

A school teachers' convention is be

The major portion of the new Delta waterworks system will be completed

Deputy Minister Scott of the department of agriculture is to make a tour of the Delta shortly.

The Alcazar Hotel at Keremeos has been Jestroyed by fire, with loss of \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

New postoffices in this province will be opened tomorrow at Hydraulic, Kaledon, Shingle Creek and Majuba Hill.

W. Curran, who last week bought the Central hotel at New Westminster for \$22,000, has already been offered \$27,000 for his purchase.

Burgiars are busy at Eurnaby. home of Manager Fengally of the B. C. Timber & Trading Co., being entered Monday and several hundred dollars'

Two recent Cranbrook weddings were those of Mr. Henry Barrett and Miss Lillian E. Kidson and Mr. Joseph Wallace and Miss Ralph Fitzpatrick.

J. W. Hollingshead, of Ladner, is promoting the establishment of a linseed oil and oil meal mill near New Westminster.

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The practice of the Italian residents of the Crow's Nest country of going about armed is receiving police atten-

Woolf & Goldberg will begin opera-tion of the Independent Shingle Mill on the Fraser this week, with a crew of fifty men.

The Mountain Lumbermen's association, in session at Nelson, has expressed approval of the timber tenure legislation of the recent session.

An eight-years-old boy was run over by an automobile at Vancouver Monday evening, his right leg being

Lionel E. Buck, C.E., of Vancouver, has been engaged by the Council of Chilliwack Municipality to submit a specified scheme for the drainage and

ewering of the municipality The Hedley Gold Mining Co. has increased its staff; the enlargement and improvement of the plant is contemplated; and the new compressor is

neat white apron draped about his rotundity, employed himself industri-ously in carving Canadian turkey for the little folk of his constituency.

peen placed on trial at Bellingham for selling liquor to Canadian Indians. Mr. O'Donnell describes conditions at Chilliwack district as disgraceful, the Indians apparently having no difficulty in getting all the liquor they are sire and some statements. gations of Dominion Officer O'Donnell, Bryan Lapointe of Sumas, Wash., has been placed on trial at Bellingham

'Have you \$50 on you," inquired the magistrate? The prisoner replied af-firmatively. "Well, that will just

Frank Smith, manager and secretary of the K. M. & A. A., who is leaving Kamloops, was presented on Tuesday, with a gold watch and chain. Dr. Wade, who made the presentation, referred to the serily structured of the series of the series

Wade, who made the presentation, referred to the early struggles of the association, and attributed their success in overwhelming financial difficulties to Mr. Smith's indefatigable energy.

J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, is drafting a scheme for presentation to the insurance commission, which amounts to compulsory insurance in the hands of the Provincial government. Everybody to be insured and the government to assume the risks. In cities the premiums are to be levied and collected with the taxes, the assessors to include the valuation; in uncorporated places the Provincial assessors to include the valuation and collected with the taxes, the assessors roll being taken for valuation; in unincorporated places the Provincial assessors to include the valuation and collection of references. sessors to include the valuation and collection of rates with their usual work; justification is left to the courts of revision. The plan would mean an extremely low rate; Mr. Cockle figures on about 1.1-2 per cent, and bases this or the figures of the last government report, which showed that for fire insurance British Columbia paid out about \$8.000.000.

Large deposits of iron are to be de-eloped in the Campbell River country

Nelson's school board has placed an order for shade trees in order to beautify the city school grounds.

A complimentary dinner is to be sendered Mr. Ernest Miller, M. P. P. at Grand Forks on Saturday evening. Rev. T. Walker is to be the first rector of the new Anglican church at

Merritt.

Kaslo is making quiet but energetic efforts to secure one of the government's demonstration orchards. Tomorrow is a civic holiday at Kas o for the purpose of enabling a citizens to help clean up the city.

'At Colville recently Mr. George W. Cooper, of Grand Forks, and Miss Ellen Virginia Crandell, of Gray's Falls, were joined in matrimony.

The marriage took place at Spokane last Friday of Mr. E. L. Grimes of Revelstoke and Miss Minnie Agnew, until very recently also of that city.

Kamloops has decided to build new reservoir, but has not as yet sent for plans of the Smith's Hill reservoir in this city to copy. Just to show their strict originality.

