

Drowned on West Coast

Capt. Hansen, the "Flying Dutchman," and James Moir, Lt. Of Kyquoot.

Hansen's Chequered Career as a Sealer Since Coming Here

A special dispatch to the Times from Alberta gives news that the steamer Queen City has arrived there, and reports the death of Capt. Hansen, the "Flying Dutchman," of sealing fame, and Jas. Moir, by drowning. They were drowned by the swamping of their boat off Kyquoot on January 7th. The bodies were not recovered.

The drowning of Hansen rings down the curtain on a more chequered career than that which falls to the lot of most men. The adventures of the little German sealer have given the newspapers a special place, and still there remains much that is unwritten. He first became known to Victorians, and for that matter to the people of this Coast, in 1886, when the schooner Adele arrived here with the German flag at her peak and 1,041 seal skins in her hold. She had sailed from Yokohama early in the year, but for reasons, chief among which was the fact that the Russian government had a cell awaiting him at Sachalin because of his raids on the Copper Islands, Capt. Hansen did not go back to the Japan coast. The Russians were exasperated at the number of raids he had made, and the many seals he had taken from their rookeries, and were determined to effect his capture, therefore the Adele chose this side of the Pacific.

Two years before his arrival here he raided the Prydzloffs in the Adele, but there the good fortune that had followed him in his Russian raids had not been with him, for he was captured in the act. The Adele was seized and taken to St. Petersburg, and Hansen was imprisoned at Sitka. Whether for fear of complications with Germany or other causes, the schooner and the adventurous sealer were released, and went back to Yokohama, whence they sailed early in 1886, made another raid on the Copper Island rookeries, and then forsaking Russian waters made this their home port.

To show how daring were his raids, take for instance his raid on the Prydzloffs in 1894, when he was captured by the British. He was taken to the United States, and remained in custody until the boats were filled with skins and the attempt to escape was frustrated. They were overhauled and taken to the schooner with the skins. By a strange coincidence the crew happened to appear before the schooner had weighed her anchor. When the cutter was seen she got under way and Hansen, thinking of heaven to be degraded and there was some random firing on either side before she was overhauled and captured. Capt. Hansen declined, when requested, to take the schooner to San Francisco with a prize crew on board, and his officers and three whites also refused. They, together with eighteen Japanese of the crew, who refused duty, were imprisoned at Sitka. As above stated they were ultimately released, and Captain Hansen again secured his release.

After she came here from Yokohama she made a number of cruises to the Behring sea, and was said to have made several raids. The schooner was wrecked in 1891 on Queen Charlotte Island. Hansen and his crew made the shore in safety and afterwards reached Victoria. A run of bad weather seemed to follow the Flying Dutchman, culminating in the loss of the schooner Larra, to which he had been appointed in January, 1892, off Nootka Sound, whether she had gone to pick up her Indian crew. He was afterwards master of the schooner Winnifred and Boreas.

The nickname "Flying Dutchman" was given to Capt. Hansen because of his habit of bobbing up with his vessel in the most unexpected places. He would be lost sight of for long periods, and then would bob up with the surprise of many, in a quarter in which he was little expected to be heard from. His movements were always shrouded with mystery, and it may be that many of the stories told of him were given birth because of this.

He had a wonderfully strong constitution, and was of a most kind-hearted disposition, as was instanced by his actions in company with his fellow miners for of late years he has been engaged in mining in the West Coast. He was rescued by the shipwrecked crew of the bark Libertad, and giving their all to succor the stranded mariners, the Libertad is not the only wreck with which the name of Capt. Hansen has been connected, for the survivors of the Jane Gray and other vessels wrecked on the Coast owed much to the dead sealer. Recently he, Moir and others discovered a fine ledge of free milling ore at Cape Cook, a point which juts out into the Pacific, a short distance above Kyquoot, and there they have been at work. They had fine prospects, and Hansen hoped to recoup his fallen fortunes. They were on the way to the mine with more supplies—all they had having been lost in their rescue of the Libertad's crew—when the accident occurred.

Hansen has been living at Kyquoot for the past few years, and has not been down to the capital since he was brought down to give evidence before the Behring sea claims commission, which sat here a few years ago. Nothing is known here of his companion who was drowned.

METHODIST CENTURY FUND. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Jan. 27.—Rev. Dr. Potts, treasurer of the Methodist century fund, reports that up to date the subscriptions have amounted to \$593,008.00.

