Americans Buy Salmon

Fraser River Fishers Offered Advanced Prices for Their Catch.

Robbers Gag Woman and Force a Confession From Her by Torture.

Annual Scottish Games Held at Vancouver Attract a Large Crowd.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 1—The Province says that D. N. McMillan, of the Pacific Packing company, Puget Sound, taking advantage of the rebate on salmon imported into the United States, passed up the Gulf yesterday offering British Columbia fishermen an advance on the price of fish to what they would get at the canneries.

Word comes from Cloverdale, B.C., that the house of Miss Marshall was entered by a burglar last night, who demanded her money. She refused and the burglar bound, gagged and blindfolded he and afflicter horrible tortures until in awful agony of mind she told the burglar where the money was. He secured $40 and a quantity of jewelery and departed. The description of the burglar is meagre.

The annual Scottish games were held at Brockton Point today, a very large crowd attended and the celebration passed off successfully.

Mr. Rich has declined to allow his name to be mentioned as a candidate in Richmond in the Conservatives' interests, in fact, before the name had been mentioned in the press he had not been asked to stand, although it was the intention of the party managers to ask him to consent to be nominated. The name of Mr. Kitson, a prominent rancher of the Delta district, is now mentioned in connection with the Conservative candidature, and it is likely that Mr. Kitson will be asked to allow himself to be nominated. Mr. S. Cawley, of Chilliwack, is mentioned as the possible nominee of the Conservatives in the Fraser River Garden Town, while Mr. M. C. Schou having declined to stand in Richmond, Mr. Tuttle will be asked to contest Delta in the interests of the Conservative party.

There are now over 6,300 names on the provincial voters' list in Vancouver.

A well-known canner who has interests on Puget Sound as well as in British Columbia waters, stated that in spite of the law allowing rebate on duty paid on salmon coming into the United States, in his opinion the American canners will not think it worth their while to buy netted salmon for their cans, as they will run a risk of the salmon being too stale to pack by the time they get to their canneries.

Baxter Bishop, an American, whose name is synonymous with Buckley Valley, B.C., and the attempts made to settle the valley by establishing colonies on the land, returned from Victoria yesterday, where he has been making and other proposition to the government regarding the settlement of the American colony in the Ootsa Lake and Buckley Valley country. The government have now this proposition of Mr. Bishop under consideration, and Mr. Bishop states that if the government accepts the proposition he will be able to bring a large number of Americans in here to settle on the land that is suitable for cultivation, otherwise he will be obliged to return to his native land. Should they settle on the land the American colonists would, of course, become British subjects. Mr. Bishop believes that the government will grant the concessions asked and is consequently buying up military scrip for the purpose of applying on land, not taken up in the usual way from the government.

This week's Gazette, as well as last week's, indicates the wane of timber speculation. But ten applications for timber licenses have been applied for in two weeks, seven this week and three last. The search for coal, however, seems to still continue, as eighteen applications for licenses to locate coal are reported this week. There are but two applications to purchase recorded in this week's Gazette, two notices of assignment and two notices of new incorporation, Canada Shoe company and the Fraser River Power company.

The membership of the B.C. Lumbermen's association has been much augmented and their influence increased by the acquisition of all the mill owners in Victoria and on Vancouver Island. The Island mill owners were invited to join the association and after an interview with some of the officials at a meeting recently held on the Island, they consented to do so. Heretofore the membership was drawn chiefly from Vancouver and New Westminster.

Preliminary negotiations are in progress for the re-construction of the Ogle block, which is to be entirely occupied by the dry goods firm of Drysdale & Stevenson.

Mr. Hon. L. Edwin Dudley, American consul, returned from a trip to Atlin yesterday, where he had gone for the purpose of investigating the necessity of granting the request of the American citizens of Atlin in establishing a United States consular agency in that town. Mr. Dudley states that he is not at all certain that he wil recommend the appointment, but he cannot tell until he makes further investigations, that his report to the government would be based on information received regarding the actual number of American citizens in Atlin and the importance and value of Atlin exports. He states that he stayed in Atlin camp but a day and a half, but as far as he could see in the limited time of his disposal he would say that there was every indication of a permanent camp. He would say, however, as far as he could see, that the bulk of the mining would be done by capitalists with machinery. Mr. Dudley referred to the possibilities of the big dredge which would soon be operating on the poor man's farm. Mr. Switzer, the manager of the company operating the dredge stated that it would be completed in a very short time, a matter of weeks. He said he had prospected all the good grounds by the most modern method and was satisfied that it was rich. The dredge had cost $300,000, but he expected that it would pay for itself in thirty days' run. The dredge was set in a deep ditch which was filled with water and as the gravel is taken by the dredge and passed through the sluice boxes from the front the tailings will be deposited in the rear. Mr. Dudley was particularly impressed with the good roads in the Atlin districts and states that the trip throughout was a very pleasant one.

