

NEWS OF THE COAL CITY

After Considering the Letter of Manager Robins the Miners Accept.

John Kelly Fell From the Upper Bridge of the Joan and was Drowned.

Nanaimo, July 5.—A mass meeting of miners employed by the New Vancouver Coal Company took place in the Co-operative hall yesterday morning.

On the subject of the wages scale a letter from Manager Robins was submitted. It set forth that since December last the condition of the coal trade had been growing worse instead of better. Its present state could not be more gloomy. The company had a hard struggle to keep its head above water. The principal cause of this state of affairs was the large shipments of coal from England, Wales and Australia. Under the circumstances the company had been hard pressed to maintain its present restricted output. He, therefore, asked for a continuance of the agreement for a further period of six months, promising, in the event of any change for the better, to confer with the committee again.

Without comment it was moved and seconded that a secret ballot be taken for or against this proposition. The motion carried, but before balloting was proceeded with there was some discussion with regard to the coal market and prices obtained for the Nanaimo product in San Francisco. Several speakers expressed the opinion that it was impossible for them to obtain anything like definite information as to the real selling price of coal in San Francisco. Another speaker wanted to know why No. 6 shaft could not be worked more regularly, but he was ruled out of order. The ballots were then counted, with the following result: For, 104; against, 77. Work will therefore be done on the old scale for another six months.

The return trip of the Joan was marred at an early hour this morning by the drowning of John Kelly. Kelly was standing on the upper bridge alone and was observed by the second engineer to fall over the rail head first, and in his descent he struck the rail on the lower bridge, and then fell into the deep waters of the gulf. Every effort was made to recover the body, but it never again rose to the surface.

THE DAY AT ANGELES.

Victoria Won the Horse Race—No Wind for Sailing—The Fight.

The Victorians who went to Port Angeles yesterday—and there were nearly a thousand of them—had a very enjoyable time. Those who went over to take part in the sports were met by committees and taken in charge for the day. The weather was very good, in contradistinction to what it was at home. There was no wind, however, and the yacht race and the canoe sailing race did not take place. The yacht Dora was left at Port Angeles, and sailed perhaps by Norman B. Smith, will compete in the postponed race before she returns here. Just when the race will be sailed is difficult to say.

The Victoria team of junior baseball players was defeated by the Port Angeles club by a score of 17 to 14, but the firemen made up by winning the horse race and a pretty cup. The Victoria team was composed as follows: D. McDougall, K. Douglas, F. Leroy, F. Hinds, T. Watson, C. Smith, E. Harrison, L. Smith, J. Hall, H. Petticrew, R. Petticrew and W. Randall. The time was 32½ seconds, against 30 made by the Angeles team. K. Douglas and Tom Watson were first and second respectively in the 100 yards race.

The glove contest between Jack Barnard and E. Harrison, known as Young Jackson, was won on a foul. The match met at the Port Angeles opera house and Jack Hayes was referee. The first round was cautiously boxed by both but Barnard opened the second with a series of rushes, nearly all of which were stopped by Harrison. The latter then made the fighting, but Barnard fouled him, repeatedly in clinching. There were several warnings from the referee, who finally, in the sixth round, gave Harrison the match. The latter had had the best of it but had broken a bone in his right hand and it is hard to say how it would have terminated. Barnard seemed the cleverest man but had weight and reach against him. Both were somewhat cut up. The winner got the door receipts, about \$75.

A large crowd remained over for the dance last night and had an enjoyable time. The Islander left on the last trip at midnight and was here at 1:30.

THE STRUGGLE IN CUBA.

Spanish Troops Fall Victims to Yellow Fever.

Washington, July 4.—Official information received here states that the reason for the detention by the United States authorities at Key West of a small cutter, is that she carried with it a busterling. The five men on board have been held on suspicion of being Cuban filibusters.

Philadelphia, July 4.—Bernardo J. Bueno, a member of the banking firm of J. Bueno & Co., of Santiago de Cuba, and a captain of the Cuban army, who has just arrived in this city, in speaking of the Cuban revolution said the hospitals are filled with Spanish soldiers suffering from yellow fever.

"We have more men than we need for fighting purposes," continued Señor Bueno. "The Cubans all over the island sympathize with the revolutionists. In the last war the Spanish troops used to chase us round from place to place; now it is the reverse; we have to look for

them, for they are not inclined to show much fighting.