Local News

From Friday's Daily.

At a meeting of 46 miners, a change held at Vancouver yesterday afternoon was signed in regard to the price to be paid to fishermen for salmon, and size of the pack to be assigned to each canner. Any canner breaking the agreement is to forfeit a certain cheque for \$1,000, and anyone packing beyond the assigned limit will have to divide his salmon with the other canneries.

The Attorney General, Sir James W. H. Murray, L.A., Lewis W. H. Kearney, Secretary Arthur Mullin, and a number of local members of the executive, they are making a special grant to the fair. The other delegation was composed of ladies and had before the government some matters in connection with woman's hospital work.

A Washington dispatch says the committee on territories of the United States Senate have recommended the removal of the Alaskan capital from Sitka to Juneau.

The German flag was flying proudly from the flag mast over the German consulate today, this being the forty-first anniversary of the birth of Kaiser Wilhelm II. He succeeded his father on June 15th, 1888, and married Princess Auguste Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein on February 27th, 1891.

The contract for the hotel and buildings to be erected by the Shawinigan Lake Hotel Company was yesterday awarded to F. T. Sherbourne, the contract price being about \$15,000. Mr. Sherbourne will commence work at once, and expects to have the buildings completed by Good Friday.

The entire list of officers elected by the Yorkshire Society of British Columbia is as follows: President, Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P.; first vice-president, Rev. Canon Beaman, M.A.; second vice-president, Col. R. Wolfenden; treasurer, Herbert Curbridge; secretary, James E. Martin; committee, W. P. Winsby, B. S. Oddy, George T. Fox, W. F. Fullerton and John Piercy.

In pursuance of instructions issued by the postal authorities all mail addressed to the Boundary country and Southern Kootenay districts will hereafter, until further notification, go by way of Vancouver over the C. P. R. instead of by way of the Sound. This step has been taken as a precautionary measure against the spread of smallpox, which is known to exist in some portions of Washington.

A study of the table of weather reports made up by Customs Officer Busby shows that there are three distinct weather belts or areas of varying weather between Bennett and Dawson. The first is from Atlin to Bennett, there has been days when the wind has been blowing hard in that belt and scarcely at all at Tagish. Tagish to Selkirk forms the second belt, and Selkirk to Dawson the third, and very often the latter two show storms at Bennett and calm clear weather in the other belts. Ogilvie, according to the computation of the customs man, is the coldest spot in the world, outside the Arctic circle.

Superintendent Rogers, of the Wilkes Pass and Yukon road, has prepared a tabulated statement of the snowfall at various points along the line of the road during December of 1899. The report is compiled from observations made daily at different stations. The fall of snow at the various stations was as follows: At Chetwynd, 90 to 510 inches; White Pass, 5 inches; Fraser, 42 to 510 inches; Log Cabin, 74 to 150 inches.

Miss McCauley, of this city, sister of Norman McCauley, was robbed twice while en route to San Francisco. She had her pocketbook stolen on Wednesday morning at Seattle while awaiting the starting of the train, and she was again robbed of another pocketbook at Portland. Miss McCauley was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. R. Radcar, when she went to the Northern Pacific train at Seattle, and after taking her seat she opened her bag and found it empty. She then spoke to Mrs. Radcar, and continued in this position until the train pulled out, when she noticed that her pocketbook, containing \$50 and a ticket, had been stolen. She got off the train at Seattle and returned to Seattle. Mrs. Radcar gave her \$30, and at 9:30 in the evening she again started on her journey. Next morning Mrs. Radcar received a message from Miss McCauley from Portland, stating that she had again lost her pocketbook and money, while on the steamer between Seattle and Portland. The first pocketbook, containing the ticket but no money, was picked up by the railroad yard a short distance from the depot. Mrs. Radcar has sent money to her sister.