The Vancouver Liberals held a meeting last night which was well attended and made a change in their platform, dropping the compulsory arbitration plank, owing to the Dominion Trades and Labor Council requesting that no action be taken on a bill dealing with the subject last session. Regarding the calling of a general convention it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of a provincial executive.

Mr. Clarke, who deeded Clarke's park to the city under certain conditions, which conditions he claims have not been carried out, and who has failed to make his contentions good before one justice in the Supreme Court and Full Court is taking the case to the Privy Council.

Everett beat Vancouver at baseball yesterday three to one. The game was a good one.

ROUMANIAN CONSUL.

London, Aug. 1.—Reginald H. Ward has been appointed Roumanian consul in London. Mr. Ward is a Bostonian and a great grandson of General Artemus Ward, of revolutionary war fame. Five years ago he moved to London and acquired a paper title of "Count."

MEDICAL JOURNAL.

New York, Aug. 1.—Several well-known New York physicians, headed by Dr. Albert W. Ferris, have formed a company for the publication of a daily medical journal, and the announcement is made that the initial number will appear October 1st. The paper will report the medical happenings of the world. It will also publish daily a report of the current medical literature of the world.

MOORS ATTACK FRENCH.

Sharpshooters Who Were Guarding Camels Fight Barbers.

Algiers, Algeria, Aug. 1.—A body of five hundred Moors of the Barber tribe recently attacked the French force of fifty native sharpshooters who were guarding 150 camels at Sidi Jady. A brisk fight followed. The Barbers losing heavily, but they killed ten of the sharpshooters and two French corporals, and carried off the camels.

BRADSTREETS WEEKLY REVIEW

Holidaying Interferes With Eastern Trade---Prospects Bright in B. C.

Toronto, July 31.—Bradstreet's review says: Montreal wholesale trade is suffering some from the holiday season. A good many travelers or business men are holidaying, and there is not that keenness now to operate the fall as will by displayed in the near future.

The sorting trade is still contributing somewhat to the general movement and fall orders are on a fair scale. The crops in Ontario and Quebec are turning out well, and the industrial outlook in the East is satisfactory. The crop conditions in the far West are not as favorable as a few weeks ago.

Wholesale trade at Toronto has been moderately active for this season. The shipments of domestic staple goods, cottons, woollens, etc., have been large the past week, and owing to the continued firmness shown in these goods, orders are urgent. The retailers have been buying liberally. Manufacturers are refusing to make any price concessions. There has been some inquiry for Ontario fleece wool here for export to the United States, but no sales are yet reported. The price here for washed is higher at 16 cents to 17 cents. The clip is considerably less than last season.

Trade at Quebec is reported satisfactory. Retail business through the country generally appears to be in a healthy state, and the prospects for the fall are encouraging. Labor is being sought for harvest work, and the hay crop has turned out better than expected. Seasonable fruits have been plentiful. In the city the sorting trade is reported active and country remittances are fairly good for the season.

At Winnipeg trade the past week has been fair, but of course less than last week, when the exhibition attracted many buyers. Buying for the fall so far is much larger than previous years. Reports on the wheat crop are less encouraging. Cutting of wheat should, with continued favorable conditions, begin in about two weeks.

In Victoria and Vancouver the disappearance of strike difficulties the past week has greatly brightened up the business situation. The outlook for trade is much improved, and building operations are already more active.

Business in the Kootenay district is already reviving as a result of the lead bounty.

The run of sockeye salmon has begun and a good-sized pack is expected.

The movement in wholesale at Hamilton, as reported to Bradstreet's, for the week has been active for the mid-summer. Travelers are sending fair-sized orders and mail-sorting orders are fairly numerous for this late date. The outlook for trade is very encouraging. The local manufacturers are busy on contracts. Labor is well employed, and values of staple manufactures are firm.

London wholesalers report a fair demand for seasonable stuff as a result of the late date at which the season began, which was due to weather conditions early in the season. The shipments of fall goods are large now, and the demand is keeping up very well for this season, when many through the country are away on holidays. There has been a steady demand for fall goods in Ottawa, and the outlook is generally considered bright. The favorable crop reports are having a good effect on the real trade, and purchases have been well distributed and large values are firm.

GATHERING ROYALTIES.

Marriage of Princess Alice, of Battenburg to be a Great Event.

Darmstadt, Grand Duchy of Hesse, Aug. 1.—A great gathering of sovereigns is expected here on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Andrew of Greece to Princess Alice of Battenburg. The Czar, Emperor William, King Edward, King Christian of Denmark, and King George of Greece, have already promised to attend.

MAJOR MERRITT ON CANADIAN CAVALRY

Tells Army Authorities That Colonial Horse Outrank the British.