Kaslo's board of trade is urging the council of that city to acquire the local telephone system and operate it hereafter as a municipal system. An agricultural association has been

formed for the Nicola Valley, which will hold its first fall fair on the 13th and 14th of September next. Thomas Walpton, of South Van-couver, was held up in thoroughly orthodox fashion in Vancouver City a few nights ago and robbed of \$170.

Many Kootenay ranchers are going in for milch goats as well as Angoras. A first herd has been ordered through General Freight Agent Haldane of Nelson.

The Canadian Northern has steam shovels at Calgary, billed to Kamloops—which Kamloops joyfully takes as an indication of an early start with construction in that locality.

ty in getting all the liquor they desire and smuggling it across the line.

In a recent Kootenay case wherein the accused was charged with carrying concealed weapons, it was pleaded

Still no light has been thrown upon the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Postmaster Tyer of Agassiz. His books and business generally are found in most satisfactory order.

New Westminster will have its usual

Spring salmon are very scarce on the West Coast, a fact attributed to the presence of large herds of sea lions.

Three Great Northern employees ccused of robbing Harry Curry of \$75

Aviator Hamilton on Saturday flew from Minoru Park to New Westminster and back, about 20 miles in half an hour, following the North Arm of the Fraser.

Another attempt is to be made, with more modern machizery, to save the flour gold which exists in quantity in the magnetic iron sands of Wreck

The Provincial Government will give \$2.500 towards the enlargement and omprovement of the Kaslo Victorian Hospital.

of the Cowichan Agricultural Society on the 17th and 18th June, a chopping contest for a \$150 prize cup being contest for a \$150 prize cup

The preliminary hearing has been completed in the Fesnie hold-up case and J. and F. Bolanger and Nat Babcock committed for trial. Constable Varlow was also bound over to appear at the higher court, bail in \$4,000 be

An amalgamated board of trade for Southeast Kootenay has been formed with the following provisional officers: President, M. A. Macdonald, Cranbrook; vice-president, J. R. Pollock, Fernie; and secretary-treasurer, R. T. Bremmer, Cranbrook.

The Supreme Court sits at Prince The Supreme Court sits at Prince Rupert on the 18th April. One case set for hearing is a charge of house-breaking, the prisoner having been found under the bed of a roomer in the G. T. P. annex, with a brace of revolvers in his pockets.

A. J. Morris, for many years employed by John Piercy & Co., in this city, and anative son of Victoria, is president of the Rupert's first board of trade. George R. Naden, former M. P. P. for Greenwood, is vice-president, and M. M.

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Seven hundred acres of the Manly ranche near Grand forks have been sub-divided and placed on the market by the Great Northern in ten-acre plots.

W. C. Brown, the Vancouver lawyer, is claiming \$1,000 from Contractors Kelley & Murray, as balance of a combination of \$2,000 for getting this firm the granite contract in connection with the granite contract in connection with the new Vancouver post office. The defence allege that the agreement for the payment of this commission was in for milch goats as well as Angoras.

Apropos the recent tumble in Gran-Apropos the recent tumble in Grandby, shares on the New York market, Manager Williams at Grandb Forks new to the British Columbia Mainland. Says that no explanation is to be found at his end of the line, mines and smelter being all right. The possibility of a 25 per cent, tax on blister copper entering the United States, under the new tariff has capsed some holders to

John Houston.

Nelson's fall fair authorities will double their prize appropriations this season.

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The insurance commission will sit at to be able to outfoot the Canadian Indian.

A court of the Knights of Pythias to be known as Court Skeena has been inaugurated at Prince Rupert.

Tenders are being invited by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade for the construction of an electric light plant, the estimated cost of which is \$4,500.

There is not sufficient demand for electric light in Fernie to justify an all night service.

Two Easter weddings at Vancouver were those of Mr. Morrison Jelly to Miss Edith Winnifred Foote and Mr. B. Glider to Miss Mary Findlay.

Alex. McDougal received painful in-juries by a fall down the chute at the Centre Star mine near Rossland on Thursday last.

The Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley & Northern Railway is now operating at Newport. Nne 60-ton locomotive and 22 logging and freight cars have been The Nelson Board of T

An open verdict has been returned a An open verdict has been returned at Vancouver in the case of William Meekin, the carpenter drowned about three weeks ago, whose decomposed body has just been found.