A delegation from Princeton, consisting of Mr. A. B. Hawse, James Anderson and Smith Curtis, are in the city, and interviewed the government to-day asking for the construction of a good wagon road from Hope Landing to Princeton. The trail between these two points is a circuitous one over sixty miles in length, and by the construction of the road asked for the distance could be reduced by one-half. Besides the C.P.N. Co. have promised if the road is completed that they will give a steamship service up the Fraser to Hope Landing, thus putting the merchants of the coast cities in direct touch with the coast cities in the Similkameen country. At present goods for Princeton are carried 100 miles east of Hope to Spence's Bridge, and then taken in 120 miles by wagon road to Princeton. In addition to this the delegates ask for the building of a bridge across the Similkameen river in order that ready communication may be had with Copper Mountain, the scene of the rich mines of the district. They also want the road to Kereanos completed, the government offices removed from

Granite Creek to Princeton, and the erection of a school house. They are asking the co-operation of the Board of Trade here and in Vancouver for these improvements, as it is held that the improved means of communication contemplated would throw a large trade, which is now done with eastern merchants, into the hands of the coast city dealers.

The directors of the Arctic Slope Mining Company held a meeting yesterday in the office of Messrs. Tupper, Peters & Potts. The company intend to start work with monitors on the Finlay river, and in the Omineca country. The property under the control of this company is of great magnitude, and the probability is that in a few years it will be worked out. The directors among whom is the Lieut. Governor, are very optimistic as to the returns of the season's work.

Capt. Walbran a short time ago sent Her Majesty the Queen the account of the loyalty of the Indians of the West Coast of Vancouver Island in adding, through Mr. Daykin, keeper of Cammish light, their small mite to the fund for the "Absent Minded Beggar." Capt. Walbran has received through H. M. private secretary a reply, stating that he is commending the gift, and that he is gratified to hear of this proof of the loyalty and kindly good feeling of her Indian subjects of Canada.

From Monday's Daily. The inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Richard Wilson, who was killed on the E. & N. railway on Friday, was held Saturday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Rev. W. Leslie Olay officiated at the funeral services of the late Wm. G. Fraser on Saturday afternoon last, both at the house at 66 Second street and at the church. The pall-bearers were: R. B. Micking, A. B. Fraser, P. J. Riddle, D. McLean, J. Madigan and Aid. Eyzon.

A subscription list has been opened in Victoria for the widow and family of the late Richard Wilson, who was killed on Friday on the E. & N. railway. The case is a deserving one, and subscriptions for the fund held at either the Times or Colonist offices will be duly acknowledged and forwarded.

Mr. Frank Leroy is the fortunate possessor of a splendid barred Plymouth Rock yearling cock, which he received on Saturday from M. S. Gardner, of the Spring Brook Farm, Philadelphia. The bird is in splendid condition despite the fact that it has been eight days on the road, and is the object of many admiring comments.

The death occurred on Sunday at the residence of Mr. Nell Cunningham, Victoria West, of Essie Partridge, in her 26th year. Deceased was a native of Westminister, England. The funeral takes place from Mr. Cunningham's residence, 9 Robert street, Victoria West, to-morrow at 9:15 and at 10 from St. Andrew's B. C. Cathedral.

The funeral of the late Richard Wilson, who was the victim of the fatal accident on the E. & N. on Friday, took place yesterday from 120 Oswego street, Rev. R. Hughes officiating. There was a very large attendance of friends, and the services, owing to the sad circumstances attending the death of Mr. Wilson, were peculiarly impressive. The following acted as pall-bearers: P. McMillan, E. Henslie, W. Greig, W. Dempster, W. Jeffery and J. Fairfull.

William Frost, who has been for many years a resident of this city, was found dead on Saturday in his cabin, in the vicinity of the Jewish cemetery. Frost was last seen by neighbors over a week before his body was found. The police were immediately notified, and the body was removed to the morgue. Deceased was an elderly man and a painter by trade. An inquest was held in the city hall this afternoon, and a verdict of death from natural causes returned.

The Chinese residents of the city are busy making preparations for their New Year, which commences at one o'clock to-morrow morning, and virtually continues four or five days. The report current on Saturday of the death of the emperor caused considerable commotion in the Chinese quarter, and a dispatch asking for information was sent to the ambassador at Washington. That official replied that no notification of the emperor's death had been received at the legation. The obvious consequence of a confirmation of the report would be the termination of all preparations for the festivities.

The fire department was called on Saturday afternoon to the residence of Mr. George A. Richardson, where some \$500 worth of goods were destroyed.

PHIL ARMOUR, JR., DEAD. Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 27.—News has been received here of the sudden death of Phil D. Armour, jr., one of three members of the well-known firm of Armour & Co., Chicago, at Montecito, near Santa Barbara. Mr. Armour was 33 but 24 hours, and his death was due to consumption of the lungs. He was 31 years of age.