Montreal, July 31.—The Star's London cable says: Major W. H. Merritt, of Lord Minto's staff, writes to the army authorities, asserting that Canadian cavalry could give the British many wrinkles in the art of mobility and efficiency, and suggests that Canada and Great Britain should compete, each putting a team of four men and five horses in the field, fully equipped, for a test extending from London to Edinburgh, and including tests, bivouacing, picketing horses and packing.

At the Royal Caledonian Curling Club meeting, Earl Mansfield, in moving a vote of thanks to the Canadian team, emphasized the good results of the tour, and said he was sorry to hear that there was still a great deal of ignorance on the subject, and a great many seemed to think that those who went to Canada and the United States had a very bad time. Then they examined the figures, they saw that that was not the case. They nearly always got half-and-half and had not much to grumble at.

ANOTHER BOODLER.

Jefferson City, July 30.—The case of State Senator Wm. P. Sullivan, of Christian county, charged with having solicited a bribe of $4,500 in connection with baking powder legislation, was called today before Judge H. O. Timming, of Carton county.

All disorders caused by a bilious state of the system can be cured by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. No pain, griping or discomfort attending their use. Try them.

Two Ballots But No Pope

First Day of the Conclave Results in Nothing. Definite.

Rampolla Party Said to Be in the Ascendant in Voting.

Balloting Continues Today But Final Result Expected Tomorrow.

Rome, Aug. 1.—The first day of the conclave has ended without the election of a pope. Both morning and afternoon the members of the sacred college, except Cardinals Herrero, Espinosa, Cretoni, Laugenieux and Couilie, who were confined to their cells by illness, entered the Sistine chape, where, after the solemn ritual appointed for the occasion, they deposited their ballots in the chalice. That these gave no candidate the necessary 42 votes was made known by the smoke burning the ballots which, issued from the Sistine chapel. Tomorrow the cardinals will vote again, both morning and afternoon, but what the chances are of their arriving at a decision before Monday no one can tell. It was reported this evening that the Rampolla party was in the ascendant, but this cannot be known as any indication of the final result. Rumor generally assigns Monday as the most likely day upon which an election will occur.

No one here seriously expected the cardinals to select a pontiff on the first ballot, hence this morning few of the populace were present on the piazza of St. Peter's, though in the immediate neighborhood a thousand troops and gendarmes stood idle in the shade of the colonades. Soon after 4 o'clock this afternoon, however, crowds began to gather, including priests and monks of all denominations, and by 5 o'clock several thousand persons of all classes were watching the Sistine chapel for the smoke which gave the results of the ballot. As evening drew near, the crowd increased, and Roman princes and princesses drove up. Prince Orsini, the head of Roman nobility, who shares only with Prince Colonna the hereditary right to stand next to the papal throne, sat on the steps of St. Peter's, beside an old Reggie woman; like her, he watched intently for the smoke signal, but no smoke came. The bells of the Basilica rang out the call to vespers, but none went in. The priests pacing the steps of St. Peter's, prayer books in hand, muttered the evening office with an ever-watchful eye on the Sistine chapel. The suspense became intense; even the street urchins who had gathered in large numbers to collect the discarded ends of cigarettes thrown away by the nervous crowd, stopped their work and gazed toward the chapel. Several false alarms caused a thrill of excitement. Thus came a rumor that a pope had been elected, and many persons rushed to the Basilica to get good seats when the announcement should be made. The impression that a choice had been reached was heightened by the appearance upon the walls of the Vatican of a few officials in full uniform, as if for a great ceremony. When 6 o'clock boomed from the big clock of St. Peter's there was a sea of upturned faces, forced in intense anticipation on the Sistine chapel's crooked tin smokestack. Three minutes later from the conical top of the stack curled out a thin streak of smoke, so light, so faint, that it was scarcely distinguishable. From the crowd came a sigh of relief. Still watching with craned necks, they saw the smoke thicken, and then die down, and in two minutes all trace of today's futile voting had vanished into air, slowly, and with much speculation as to what had occurred within the conclave, and the liklihood of an election tomorrow, the crowds dispersed.

CLEVER SCOUNDREL CONVICTED

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Adolph Kuhne, banker and broker, was today convicted of the larceny of $15,000. Other indictments against him are to be tried in September. According to the evidence he victimized many persons through forgeries of real estate deeds and titles.

SEAWANAKA CUP WON BY CANADA

Canadian Yacht Again Defeats the Boats of Uncle Sam.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—(Special)—Canada retains the Seawanhaka cup another year, after repeated attempts of the Americans to capture it from the St. Lawrence Yacht Club. The Thorella finished today's race at 4:07 p.m., and the Kolutoo at 4:19.

STRIKE ENDED.