Life Preservers on Bodies of Victims Found Indicated That Foundering was Anticipated.

couver, who had placed his resignation in the hands of the council, has with-drawn the document. He had intended coming to Victoria but no longer de-sires to.

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Pittsburg on the last day of the pre-sent month. The distance will be twenty miles and the Italian expects

Nelson on April 4, but at no other place in the interior.

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Excellent fireclay has been found on the property of the United Empire mine in the Similkameen.

The manufacture of Portland cement is to be undertaken in the Princeton

A hen at Poplar has been found to have secreted a gild nugget in her crop. If she were only a goose she would be suspected of being the original golden ears laver.

Mudslides are greatly interfering with the regularity of Great Northern service between Nelson and Marcus.

After She Lost Her Tow—Fires Almost Extinguished

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The C. P. R. has don't liquor law.

Investigation shows that Harry Berry of Montreal was weaving a fairy tale when he declared that he had been held prisoner in the Royal Hotel, Vancouver, for the better part of a month.

The C. P. R. has decided to enlarge and greatly improve its hotel at Sicamous—forty guest-rooms are to be added, the majority of which will be with private baths.

CREW OF LOST

BELLINGHAM, March 30-In addition to the captain of the ill-fated tug Arthur B., three other bodies have drawn the document. He had intended coming to Victoria but no longer desires to.

Sheriff's officer Cederick was shot down by an unknown criminal near Northport a few nights ago. The murderer is supposed to have crossed the line into this province and the Kootenay officers of police have been asked to keep a close lookout for him.

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and improvement of the plant is construction of an early start with consequence of the plant is construction in that locality.

A C.P.R. construction gang is building a new steamboat at Okanagan and the new completed the gang will move to Sunderland to build wharves and sipps.

The farmers of Mara have petition-defor the creation of a natrustong and shown and the Superintendent of Institutes and the Superintendent

North Vancouver's authorities are inviting tenders for its gas franchise.

The C. P. R. has acquired control of the mines at Hillcrest.

Bread-baking contests are the useful diversions of the society ladies of Hosmer.

Nelson is discussing the possibility of erecting a fitting monument to the late

Dorando states that the west is the place to make money and the east does not offer any great inducement to permanently remain there shows in every lineament of the wiry little athlete and he should be able to give a good account of himself on Friday against Marsh and St. Yves.

TUG ENOLA-ALMOST WRECKED IN STRAITS

PORT TOWNSEND, March 30 .- Tug Enola, townselve, March 30.—Tug Enola, towing a boom of piles from down straits on Monday night was caught in a storm and came near being wrecked. The storm was quite severe, causing the tug to lose her tow, and crew of Lost

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TRIANGULAR RUN

nternational Steamship Company Will Fill in the Lay Over Day of Princess Liners

The triangular service of the Prin WINNIPEG, March 28.—William Gregson a man about 50 years of age, was arrested yesterday under the influence of liquor. When taken to the police station he complained of being police station he complained of being ill, and was removed to the general hospital, where he died.

The triangular service of the Princess increase increase to be started next week. The date on which the change of schedule is to be made has not yet been determined, but it has been practically decided to follow the same schedule in force last year, when the Princess Victoria left Seattle for Victoria et 9 am, arrived at 130 nm and hospital, where he died.

Sentences For Murder

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.—
Life imprisonment for Joe Mitchell and not less than 15 years for Sophie Kritchman were the sentences imposed by Judge Williams in the sup-

prominent business men of that city, among them Mr. Purdy, a well-known banker, at the time that the railway lines to that city were paralyzed.
"They wanted better transportation,

CHARGE FAILED

Chief Officer of Oceano Accused of Smuggling Chinese Released Oiwng to Accusation Falling Flat

The charge brought against Chief Officer Loftus of the Weir liner Oceano of Tacoma of having smuggled twenty Chinese across the Pacific, seventeen being landed at Vancouver and three found hidden among the coal of the liner's bunkers at Tacoma, has been prover unfounded, and the steamship officer has been released. He was given a preliminary hearing at Tacoma, and the evidence hearing at Tacoma, and the evidence against him was lacking. He was re-leased without even being called upon to make a statement in his own be-

to make a statement in his own behalf.