"The Spanish troops are already somewhat demoralized. In the province of Santiago alone there are about 1,200 revolutionists. It is not men, but arms and ammunition that are needed. While it is undoubtedly true that Jose Marti is dead, the report circulated by the Spanish officials that Gen. Marti Gomez has been wounded is utterly false."

IRISH WITCH TRAGEDY.

Michael Cleary Convicted of Manslaughter for Burning His Wife.

Dublin, July 5.—Michael Cleary, of Ballyvaughan, near Clonmel, was convicted by a majority of 10 to 4 for causing the death of his wife, Bridget Cleary, at Ballyvaughan on March 13th last, by burning and otherwise ill-treating her on the ground that she was bewitched. This so-called Clonmel witch tragedy is one of the most remarkable in the annals of crime in Ireland. Michael Cleary, husband of the deceased, Patrick Boland, her father, William Patrick, Michael and James Kennedy, cousins, Mary Kennedy, aunt, and Patrick Dunne, Wm. Alessy and Dennis Cane, the latter known as the "family doctor," were jointly arrested and charged with burning and ill-treating Bridget Cleary until death relieved her from further suffering. The evidence showed that Mrs. Cleary was suffering from nervousness and bronchitis, and that her husband, believing her bewitched, forced a nauseous decoction down her throat for the purpose of exorcising the evil spirit. After this the unfortunate woman was held over the fire and threatened until she declared in the name of God that she was not Cleary's wife. This torture was repeated and in the end her husband knocked her down, stripped off her clothing, poured paraffine over her body, lighted it, and the woman was burned to death in the presence of her relatives. Cleary claimed that he was not burning his wife, but a witch.

LATE SOUTH SEA ADVICES.

Affairs in the Hawaiian Islands—The Trouble in Samoa.

Honolulu, June 27.—Per Steamer Alameda to San Francisco, July 4.—The senate held an executive session yesterday, in which the report of the special committee on the confirmation of W. R. Castle, as minister to Washington City, was considered. The executive session lasted about an hour, and when the doors were opened it was announced that Mr. Castle's appointment had been confirmed.

Mr. Castle will leave for Washington City about August 1. It is understood that he is appointed temporarily, and that F. M. Hatch, now minister of foreign affairs, will ultimately represent this city at Washington City.

President Dole has announced his selections for the council of state. They are: John Emmeluth, Henry Smith, J. F. Mendonca, Charles M. Cooke, T. B. Thompson, and J. B. Smith. The American league, an organization that caused no little worry to the government in the past. The council of state is composed of fifteen members; it has power to legislate on extraordinary occasions, such as war or pestilence.

L. A. Thurston, late Hawaiian minister at Washington City, has opened a law office, and will devote his time to professional practice.

The American ship Tillie E. Starbuck, Captain Curtis, arrived from New York on the 29th inst. with a cargo of dark sugar valued at \$167,265.

Samoa, June 19.—Per steamer Alameda to San Francisco, July 3.—The situation between the two parties here has reached a stage which may be described as critical. The rebel party last week held a meeting attended by several thousands. Although the rebels expressed a desire for peace, they made the principal condition of peace the deposition of King Mafetua. Their meeting was held under the guidance of J. J. Moore. There is a strong feeling against him for his action in the matter, and it is expected that he will be called to account for it. A meeting was held on the German warship Benard yesterday, when six of the rebel chiefs, a like number of the government party, and the three consuls attended. Nothing has so far transpired as to what was done. It will be impossible for the consuls to arrange a meeting for its basis the downfall of Mafetua. It is generally thought that ere long blood will be shed. No feeling of unity prevails amongst the foreign officials, in fact relations are very much strained amongst them.

INDIAN UPRISING THREATENED.

The Blackfoot Indians About to Take the Warpath.

Toronto, July 5.—The Globe to-day publishes a sensational story about a threatened uprising of Blackfoot Indians which may result in a massacre of all the whites on the reserve. Miss Turner, who was until a week ago an assistant at the Church of England Mission and children's home at the Blackfoot reserve, near Gleichen, N. W. T., has returned on account of the closing of the mission out of trouble with the Indians. Mrs. Gallick, similarly connected, also returned. The story told by Miss Turner indicates a serious state of affairs among the Blackfoot Indians. The shooting of Mr. S. Kinner, ration distributor, by an Indian named Scraping Hide, reported in the press some time ago, seems to have been the beginning of the trouble. The Indians have commenced to take an unexplained dislike to the Rev. Mr. Tims, which for no particular reason has led up to threats on his life. The result was that on June 27th the clergyman was forced to leave the reservation, among whom he had labored like a slave, with scarcely a slave's recompense, for twelve long years. The mission is now deserted.