Ballston, N. Y., July 30.—The strike of the Union Bag and Paper Company's employees has ended and the men reported for work today on the same terms which prevailed when the mills were shut down by the firemen's strike for an eight-hour day and two dollars per day wages four weeks ago.

FIFTY MILLION PAYMENT.

New York, July 30.—The final instalment of ten per cent. due on the $50,000,000 of bonds underwritten by the International Mercantile Marine Syndicate, has been paid to J. P. Morgan & Co.

INSPECTORS INDICTED.

Chicago, July 30.—Indictments were returned today by the grand jury against five sanitary inspectors, one of whom was the assistant of the bureau, for accepting bribes. They are John S. Kely, assistant chief sanitary inspector: Jas. E. Brudenell, W. R. Denning, W. H. Dwight, and Ernest Schierman.

MUNSEY SELLS HIS PAPER.

New York, July 30.—The announcement is made that the New York Daily News Plant and goodwill will be sold at auction in this city on August 21. The Daily News has been published by the New York News Publishing Company of which Frank Munsey is the principal stockholder.

YELLOW FEVER IN NEW YORK.

New York, July 30.—Almon Smith, a sailor, died today in King's County hospital, a victim, the authorities believe, of yellow fever. His home and the immediate neighborhood have been quarantined, and physicians are on the lookout for other possible cases. Smith arrived on the steamship Havenan from Vera Cruz, five days ago, and was taken to the hospital two days later. The ship sailed again before the board of health was notified, but so far as learned, there were no other cases of sickness on board.

CALIFORNIA INVADES LONDON.

London, July 31.—The big shipment of specially packed California fruit, which arrived in England on the American line steamer, St. Paul, yesterday, was sold at Covent Gardens this morning. Spirited competition brought better prices than heretofore obtained in London.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Los Angeles, July 31.—The westbound Santa Fe Limited, due here at 3 p. m. today, and east-bound No. 4, which left here at 8 o'clock last evening collided head-on at Mellon, a station on the Colorado river near Needles, California, today. Three tramps were killed and several of the trainmen injured. The passengers on both trains are said to have escaped injury.

KING AND QUEEN EMBARK.

Take Ship for Queenstown at Berehaven.

Galway, July 31.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and their party, arrived at Kenmare from Galway at 3 p. m. Their Majesties visited the residence of Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, where they were entertained by His Lordship. The King and Queen afterwards proceeded to Berehaven, and embarked on the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert bound for Queenstown.

King and Queen Reach Galway

Their Majesties Continue Their Motor Ride Through Picturesque Region.

Queen Alexandra in Response to Poor Woman's Appeal Asks Clemency.

Galway, Ireland, July 30.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra continued by motor today their inspection of some of the wildest and most picturesque regions of Ireland. The start was made at nine a. m. from the little town of Leenane, on the shore of Killarney bay, where they were presented with an address.

The King said he had already inspected some of the cottage industries, and that he was pleased with the spirit of industrial activity and the warm-hearted welcome of the people which he and the Queen both would long remember.

The motor journey ended at Recess, where the party had luncheon. Their Majesties then took the train for Galway and arrived here late in the afternoon. They met with an enthusiastic reception.

The King was presented with addresses by the District Council and other bodies, to which he replied briefly.

Their Majesties then boarded the royal yacht which was lying in Galway bay. Tomorrow they will take a train for Kenmare, near which place they will be the guests of Lord Lansdowne at his country seat, Derreen., county of Kerry.

At Recess, where their Majesties stopped for luncheon, an extraordinary incident occurred. A poor, old country woman approached the Queen with a petition for the remission of the remainder of a sentence of six months passed upon her husband. Inquiries proved that the man's character justified clemency and the Queen, with the King's permission, remitted the sentence on the spot. The surrounding crowd, learning what had occurred, cheered wildly.

CROFTON AGAIN IS PROSPEROUS

The Smelter Town At Osborne Bay Once More Full of Life.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Crofton, B. C., Aug. 1.—This has been a busy week for everybody at Crofton, and the prospects are good for a long continuance of the present prosperous conditions.

The week opened with a meeting of the board of school trustees for the purpose of selecting a teacher for the public school. Mr. J. T. Pearce was chairman, Mr. Dupies, secretary, and Trustee Pollard were present. Sixteen applications had been received for the position. As the majority of the trustees were in favor of having a male teacher, Mr. R. F. Gordon received the appointment.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the wedding of Mr. Joel A. Broadwell, postmaster, and Miss Lee, of South Salt Spring island. A dance was given in their honor on Friday night at the Hotel Osborne, sixty couples being present. There would have been more, as many were expected from Salt Spring island, but the invitations did not reach them in time. Supper was served at midnight, and the dance was kept up with great spirit until three o'clock in the morning. The bride was presented with many valuable tokens of esteem ,testifying to her great popularity with all...

