city corps with a score of 3,745; 6th, Vancouver, second, with 3,737. Of other meets the 77th, Dundas, is first with 3,624. In the civilian scores Peel Association of Drayton, Ont., is first with 3,676; Vancouver third with 3,594; Nanaimo 25th with 3,150, and Rossland 33rd, with 2,962 points, respectively.

In the Senate today Senator Black, of Amherst, said that if business were conducted in the upper house as it had been for the past few days he would resign his seat. He could not stand such flagrant violations to the rules of the upper house.

D. W. Higgins is here and was honored with a seat on the floor of the Commons to the right of the speaker. He has made excellent arrangements for the publication of his volume, "Mystic Spring," and other stories which originally appeared in the Colonist.

The Commons' bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, affecting the tobacco combines, was atopted after much debate. Mr. Pringle, of Cornwall, strongly argued on behalf of the tobacco lords, holding that it was unwise to vest the minister of inland revenue with the power to cancel licenses of tobacco concerns without the right of appeal to the courts.

The Alien Labor Act amendment occupied the balance of the sitting. It was tersely dissected by opposition speakers and defended on general lines by Sir Wm. Mulock and Premier Laurier. The discussion showed that the measure was simply cumbering the statute with useless legislation in that it did not prevent the importation of laborers from any part of the earth. Finally Sir Wm. Mulock consented to amendment by striking out the provision which required an appeal to a judge before alien laborers could be brought into Canada in the event of shortage of laborers in the Dominion.

RUN ON BANK CONTINUES.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—When the doors of the Drovers' Trust & Savings Bank at the stockyards opened today about 150 persons were in line to draw, continuing the run begun on the bank yesterday. Vice-president Tilden said there he expected that there would be withdrawal by the smaller depositors for some time. "We are prepared for every emergency," he said.

STRANGE SUICIDE.

Binghampton, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Miss Cornelia P. Crofts, forty years old, the historian of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, committed suicide this morning by drowning herself in the Chenango river. Miss Crofts had long suffered from nervousness and insomnia, and it is believed her mind became affected.

AFFAIRS IN HAYTI.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Aug. 5.—The stores were reopened today under the protection of the police and without any unusuala incidents. The military tribunal has condemned to death by default forty exiled persons accused of complicity in an attempted revolution headed by Gen. Montplaiser, which failed in January last.

TURKEY STILL OBDURATE.

Will Give U. S. No Satisfactory Assurances as to Americans' Rights.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—Minister Leishman has notified the state department from Constantinople that he has failed to receive the expected satisfactory reply from the Sultan touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey. The American battleship fleet may be detained at Gibraltar to strengthen the minister's hands in the conduct of these negotiations.

Maiden Hanged For High Treason

Executed Within the Walls of Schlusselburg Some Months Ago.

Youngest Daughter of a Russian Professor and Aged Eighteen.

London, Aug. 5.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the youngest daughter of Professor Mersheyeffesky, the well-known Russian educator, has just been hanged in the fortress at Schlusselburg for high treason.

Every effort has been made by the Russian authorities to keep the matter from the public because of the outburst of indignation which followed the hanging of another young student for an alleged attempt on the life of the Czar some months ago.

The correspondent states, however, that it has been learned that the girl, while assisting the empress some weeks ago to pack a quantity of supplies for the troops at the front, chiefly reading matter and delicacies, smuggled into the packages a number of seditious pamphlets, which were not discovered until some of them had got into the hands of the soldiers.

When accused, the young woman is said to have admitted her guilt and to have declared that she exulted in the deed. She was court-martialed, found guilty of treason, and promptly hanged. No announcement of the punishment has yet been made in the official journal and now none is expected to be.

The young woman was 18 years old, and the government is condemned for its action, as it is believed that she was but the tool of older conspirators.

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Story From Port Arthur

Fragmentary Details of Recen Heavy Fighting at the Besieged City.

Defenders Showered With Shrapnel For Period of Three Days.

Russians Occupied Trenches Extending a Distance of Sixteen Miles.

Chefoo, Aug. 6.—(7 p. m.)—A newspaper published at Port Arthur and which was brought in here today, gives fragmentary details of recent heavy fighting there.

The Japanese artillery opened a desultory fire on the afternoon of July 25th. That night the Russians slept on their arms in the trenches. They occupied a line sixteen miles long. Next morning, July 26th, the fog cleared away at 6 o'clock and the Japanese then began to fire along the entire line. This fire was kept up until dark. The Japanese marksmanship was most accurate, showing that they had derived benefit from the practice of the preceding day. The heaviest fire was directed against the batteries which included the 12-inch naval guns commanded by Prince Tscheidse and Captain Syrydloff. A perfect shower of shells hit the earthworks or went screeching into the valley behind, doing considerable damage to the artillery men.