THE ORANGE ATTACKED.

Anti-A. P. A.'s Created a Disturbance in Boston.

Boston, Mass., July 5.—The little red school house which caused so much trouble in yesterday's 4th of July parade presented a novel spectacle. It was a fine simile of the regulation New England school house, surrounded by the stars and stripes. At the very end of the procession, which was without police protection, came a band of drawn by four men. In the carriage were O. C. Emerson, H. Roberts, Mrs. O. C. Emerson and Mrs. F. J. Campbell. The carriage was profusely decorated with American flags and Mrs. Campbell wore an orange dress. A crowd of anti-A. P. A.'s closed in and trouble commenced. Albert E. Andrews, of Everett, a private in the Roxbury Horse Guards, was standing on the sidewalk near by. He was in full uniform with a sabre at his side. Andrews had been in the escort of the mayor and he just returned to his father's house. The bright yellow plume of his helmet attracted the attention of the struggling ladies in the carriage, and "Help us, soldiers," one of them cried shrilly. Andrews rushed in to the thief of the sabre and, drawing his sabre, waved the heavy blade above his head. The crowd fell back a second, then rushed upon the orange plume with a tremendous roar. Four men stood by Andrews, one brandishing two self-cooking revolvers. The conflict lasted for a considerable length of time, when the police finally succeeded in suppressing the disorder.

THE ISLANDS.

Closing of Schools on Galiano and Mayne Islands.

Galiano Island, July 1.—The Galiano Island school house was filled to its utmost capacity last Friday morning by pupils and friends to witness the annual examination of the children by their teacher, Miss E. Crookford. During the past four months great reforms have taken place in the management of the school and there has been a marked tendency than there ever has been since the island was formed into a separate district. The children acquitted themselves very creditably, and Miss Crookford is deserving of great praise for having brought them to the excellent standard which they in so brief a time have attained. Numerous prizes were given away and the meeting dispersed after the children had given three hearty cheers for their teacher.

A small steam tug is travelling among the islands engaging and to work at the salmon fishing on the Fraser river.

A special school meeting will be held on Galiano Island on Thursday, July 4. The annual school meeting of the Mayne Island district was held on Saturday, 29th instant. The report and accounts having been passed Mr. W. M. Robson was elected a trustee on the board to-day for New York to sail on the Umbria, which leaves tomorrow.

The half-yearly examination of the children of the Mayne Island district took place on Friday, 29th, before a large company of parents and friends. The examination was supervised by Messrs. James W. Sinclair (teacher) and C. Drummond Worge. Rolls of honor were obtained by Mary Catherine Collison for regularity and punctuality; Eliza Mayne Robson, proficiency; Ellen Georgeson, deportment. The spelling bee caused a great deal of excitement, having lasted nearly two hours. The result was as follows: Fifth class, Eliza Robson; fourth class, Freddy Bennett; second class, Gertrude Jack; second class, second division, R. Backley. At the close of the proceedings Trustee Jack stepped forward and spoke in eulogistic terms of the teacher, exhorting the parents to use their earnest concentrated efforts in instructing the children, pointing out that the duty and responsibility of training the little ones primarily rested with the parents. The numerous adjuncts and excursions were so many and so spacious that it needed strong faith and a firm hold to be able to see the truth as against error, and to be able rightly to guide the child in the right path. The whole thought of the vast possibilities of each one of the children, it was a glorious thing to see such a number of young people gathered together so full of promise of a bright and happy future. These few remarks were received with great enthusiasm and elicited the loudest applause. Mr. Jim Robson having spoken a few suitable words the proceedings terminated with three cheers for the teacher.

BURNED AT SEA.

Norwegian Ship Fjord Was Burned at Sea—Crew Saved.

San Diego, Cal., July 6.—The British ship Marion Fraser, Capt. Wall, arrived here this morning from Newcastle, Australia, bringing news that the Norwegian barque Fjord, coal laden, 275 days from Grimsby, bound to Los Angeles, was burned at sea in latitude 10 south, longitude 113 west. The crew of twenty-six men took to the boats and were picked up after fourteen days by the ship Centaur, bound for the United Kingdom.