The smelter has been doing splendid work. Seven carloads of copper have been shipped during the week, making ten carloads of matte of twenty-five tons each, sent out since the smelter was blown in after the shut down, July 5.

MUST LEAVE FINLAND.

Russian Government Resumes Expulsions.

Berlin, July 29.—The National Zeitung prints the text of a letter received from Finland saying that the expulsions have been resumed and that the government has ordered the Rev. Mr. Magnus Rosendal, the well-known writer, speaker and principal of the Lyceum at Uleaborg, to leave the country after depriving him of his position.

Mr. Rosendal, who is a pietistic clergyman, is going to the United States to work among the Finnish immigrants there.

BOERS QUARREL WITH BOERS.

Trouble in South Africa no Longer Between Britons and Dutchmen.

London, July 30.—During the discussion of the colonial office vote, in the House of Commons toda, replying to a bitter attack on the government's policy and Lord Milner's administration of South Africa, by Mr. Markham, Liberal, in the course of which he charged that affairs were growing worse, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain lengthily defended the administration of South Africa. He said the greatest difficulty was not the reconciliation of the Boers and Britons, but the reconciliation of the Boers with the Boers. The secretary then called attention to the fact that the Boers were making every effort to develop the country and were forming local agricultural associations of which the chairmen, in many cases, were former leaders of the Boer forces. Mr. Chamberlain admitted that much had to be done and said that if it was found that the work of pacification was prevented by irreconcilables, the government would not hesitate to use its strong power to part of the mischief-makers.

Saturday at The Capital

French Canadian Religio-Military Guards Meet in Convention.

Results of Last Season's Firing in the Dominion Rifle League.

Governor General's Foot Guards Spend a Holiday in New York.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—The convention of the Independent Guards, a semi-religio military organization of French-Canadians, commenced here to-day. Ten different companies arrived from Montreal, Three Rivers, St. Hyacinthe, Burlington, Vt., Worcester, Mass., and other points. The regiment will be reviewed by the Governor-General on Monday.

In the Military Rifle League matches the Duke of Cornwall's Rifles, Ottawa, had the top score, 3,712 poins. Nelson company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers were twentieth with 3,110 points; Rossland company, 21st, 3,106; Kamloops, 33rd, 2,938; Hespeler association, first among civilians, 3,505. Trail, ninth, 3,308; Nelson, seventeenth; Slocan 32nd; Kamloops, 35th; Rossland, 44th; Golden, 45th.

The Cabinet today are considering the supplementary estimates.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards left today to spend the civic holiday at Plattsburg, N.Y.

WINNIPEGGERS SEND OARSMEN

To Row for Honor of Prairie Capital in the East.

Winnipeg, Aug. 1.—(Special)—The Winnipeg oarsmen went East to St. Catharines and Worcester this afternoon. The men now on their way East to defend Winnipeg's honor are: Messrs. C. S. Riley, F. H. Bole, Charlie Johnston, Selby Henderson, J. Boswell, S. E. Richards, H. L. Carpe, D. B. Sprague, R. R. Muir and W. Clements.

Customs returns at this port show another very large increase for July, as compared with the same month a year ago. The figures for July, 1903, are, $266,347; July, 1902, $178,858.67. Increase, $87,487.33.

Guelph, Aug. 1.—Mrs. G. F. Harris, widow of the late Mr. Harris of S. Rockford Woollen Mills, was driving to this place yesterday when an axle on her buggy broke, throwing her out on her head and rendering her unconscious. She was taken to the hospital, where she died without regaining consciousness.

WILL NOT EXHIBIT.

British Manufacturers Fear Yankees Would Steal Designs.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—(Special)—James Weir, head of the engineering firm of G. & J. Weir, near Glasgow, Scotland, is in the city. He says that no British manufacturer of repute will exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair because the designs would be stolen by American firms. He says American competition does not amount to a row of pins.

U. S. TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

Washington, D. C., July 30.—The report of the interstate commerce commission on railroad accidents in the United States during three months ending March 31st last shows that during this quarter 300 people were killed and 2,834 injured in train accidents. Other kinds of accidents, including those sustained by employees at work and passengers in getting off and on cars, makes the aggregate 827 killed and 11,481 injured. There were 1,650 collisions and 1,181 derailments, causing $2,491,046 damage to cars, engines and roadways.

NORTERN SECURITIES WIN IN STATE COURTS

Decision in Minnesota in Favor of the Jim Hill Merger.

St. Paul, Aug. 1.—Judge Lochren today, in the Circuit Court, handed down his decision in the case of the state of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company, the Great Northern Railway Company, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities Company, and individually in which he sustained the contentions of the defendants and dismissed the bill of complaint of the state. He finds the Northern Securities Company has not violated the state laws forbidding the consolidation of parallel and competing lines. He refuses the injunctions asked by the state of Minnesota to restrain the Northern Securities Company from voting the stock of the railway companies or either of them.