According to information given out by the United States immigration officials, Loftus was said to have assisted 17 Chinese to land at Vancouver, and was to have attempted to land three at Tacoma. He was alleged to have smuggled the stowaways aboard at Hongkong and to have provided a place for them during the voyage. This, however, was not substantiated at all when he was placed on trial. The only evidence introduced against Loftus was that of the steamer's carpenter, H. F. Kemp, who declared that the chief officer told him that there were three stowaways in the

that the chief officer told him that there were three stowaways in the coal forward and not to bother them and to say nothing about them.

When the customs officials were searching the steamer for opium the day following the Oceano's arrival at Tacoma, they found three Chinese stowaways hidden in the coal, and, according to the customs officials, had evidently hidden there just before the search was made. No evidence was introduced to show that 17 stowaways were landed in Vancouver.

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Mr. Loftus was absent in Portland when the warrant was sworn out against him by the immigration officials, at Tacoma, and on returning to the steamer was informed by Capt. Davies of the charges made against him. He immediately accompanied the captain to the office of the immediately. the captain to the office of the

gration officials. Considerable satisfaction is expressed by many friends of the chief officer of the Oceano in this city regarding the manner in which the charges made against him have fallen flat STEAMER ALAMEDA

HAS BEEN PURCHASED The deal for the purchase of the steamer Alameda by the Alaska Steamship Company has been closed at San Francisco, and the former Oceanic liner will be brought to Scattle to engage in the Alaskan trade to replace, the wrecked Yucatan. The purchase price of the Alameda is stated to be \$275,000. Another sale just effected is that of the steam schooner Redondo, sold by the Simpson Lumber Company at San Francisco to the S. A. Smith Lumber Company. The price paid for the Redondo, which was built at Toledo, Ohio, in 1902, was \$65,000.

EGERIA GOES ON

SURVEY CRUISE TODAY H. M. S. Egeria is expected to leave Esquimalt today for Comox, where she will be engaged in hydrographic work until November next. Lieut.-Com-mander Nares is in command of the survey vessel. The Canadlan hydro-graphic steamer Lillooet is to be com-missioned next Monday, and will prob-ably leave for the north on Tuesday next in command of Capt. Musgrave to begin her season's work. The Lil-looet will go first to Albert passage, where a camp will be made by a party of surveyors to work southward ward Grenville channel. The steamer ward Grenville channel. Queen Charlotte will then proceed to Queen Charlotte islands to resume work near Masset Inlet and Dixon Entrance.

BORN. RITCHIE—On the 23rd inst., at 101 Oswego street, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ritchie, a son.

CORNWALL—At Victoria, March 26, the wife of F. V. Cornwall, of Ash-croft Manor, Asheroft, B. C., of a daughter.

FERONG-PHILLIPS—On March 26th, 1910, at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, by the Rev. W. Baugh Allen, J. T. Ferong of Seattle, Wash., to Annie Mildrid, younger daughter of Dr. D. Weld Phillips, of Buckingham, Eng. Phillips, of Buckingham, Eng.
McADAM-MILLS—On March 29, 1910,
at Victoria, B. C., by the Rev. Father
Gillis, in the presence of Bishop McDonald, Gertrude Evelyn Mills, youngest daughter of S. Perry Mills, K.C.,
and Mrs. Mills of Fernwood road, to
Charles Ross McAdam, youngest son
of the late Mr. and Mrs. McAdam of
Caledonia, Ont.

DIED. HERON-On March 1st, 1910, at Wellington, Wash, George Atkins Heron, late of Moyle, B. C., age 27 years, a native of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland. MARCONINI—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 23rd inst., Emily Marie, be-loved wife of Harold E. Marconini, aged 26 years, a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne,

on-Tyne.

HAGAN—At the Chemainus general hospital on the 22nd inst. Samuel J. Hagan, our beloved husband, father and brother, aged 47 years.

LEE—At St. Joseph's hospital on March 23rd, 1910, Christina McClennan Lee. (Crissel) youngest Assubbands.

Agrd, 1910, Christina McClennan Lee, (Crissie) youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, of 721 Front street, Victoria West, aged 7 years; a native of New York.