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CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Winnipeg, July 5.—The overdue steamer Red River arrived at West Selkirk this morning at 9:30, having on board Rev. Mr. Selkirk and forty Indian children for the Brandon industrial school. The delay was caused by heavy north winds and low water in Playgreen Lake. The weather throughout Manitoba continues favorable to all crops. It is very warm in Winnipeg to-day.

Francis Bismarck, aged 27, was drowned at Muskeg Lake, Saskatchewan, June 25.

At a Patriotic convention held Ben-lah, William Howard, clerk of the municipality, was nominated as a candidate for the legislative assembly.

Lightning last night struck M. C. Cameron's stables at Edgely, burning them to the ground, together with eleven horses. The storm was a terrific one.

J. T. Gordon, a leading cattle dealer, says his firm expects to ship nineteen thousand head of cattle from the Northwest and Manitoba ranches to the English markets during the next four months.

Peterboro, July 5.—Thomas and Hettie Gray, charged with the murder of David Scollie, of Otonabee, who arrived here at noon to-day, were accompanied by their six children, the oldest 13 years of age and the youngest a year old. They were arraigned before the county police magistrate and were remanded till July 12th.

Hamilton, July 5.—Joseph Hoodless, head of the firm of Hoodless & Son, furniture manufacturers, is dead. The deceased built up a large business.

Montreal, July 5.—It is stated on the street that the affairs of La Banque du Peuple are in a very bad state. Leading bankers say that nearly all its capital has been wiped out and that a large number of overdrafts have been made by prominent Canadian firms. The cashier, M. Bousquet, has resigned. He is involved in many outside undertakings. The capital of the bank is \$1,200,000, reserve \$300,000.

Toronto, July 5.—At a meeting of the Toronto public school board last evening, Trustee Bell asked if it were within the knowledge of the inspectors that some female teachers in the habit of riding bicycles in male attire. The chairman replied that considering there is no law in the land to prevent females wearing male attire, he failed to see the relevancy of the question. Trustee Bell remarked: "I refer to what are commonly called bloomers." Dr. Gus Stove Gullen said: "I would like to know what business it is of any trustee what dress teachers wear, if even supposing she wore bloomers?" Mr. Bell gave notice of motion to report the names of the teachers, if any, who wear bloomers.

Kingston, July 5.—Hugh Nickel, manager of the electric street railway, while holding on by an upright in order to let a car pass, had his head severely injured by striking a trolley pole. In an ambulance he was taken to the hospital, but was rescued before being fatally hurt. He was unconscious for two hours.

Toronto, July 5.—Dalton McCarthy has finally decided to go to England, and left to-day for New York to sail on the Umbria, which leaves tomorrow.

Windsor, Ont., July 5.—Farmers can haul rails and do other work on Sunday. Such was the judgment in the court of Magistrate Pochan, Kent county. Farmers of the Seventh Day Adventists have been keeping Saturday instead of Sunday as the Biblical Sabbath, and the Methodists prosecuted the case. Watts hauled rails on Sunday and Magistrate Pochan said he could go ahead and do all the Sunday work he wanted, being exempt as a farmer.

London, Ont., July 5.—It is understood that the bishop of Algoma has declined to accept the proffered position of principal of the Huron Ladies' College. Among other names mentioned for the position is that of Prof. E. Watkin, of Leavelle, Que.

Winnipeg, July 5.—The High Court of Justice continued its work at court, and elected clerks and clerks and clerks.

Saskatoon, July 5.—Burglars tried to break into S. & J. Carrier's store last night. J. Carrier fired a revolver and they fled. They blew open the safe in C. Bruner's store, but got nothing.

Chatham, July 4.—William Emery, a Big Rock farmer, committed suicide yesterday by taking Paris green. His brother told his brother that he had intentionally poisoned himself, and asked him not to send for a doctor.

Toronto, July 4.—The rapidity with which the water in Lake Ontario is falling is causing great alarm among the shipping firms of this port. Yesterday the water in the bay reached the lowest point recorded for years at this season; this is 25 inches less than it was at the corresponding period last year.

Peterboro, July 4.—Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, aged 75, yesterday took her life by swallowing a quantity of Paris green. Medical aid was summoned but nothing could be done to check the effect of the poison.

Toronto, July 4.—There is serious trouble in the Elm street Methodist church. Rev. Dr. Galbraith, the pastor, severely arraigned the members of the board of trustees in arrangements for the musical part of the service over which he presided, and claims the right of veto in all musical matters connected with the church.