This decision affects the results of the federal government's victory in the Circuit Court in no way whatever. The federal suit was based on a totally different contention of law. In the federal suit, the securities company was prosecuted for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The suit which the company wins is based on an allegation that the defendants violated an act of the Minnesota legislature forbidding the consolidation of parallel and competing lines of railway.

FOR HIGH LATITUDES.

Copenhagen, July 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cliddon, of Lowell, Mass., left here this afternoon in their automobile in an attempt to cross the Arctic circle. The automobilists received an enthusiastic send-off from a big crowd at the starting point.

ADRIFT IN A DORY.

Woman Picked Up on Atlantic After Two Days' Exposure.

Rockland, Me., July 30.—News was brought here today by the steamer Vinal Haven, that after being adrift in a dory 49 hours and blown 75 miles out to sea, during a gale last Monday, Mrs. Carter of Montioe Island, formerly Miss Clara Pezes of Bangor, was picked up yesterday by the Gloucester fishing schooner Hazel Oneta, Capt. William Malonsen, of Gloucester, 30 miles east of Mount Bert Roy. The woman was half dead from exposure, and the effects of large quantities of salt water taken to quench her thirst.

MARINE NEWS.

Steamer Cottage City, Capt. Wallace, of the P. C. S. S. Co., reached port yesterday afternoon from Skagway with $290,000 in gold on board, shipped from Dawson by the Bank of Commerce, consigned to the Seattle assay office, and $13,000 in gold which J. A. Thomson of the Hudson's Bay Company brought out from Gaselar for Messrs. Mannfield and Pike, who took the sum from their hydraulic property in about twenty days. The steamer had 105 passengers, of whom about twenty debarked at this port.

Officers of the steamer reported that the rush to the gold fields discovered in the Tahkeent district, was being continued, and great excitement prevailed at both Skagway and White Horse, as a result of reports received there from the new finds. Capt. Wallace said that three miners who had returned to White Horse from the new district to secure provisions in order to allow them to work claims located by them, stated that many prospectors were taking out in the neighborhood of three dollars to the pan, and many others reported that rich claims were being located. The reports from the various claims gave the amount of gold being taken out as being from ten cents all the way to three dollars to the pan.

A copy of the Dawson News received by the steamer describes the stampedes which took place on the middle of July as follows: Among the stampeders from Dawson are some of the best known Yukon southerners. Included in the number is Henry Henderson, brother of Bob Henderson, who is famed for being the first man to strike gold in the watershed of the Klondike river.

The officers of the steamers which have arrived from White Horse yesterday and today say that the new strike has caused White Horse almost to be deserted. Every man who possibly can get away has gone. Those who cannot go have grubstaked others.

Captain McMasters of the Selkirk, says the town of White Horse has scarcely anyone left. Fifty or more had left the town when the Selkirk departed from White Horse, and perhaps a hundred more have started from there since.

First Mate Martin of the Selkirk, staked three men to go to the new diggings. Chief Engineer Mavis, of the Graff, in port discharging machinery from White Horse, says one of the crew left to join the stampede.

The strike was made some time ago by Dawson Charlie, McMillan and Weisdedp. Dawson Charlie has discovered on fourth of July creek and Weisdedp and McMillan have discovered on Ruby. The creeks are six miles apart. It is understood that Skookum Jim, one of the original stakers with Carmack's discovery party on famous bonanza creek, is said to be among the early stakers in the new camp. Jimmie Jackson also is a new staker. The mining recorder at White Horse is doing a land office business selling miners' licenses.

The steamer Crosset is taking parties up the Tahkeent river en route to the strike. The Tahkini flows into the Fifty-mile, 18 miles below White Horse. The new strike is 100 miles to 150 miles west of White Horse.

The scene at the wharf when the Dawson sailed this afternoon was the most animated and exciting attendant on the departure of any steamer from the city for years. Hundreds of people crowded about the steamer and scores were hurrying to and fro with their effects in preparing for the journey. Hardy men in rough clothes fitted for long outings and hard tramps were carrying packs of clothing and prospecting and cooking outfits aboard the boat.

Some had horses with which to do their packing. Eight or ten horses were aboard the steamer some time before the boat departed, and the interior of the boat on the lower deck was extremely reminiful of good old stampede days. The boat was held for some time beyond the scheduled hour of departure, so that those who had bought tickets and were rushing about to get their outfits ready would have time.

SEMANTHA'S FAST TRIP.