There are so many imitations of Doan's Kidney Pills on the market that we are absolutely worthless that we ask you to be particular to see that the full name and the trade mark of the Maple Leaf are on every box you buy. Without this you are not getting the original Kidney Pills, which has cured so many severe cases of kidney complaint in the United States, Australia and England, as well as here in Canada. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto.

Sporting News

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA DEFEATS VANCOUVER. Again has the Victoria team demonstrated its indisputable claim to the championship of the province, as well as the handsomely possessed by the present victors, the E. R. Rugby Union, Dr. McKechnie, The Caledonia grounds were crowded by spectators who at times became vociferous in their "enthusiasm," both teams receiving hearty applause, while any brilliant coup was directed. The superiority in weight was in favor of the visitors, but the combination put up by the home team more than counterbalanced the disadvantage in this respect. The ground certainly was not in the best condition, but despite this circumstance, Rugby football was exploited in a scientific and gentlemanly manner. There were several changes in the personnel of both teams apparent when they met for action, the visitors being strengthened by C. Woodward, J. Miller and Warren. Owing to an accident sustained at hockey, A. Gillespie was incapacitated from playing in the home match, but ultimately the home team twenty-five, but ultimately the home team carried the ball well down the field, Miller's clever dashing being particularly conspicuous. It was just at this juncture that Victoria secured the first touch, Scholefield being the principal factor, ably assisted by Smith, Goward and Gillespie, whose combination work was excellent. The kick was well taken by the home team's captain, the try being converted into a goal. From the kick-off, Vancouver again took the aggressive, carrying the ball well into the home team's territory, but Lorimer performed yeoman's work with the assistance of the Victoria backs, and the ball was soon the subject of contention in Vancouver's twenty-five. Free kicks were pretty well the order at this period of the match, but ultimately Victoria managed to carry the ball to Vancouver's territory, then, through excellent combination work by Miller, Gillespie and Scholefield, the latter was enabled to register another try to the credit of the home team. Owing to the difficult nature of the place, kick it was not improved.

The last half was noticeable for its rushing but unavailing tactics of the Vancouver forwards, and the impregnable defence of the home team backs. Despite the most strenuous efforts on both sides, no further tries were secured, and the match closed in favor of the home team with a score of eight points to nil. There is, only one match of the schedule to be played—that between the Victorias and Hornets, of Nanaimo—which cannot, however, materially affect the standing of the Victoria team. The records of the various teams are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Points Scored. Includes Victoria, Nanaimo, and other teams.

After a period of inactivity, extending over two years, the British Columbia Rugby Union met in the Grand on Saturday evening, the following delegates being in attendance: Messrs. R. P. Woodward, R. C. Spinks and C. M. Marpole, representing Vancouver; and Messrs. A. T. Goward, Albert Martin and J. M. Miller, representing the blue club.

Mr. Woodward acted as chairman, and a communication was received from the president, Dr. McKechnie, expressing regret that an engagement at Nanaimo made it impossible for him to attend the meeting. Some very important steps were taken in revising the rules, which have not been altered since 1880, one of the amendments being that the rules governing the game in this province should be those governing the game in England, during the current year. The executive committee of the Union was also reduced from nine members to three or four, each associated club being entitled to one member in addition to the Union officers. The membership in the executive of team captains as vice-presidents was also done away with, and the present officers are to continue in office until the appointment of their predecessors.

As a self-governing association there will be no longer any provision allowing for appeal to the Rugby Union of England. It is necessary that the governing body, B. C. U. be made in writing over the signature of the team captain, within two days of the disputed match, accompanied by a deposit of \$15.

All clubs conforming to the Union rules will be eligible to compete unless all fees of club members be paid, and membership in the Union, and consequently to compete in championship matches, the schedule to be arranged by the Union. The annual meeting of the governing body will be held on the third Saturday of each September in the representative city. A board of referees, three in each city, is to be elected at this annual meeting, at which each club will be represented by one delegate.

THE VANCOUVER LADIES' HOCKEY TEAM proved victorious over the home team at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon, after one of the most scientific exhibitions of the popular game ever witnessed on the field. Although the attendance was not large, it was appreciative, and with such enthusiastic support, favorable condition of the ground, and good weather, the match was productive of considerable excitement.