Montreal, July 4.—James McShane declines to run for the centre division for the legislature. The Liberal candidate will probably be Ald. M. F. Nolan.

Lennoxville, July 4.—After hearing the evidence in the Hull case the jury found that Hull came to his death by wounds caused by a razor in the hands of Mark Sherburn, and that Mark Sherburn did kill and murder Hull. A coroner's warrant has been issued for the arrest of Sherburn, who will be taken

before a magistrate as soon as his health permits.

Winnipeg, July 4.—At a meeting of the senior Conservative association of Winnipeg last night a strongly worded resolution was passed unanimously calling upon the Dominion government to pass the order-in-council granting aid to the Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay railway, of which there has been so much talk recently. The resolution concluded: "Be it therefore resolved that we regard with alarm the possibility of the government allowing the present session of parliament to close without having passed a measure ratifying said order-in-council, as such inaction or abandonment of policy on their part would cause widespread discontent and bitter disappointment amongst the people who look upon a railway to Hudson's Bay as a vital and immediate public necessity, and would have a serious tendency to alienate from the Conservative party many of those who now warmly support its wise and progressive administration." A strongly worded resolution was also adopted deprecating the appointment of a non-resident to the office of lieutenant-governor, and urging the immediate appointment of a resident and representative Manitoban.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Large Shipments of Cattle Arranged for From the Northwest.

Winnipeg, July 6.—Gordon, the cattle exporter, has made arrangements to ship 19,000 head from Manitoba and the Northwest this fall.

The exhibition directors have refused permission to sell beer on the grounds.

The C. P. R. has decided to allow the Orange celebration of the 12th to remain over during the exhibition on excursion tickets.

Peterboro, Ont., July 6.—Government Detective Murray, who went to Ocala, Fla., to bring back Thomas and Hettie Gray, charged with the murder of David Scollie, of Otonabee, arrived here yesterday. The Grays were accompanied by their six children. They were arraigned before the county police magistrate. Neither appeared to take the situation much to heart. They were remanded till July 12th, when it is probable they will be further remanded till July 16. Both parties wish delay to make preparations for preliminary hearing.

SCOLLIE'S MURDERERS

Found After a Year's Search and Will Stand Trial.

New York, July 5.—On board the Clyde liner Algonquin, which reached her pier yesterday, were Thomas Gray and his wife Hettie, both Canadians. They are in charge of Canadian detectives who traced them to Florida.

David Scollie, the murdered man, lived in Peterborough, Ontario. He was a bachelor, well advanced in years, and very well to do. Near him resided the Gray family. It seems Mrs. Gray persuaded her husband to make Scollie a proposal to give the Grays the use of the farm, they in return to take care of him for the rest of his life. The old bachelor assented. Mrs. Gray is then alleged to have said to her sister, a Mrs. Mcgregor, who lived near that she believed it would be no harm to kill the man. Mrs. Mcgregor was asked to tell her sister so. Mrs. Gray replied: "Suppose I kill him and then burn the house. Who will know anything about it?"

About a year ago the Mcgregors were aroused at 2 o'clock in the morning by one of the Gray children knocking at the door and saying that her mother had sent her to say that the house was on fire. Mcgregor hurried to the burning building and met Mrs. Gray on the road. She had a bundle under her arm and tried to persuade Mcgregor not to enter the building. He, however, added by neighbors, found the body of Scollie. Flames had not reached it, but the head had been severed and was missing. It is now believed that it was in the bundle the woman had under her arm. None of the suspicious circumstances connected with the death came out until the insurance people began an investigation. They found that the house had been insured for five times its actual value, but they did not discover that until the Grays had collected the insurance, disposed of the farm and disappeared. Detective Murray was placed on the case and for nearly a year tried to find the fugitives. He at last located them in Florida and found them in hiding near Ocala.

Lawn mowers at Shore's hardware, cheap for cash.

Chief of Police Sheppard received a telegram from the authorities at the New Westminster insane asylum announcing the death of James Peet, committed from Victoria 10 days ago. He passed away this morning, and as he has a known relative or close connection will very likely be buried at the asylum. Peet was admitted to Jubilee Hospital a few weeks ago suffering with a pair of very sore eyes and in a generally and state of health. He became violently insane quite suddenly, and it was predicted at the time he was sent away that he would not live long. He was an old resident of Victoria.



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