British ship Semantha, Capt. Andrews, 2,003 tons, reached Esquimalt yesterday morning in tow of the tug Pilot after a fast passage of 14 days from Cardiff which a cargo of 3,500 tons of Welsh coal for the warships at Esquimalt. The Semantha is a very fast vessel, and, although the British ship Leicester Castle, which is coming to this port with a general cargo from Liverpool, left over a month prior to her she got the carrier has reached port first. She is eleven days behind the record for the passage from Britain to this port, the honor of having made the fastest trip to Victoria with cargo from Great Britain belonging to the British ship Puritan of Glasgow, of which Capt. F. W. Amesbury, now a member of the B. C. Stevedoring and Contracting company, was then master. The passage made by the Semantha is though among the fastest, for few vessels have come much nearer to the Puritan's record, which was an exceptional run. The Semantha and Capt. Andrews have both made reputations for fast passages on the Atlantic. Capt. Andrews has one record for a voyage across the Atlantic to the westward, which was made in the bark Typhoon, in 14 days.

The vessels sailed from Cardiff on April 3 and had fair weather to the Horn, and encountered rough weather met encountered for some days. For several days in the vicinity of Cape Horn the Semantha was in company with a five-masted bark, which Capt. Andrews believes was the Potosa, although he did not speak her. Good weather met the usual trades, other than the southeast trades which were not experienced, was had when coming up the Pacific and when nearing the mouth of the Straits the vessel ran into fog. She sighted the British ship Imberethan, which has been to this port on several occasions, en route to San Francisco, and she saw the bark Spartan and another bark, which was too far off to make out, inbound off the Cape.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The American four-masted schooner W. H. Talbot, which was reported to be passing Tatoosh inbound in yesterday's Colonist, sailed in to the wharf of the Victoria Chemical company yesterday morning, having voyaged direct without use of tug from the wharf at Hakodate to the wharf at Victoria in 42 days. The schooner brought one thousand tons of sulphur from Japan. After leaving Hakodate she had easterly weather for ten days and then experienced a series of calms with fogs and ran for the greater part of the voyage. No shipping was seen.

News was brought from Hakodate by the schooner that the sealers flying the Japanese flag have been making good catches in the Japan sea this year, the highest catch reported being in the neighborhood of nine hundred and forty skins, and from that all the way to 600. When the schooner was loading her skins at Hakodate E. J. King of that port, who owns several schooners and is agent for many Japanese sealers, had a large number of skins ready for shipment—somewhere in the neighborhood of three thousand skins. A steamer was expected from Yokohama, which was to sail for London and the skins were to be shipped by her.

The Japanese sealers were talking of sending several vessels to Cape Horn, says Capt. Bennecke. Hearing of the success of the Victoria sealers who are interested in the schooners sent to Cape Horn from this port and Halifax, the Japanese were thinking seriously of despatching some of the larger schooners to Cape Horn and the South Shetlands. The old schooner Henry Dennis, now wearing a Japanese name, was lying at Hakodate when the schooner sailed, and she might go to the southern sealing grounds. According to a member of the crew of the Talbot several of the Japanese sealing company's were considering sending vessels to the Horn, and as many as ten might eventually go.

There were a number of sealing schooners being fitted out at Hakodate, some of whom were going to the Behring Sea, others to Copper Island and to the Japan and Okotsch seas. The schooner Seifu Maru had been despatched to the Behring Sea, and advices have already been received here from Attu telling of her voyage. Several other vessels were also to go to Behring Sea, and some had been despatched. One captain with whom Capt. Bennecke was talking prior to his departure was preparing to make a cruise in the vicinity of Behring Island and the Copper islands.

In this connection the remarks of Capt. H. N. Nice, agent of the North American Commercial Company at Dutch Harbor, which were given very briefly by wire, are of interest. He says: "Fewer and fewer seals are to be found every year, but this is not the fault of the Canadian hunters, as many people seem to believe. The Canadian schooners keep strictly to the law and keep outside the 60-mile limit, and there has not been a seizure for three years. They catch their seals with the spear, and if they were the only sealers at work there would be no reason for the diminution of the herd.

"It is the Japanese sealing schooners that cause the trouble. They are not bound by the arbitration award between the United States and England, and they come up within three miles of the islands. They do not spear the seals, but shoot them, and they kill two for every one they get. You know that when shot, a seal sinks rapidly, and it is often impossible to get hold of the body. In this way they not only kill a great many seals to no purpose, but the constant shooting near the breeding grounds scares the seals and the herds are broken up and are scattering all about.

"Though all these schooners fly the Japanese colors, their owners and crews are by no means invariably Japanese. Both American and Canadian seal fishermen have taken to going over to Japan and chartering Japanese schooners, in which they can destroy the seals with impunity."