The first goal of the day was scored by Miss Nason, the home centre forward, immediately after the bully-off and after a magnificent run. Nothing daunted, the Vancouver team settled down to work and scored five consecutive goals, these by Miss Philpot and two by Miss Campbell. A noticeable feature at this portion of the game was the splendid combination of Misses Davis, Scholefield and Lowe, the home half backs.

Upon the conclusion of the half-time rest, Victoria again took the aggressive, the ball, through the combination of Misses Lombard, O. Wilson and Nason, being dribbled toward Vancouver territory, the last named lady, by a well directed shot, securing a goal. The home team then played on the defensive, the work of Miss Rantall in goal and Misses Earle and Gaine was particularly commendable. At the call of time, the score stood in favor of the visitors with 4 goals to 2.

This evening the visitors will be the guests of the home club at their annual ball, which is to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall.

Report of U. S. Consul

Abraham E. Smith Tells of the Prospective Rush to Nome.

Abraham E. Smith, United States consul here, has sent the following report to the United States Department of State: "The indications are that there will be a great rush to Cape Nome next spring, something like that to the Klondike in the spring of 1898. It is evident that numbers will go there from Victoria and this province in preference to either Atlin or the Northwest Territory. The transportation companies here and on the Sound are all actively engaged in preparing steamers for the long trip. The distance from Victoria to Cape Nome is 2,500 miles, entirely by water. But, notwithstanding that fact, the transportation companies have already booked all the passengers that can be carried on the first trips, on every vessel that can be secured. At a recent meeting of representatives of the companies it was computed that 65,000 persons desired to go to Cape Nome as soon as possible.

"The reports that had been circulating last season in regard to the gold discoveries at Cape Nome were entirely generally disputed here, the opinion being that the Atlin and Klondike countries were more promising and also easier of access. But the last two steamers from the North factually dispelled all uncertainties, and passengers bringing with them indisputable evidence that all along the beach in the vicinity of Cape Nome gold in paying quantities can be had for the digging.

"A number of these men have called at the consulate, exhibiting specimens of the gold, saying they dug it on the beach, near the water's edge; that men with only hand shovels and the simplest and rudest of tools cleared from \$50 to \$100 and even \$200 per day, while sometimes a clear profit of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 has been reported. Nuggets worth from \$300 to \$400 were found near Anvil creek, and it is believed \$300,000 to \$400,000 were taken out of Snow camp last summer; one man, it is said, took out \$100,000, while another claims still more. Every one of the men who came down expressed his resolve to return in the spring—some even engaging return passage on the steamers on which they came down. According to their statements, the gold does not extend to a great depth, five or six feet being as low as any have yet found 'paying dirt.'

"Complaint was made by some of the returning miners that claims were being each virtually enclosed for miles around and virtually enclosed the whole shore from Cape Nome to Cape York, some forty miles distant, had been made. This, however, has been much changed by the decision of Commissioner Sherman, which is understood to mean that no land below ordinary high tide can be disposed of to individuals or corporations, but is open to the public to operate on, and that the right to dig in these tide lands is as free as the right to fish in the adjacent waters; and that anybody may wash gold out of the sand between high and low water, while no authority can give any person an exclusive right to do so; so that the land cannot be obtained by corporations or syndicates. Some apprehension is felt that there may be a chafing of interests on that point, and it is generally believed that the government should establish regulations and have sufficient police to enforce them. Anxiety is expressed here regarding the establishment of a port of entry at Cape Nome. Captains all agree that there is practically no anchorage or harbor at the cape itself, but that at Port Clarence, distant only a few miles, there is a harbor, safe and commodious.

"There are now between 5,000 and 6,000 people at Nome City, Anvil City, Gary City, Port Clarence and vicinity. The buildings are, of course, of the most temporary character. A large number are on the beach below high water mark, which does not secure them from the effects of the extreme cold of six months of the year preceding epidemics."

After giving some market quotations, the report continues: "An ordinary two-story dwelling of eight rooms rents frequently for \$200 a month. Freight taken from the steamers in barges costs from 35 to 40 cents per hundred for the delivery of heavy freight by horse team and wagon, \$10 an hour is charged for unloading."

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Various small advertisements on the left margin, including 'Drowned on West Coast', 'Local News', and 'Small Pills'.

Advertisement for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, including a testimonial from Mrs. Stratton and a small illustration of a person.