The hottest fighting began at daybreak of July 27th. The battle commenced under the rays of a scorching sun. The Russian right wing was commanded by Major-General Kondratenko, who was compelled to undergo the brunt of the terrific cannonading. To this fierce fire the Russians replied with deliberation. The naval battery was again made the target for the heaviest fire, and it was evident that the Japanese were trying to silence the most dangerous Russian position. A perfect shower of shrapnel was thrown into the valley behind the Russian batteries, whereupon Major-Gen Kondratenko remarked that the Japanese evidently believed that the Russian reserves were in the valley. From the naval guns observers occasionally saw shells bursting near the other batteries. As the day wore on, the activity of the Japanese fire increased. In the meanwhile the Russian infantry, passive witnesses of the artillery duel, lay in their trenches awaiting an attack. They were well protected, and but few shells fell among them.

At 9 o'clock volley fire gave warning of the Japanese assault and as the Japanese infantry advanced the Japanese artillery fire slackened somewhat, but the Russian batteries replied with increased vigor while the Russian riflemen advanced volleying rapidly and with great animation. For an hour the Japanese advanced intrepidly in the face of a fire which is described as a "thousand volley simultaneous action." The Japanese advance against the Russian right wing ceased and the Russians cheered, but at this moment news arrived from General Stoessel, the commander-in-chief at Port Arthur, announcing that the terrific pounding to which the Russian right wing had been subjected was nothing more than a mask to cover the concentration of the Japanese troops preparatory to an attack upon the Russian left wing, of which Wolf's mountain was the key. General Stoessel commanded the presence of Major-General Kondratenko, who, with his staff, mounted his horse and at once started to join the commander-in-chief. After having ridden a short distance, Major-General Kondratenko was compelled to choose between two roads, one long and safe from the fire of the enemy, the other short and leading through a shell-swept valley.

"God favors the brave," remarked the general, and he and his staff galloped safely over the dangerous road.

At noon on July 27th, the Japanese, who had been attacking, suddenly ceased firing, and they were presently observed with the aid of field glasses quietly eating rice. Afterwards the right wing was reminded of the presence of the Japanese by the descent of a huge shell, but the worst was over. In the meantime the main attack which resulted in the capture of Wolf's mountain, had been developed.

During the fighting of these three days the Russians used the telephone for communication with all parts of the field.

JAPS REPORTED REPULSED.

Mukden, Aug. 5.—It is reported here that the Japanese attacked the Russian position at Anshang, midway between Haicheng and Liaoyang, on August 2nd, and were repulsed with heavy loss. The Russian casualties are not known.

Shocking Fatality At Vancouver

Two Men Meet a Horrible Death at the Electric Power Works.

Repentant Robber Returns Diamonds — Morning Ledger Suspends Publication.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 6.—Two men were killed at the electric power works today. Joseph Bays, a mason's helper, was sweeping the floor near some live wires. He was told to go away, as it was a dangerous spot. He went away, but immediately returned. His hat fell off and he stooped to pick it up, and came in contact with the live wires. Twenty thousand volts of electricity shot through his body. As it takes only 1,500 volts to kill a man, Bays instantly expired.

Robert E. Green, the foreman of the masonry work, rushed over to Bays and attempted to pull him off, and got a portion of the current in his body. Green was fearfully burned. One foot was almost burned off, while his hip and side were terribly seared. He died at the city hospital at 4:30. Bays' right leg was burned off near the knee. His body, head and arms were torn and burned as if flayed with red-hot irons. Little is known of Bays. Green has a wife and several half grown children.

A ROBBER'S REPENTANCE.

Mrs. D. A. Ross found $2,000 worth of diamonds under her woodshed steps this morning. The diamonds were stolen along with eleven $100 bills. The money was not returned.

When Mrs. Ross was in the garden this morning she saw the ends of a bandana handkerchief protruding from under the steps; on pulling it out she was astonished to find all the stolen jewels tied up in the handkerchief intact—two heavy diamond earrings, large diamond sunburst and a number of diamond rings. Since the robbery the police were unable to find any clue.

The Vancouver Morning Ledger has suspended publication. Dr. Reynolds, the publisher, issued the following statement today: "Pending the settlement of affairs concerning the company, of interest to no one except those directly concerned, the Daily Ledger will not be issued." The present action is the result of the fight for control between Dr. Reynolds and John Hendry, the local representative of the Great Northern, whose interests the paper originally started out to champion.

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