The cable repair steamer Iris reached Esquimalt yesterday afternoon from Alberni canal, where she has been laying a cable from Bamfield creek to Alberni. It was found that the land lines connecting the cable with Alberni and the lines of the C.P.R. were interrupted at times owing to falling trees and other reasons, and it was decided that a cable would be laid from the Bamfield creek station to Alberni, which cable was shipped from England on the Iris and has been successfully laid by that vessel. The cable was tested and messages were sent over it to Vancouver satisfactorily. The land line will not be allowed to go out of repair, though, and will be kept in readiness so that if any break should occur in the Bamfield-Alberni cable the land line can be used. Mr. W. H. Reynolds, of the Pacific Cable board, General Manager Kent, Western Manager Jenkins and Supt. Wilson, of the C.P.R. telegraphs, were passengers on board the Iris during the laying of the cable, and returned to Victoria with the vessel. Mr. Reynolds will leave for San Francisco on Sunday.

The Iris will remain at Esquimalt for some weeks, and her ship's company will construct a large submarine tank at a location yet to be chosen, where cable for repair purposes is to be stored. The material for the tank has already arrived, and when a location is chosen for the big tank, where cable is to be stored beneath the water, work will be commenced at once.

It is announced that the cable steamer Scotia, which has been secured by the Commercial Pacific Cable for a repair vessel, will lay a cable to Shanghai, extending the United States cable, which has just been laid across the Pacific to Manila.

AMUR FROM SKAGWAY.

day Morning from Lynn Canal.

Steamer Amur of the C. P. R. company, Capt. McLeod, reached port yesterday morning from Skagway. The Amur brought fifteen passengers south, of whom four came to Victoria. Those for Victoria were Major Alex. Davis, a wealthy Londoner, who is worth many millions of dollars, who is interested with Ferdinand W. Peck, of Chicago, and Col. Von Larlarsky in mining concessions on the Siberian coast; Mrs. A. Gordon Smith of Dawson, nee Miss Heisterman, of this city, and B. H. Heisterman, who went as far as Bennett to meet his sister.

The Amur left Skagway on Monday last, a day later than the steamer Cottage City, of the P.C.S. Co., and had an uneventful voyage south. In the passages south of Lynn canal the steamer encountered much drift ice, which has been set adrift by the thawing of the Taku glacier. Between Juneau and Ketchikan swarms of salmon were seen, the vessel steaming through great numbers of fish for miles. It was expected that there would be quite a run energy the Skeena, where the run heretofore this season has been practically a failure.

As told in another column, the steamer brought further news regarding the Tahkeena river gold finds, of which a belated report seemingly has just come to the notice of the local evening paper. This up-to-date journal says the news of a rich strike on a tributary of the Tahkeena on Lake Arkell had just reached Whitehorse before the Amur sailed. This probably refers to three or four trips back.

ATLANTIC CABLE COMBINE.

Profits on Pacific Cable Business Paid to American Companies.

Montreal, July 29.—Considerable surprise is expressed over the disclosure of Austin Chamberlain in the House of Commons, that the profits of the Pacific cable go to American cable companies.

It appears that the Atlantic Cable combine levies one shilling for service indications on each message, in addition to their charge per word. Thus on a 15s. Australian cable message, consisting of five words, the Atlantic pooled companies take nearly one-third of the total. No charge for service indications is made by Canadian, Australian or British governments or by the Pacific Cable Board.

50 dozen Stiff Hats, damaged by water, 50c. each. B. Williams & Co. *

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Wilmington, Del., July 30.—Judge George Gray today decided to accept his appointment as the fifth member of the Alabama coal strike commission, and sought to meet the other members at Atlantic City.

DOCKS GUTTED BY FIRE.

London, July 30.—The Great Central railway's dock and sheds at Grimsby have been gutted by fire. The sheds were filled with Continental machinery and immense quantities of barley. The damage amounts to $500,000.

THE SEAWANHAKA CUP.

Montreal, July 30.—An accident to her rudder, which broke off near the post, disabled the American challenger in the first race this afternoon on Lake St. Louis for the Seawanhaka cup. The mishap occurred on the second round, but scarcely affected the ultimate result, as the Canadian yacht had left her rival hopelessly in the rear.

Official Time: Start, 1:55—First round, Thorella, 2:16:09, 2:24:26, 2:31:00; Kolutoo, 2:20:31, 2:28:30, 2:35:31.

Thorella finished at 3:44:40.

MINISTER DEPOSED.

Sydney Presbytery Expels Rev. John Buchanan for Immorality.

Halifax, July 30.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Sydney Presbytery yesterday, Rev. John Buchanan, a native of Scotland, who came to Cape Breton two years ago from Quebec, where he had charge of a congregation, was deposed from the ministry on the grounds on dishonesty and immorality.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan had been preaching in different parts of Cape Breton since coming from Quebec, but matters concerning his character and conduct became known to members of the Presbytery only recently.

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