LIVINGSTONE—At the residence of his son, Robert Livingstone, Jr. Thursday, March 24th, 1910, Mr. Robert Livingstone, in the 65th year of his age. LINDSAY-At St. Joseph's hospital, yesterday, March 25th. G say, of Lake district, aged 70 years

WAGE INCREASE MUST BE GIVEN

United Mine Workers' Conven tion Refuses to Compromis on This Point—Concession Only Way to Avert Strik

OTHER QUESTIONS MAY BE ARRANGED

Stoppage of Work is Mos Threatened in Pennsylvani and Illinois Fields-Signifi cant Action Taken by Miner:

OINCINNATI, Ohio. March 29.—
Only immediate increases in wages will prevent widespread strikes in the bituminous coal mines of the country according to action taken by the special convention of the United Mine Workers of America, late today, following final disagreement and dissolution of the joint conference of the central competitive field.

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The terms proposed by the miners for the continuation of work after the expiration of the present agreements at midnight on Thursday will admit of no compromise so far as wages are concerned. On most questions, however, there is room for agreement, and the general opinion among men and employes tonight is that no long suspension will result except in a few fields.

The most threater's

fields. The most threatening aspect over-shadows the Pennsylvania and Illi-nois fields. In Pennsylvania there can be no new contract short of a settle-ment of the controversy over the new explosive laws of the state, and in Il-linois the old problem of payment for the services of shot firers looms up as a possible barrier to peaceful set-tlement.

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Briefly, the miners, demands are that all operators pay the increased wages of five cents a ton on pick-mined screen coal with a proportionate advance for other methods of mining and outside labor, as requisite to other negotiations on other questions. With the advance in pay assured, work may be continued in the mines affected pending a solution of the minor points, provided the national executive board of the union approves the action to this effect by the district officer. The national board is made the final powers of ar as the union is concerned, but it is expressly forbidden to modify the

t is expressly forbidden to modify the wage demands. A provision that agreements may be signed by states, districts, or groups of districts, will, it is thought, have a beneficial effect in Ohio and Indiana-Only a few operators in these states are thought to be determined to hold out

Only a few operators in these states are thought to be determined to hold out against an advance.

That the Pennsylvania miners are expecting a hard struggle was indicated by amendments to the original proposition offered by Frances Feham head of the union's organization in that state. The first of these declared that mine owners must sign for all colleries controlled by them, irrespective of the districts in which their properties lie, unless the national board rules otherwise. The second provides that the operators must bear the increased cost of new explosives over black powder and substitute the run of mine for the screen basis in all works in which the new explosives are used.

Most of the operators who have been taking part in the negotiations left when the joint conference broke up. Except the Pennsylvania men, these that remained tonight expressed general satisfaction with the outlook.

Voluntary Increase Berwind White Coal Company employ-ing over 11,000 men today posted nu-tice of a voluntary increase of six per cent in wages, effective April 1. The

Berwind White Company Miners are JIBES AT ROOSEVELT

London Standard Has Sarcastic References to Ex-President as "Man of Genius" LONDON, March 29.—The Standard this morning devotes a long editorial to ironical references to Theodore Roosevelt's progress. Referring to a recent rumor that the ex-President had received an offer of the post of advisergeneral to the Chinese Empire, the Standard says he is obviously the very man for the position.

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It remarks that the ordinary traveller requires months of study and observation before venturing an opinion on foreign nations. With a "man of genius" it is otherwise. A few weeks, spent mainly on the cars and steamers and at the hotels, qualifies him to pronounce judgment for the instruction of the listening nations, "We look forward with keen anticipation," the editorial concludes, "to Mr. Roosevelt's discovery of the British Isles and his candid remarks on our shortcomings. We might return the compliment by sending, say, Mr. Asquith, to lecture the citizens of the United States on their national defects and imperfections."

Crooked Detective Crooked Detective
HALIFAX, March 29.—Detective
Hanarvon leaves in a few days for
England to bring back Geo. McLeod,
the private detective who is wanted
here on the charge of stealing \$650
from a lady restaurant keeper in this
city, whose daughter he promised to
wed. For some time McLeod was enseaged with the Canadian Detective Raged with the Canadian Detective bureau in this city and took active part in the futile chase for Lee Chu, the Montreal Chinaman who escaped from the county jail some months ago. He had a chequered career in the police and diverge country.

e and divorce courts of this city, wing been arrested for theft and sued

Married in California WINNIPEG, March 29.-Rod Mackenzie, son of William Mackenzie, a president of the Canadian Northern a railroad arrived here yesterday with this bride. Mr. Mackenzie was married in San Jose, Cal., on the 14th inst.