

## Burglars Take Registered Mail

Bag from Essington Taken by Burglars from Post-Office.

Rich Quartz and Placer Claims on the Skeena—A Witch Murderer.

Steamer Queen City, which arrived from Skagway via the ports and canaries of Northern British Columbia last night, brought news of a big mail robbery at Port Essington. At the post office, which is in the group of buildings belonging to Mr. Cunningham, two sacks of registered letters had been put up, to be brought down to Victoria by the steamer Queen City, and two days before the vessel reached the town at the Skeena mouth some person or persons stole the sacks, which were said to have contained over \$3,000 in cash, checks and drafts. The store in which the post office was located was shown to have been broken into, and nothing was taken other than the valuable letter mail. Mark Edgar, a half-breed, was arrested on suspicion, but when brought before the justice of the peace at Eslington, no evidence was found against him, and he was acquitted of the crime.

Two Swedes from England were brought down by three Indian policemen, charged with selling liquor to Indians. They were caught red-handed. The alcohol in which they were visiting the coast settlements had seven cases of whiskey which was for sale to Indians.

There were quite a number of passengers on the Queen City, in all 75 souls having come down to Vancouver. Included in those who were landed here was Provincial Constable D. Drummond, who brought down an Indian prisoner accused of murder. The Indian, Dus-cul-tur, three years ago entered a boat on the Skeena head and killed a boy who was accused of bringing harm to some members of the tribe, through witchcraft. The murder was blooded one, being committed with an axe. After the murder Dus-cul-tur hid and did not return to his home village until a short time ago. On his arrival there word was sent to Commissioner Porter, and he secured his arrest. The prisoner was taken to New Westminster. There were also two other prisoners, accused of minor offences.

Among the passengers was E. Kendall, one of the owners of the rich Toulon mine, situated near Kitsuksa canyon, on the Skeena river. He said that the mine, which is now shipping property, is a mile and a half from the main river, and three and a half miles above the big canyon of the Skeena. The mine is now in a depth of 80 feet. By the next steamer down a shipment of ore will arrive for the Tacoma smelter. The mine is a beautiful one, being gold and silver.

Mr. Kendall tells of some well-paying placer mines which he has taken good returns from, about five or six miles from the Toulon mine, near Kitsuksa canyon. The placer properties are well prospected. He is satisfied that they will pay good wages. They already have good returns when he worked them, he says.

Dr. Francis Bonz, of the New York museum, and one of the best known writers on matters dealing with the British Columbia Indian, was also a passenger. He embarked at Alert Bay, where he has been studying the Indians of that district and looking for curios.

Capt. Smith of the river steamer Strathcona, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and E. Sheehan, who has been steward on that vessel, also arrived. Rev. Collinson, missionary for the Naas, and son and Rev. Barber were passengers, and there were, too, a number of cannerymen. Below decks, where a large crowd of Chinese from the canneries.

The steamer brought down 4,000 cases of salmon, 1,800 cases being landed at Vancouver. It was all from the Aberdeen cannery. The remainder, which was consigned to R. P. Rithet and Finlay, Durham & Bros., was landed here.

## DOGS OF WAR.

They Are Used For Carrying Ammunition to Firing Line.

From the National Review.

In our English service the system adopted for replenishing the ammunition of troops engaged has consisted in selecting a certain number of men to carry cartridges from the rear up to the firing line, it having been apparently supposed that it would be possible for these men to move along the line and to distribute ammunition to those who were engaged. We very soon learned that such a system could not be of any use under modern conditions. The men carrying up the ammunition would inevitably be shot before reaching the front, and the men in the firing line would be left with empty pouches. So we must find some other method of solving this important problem which has also to be considered in connection with the action of artillery. We know that at Colenso it was impossible to keep the guns, afterward abandoned, supplied with ammunition, and with the prospect that the state of fire of our guns will be considerably increased in the near future, this problem bids fair to be more acute than ever.

In certain foreign armies the services of specially trained dogs have been requisitioned to get over the difficulty. These dogs are fitted with a sort of saddle which will carry a quantity of rifle ammunition, and are trained to race to the front, and, arrived there, to permit the soldiers to reload their rifles. I think it quite possible that it may be found possible to keep infantry supplied in this manner, and that other means will have to be found for replenishing the limbs of our artillery. It is very probable that we shall see dogs utilized in many other ways in the fighting of the future. For instance, they would be very useful on outpost duty to give warning of an enemy's approach, and if dogs were attached to our field hospitals they would be of the greatest assistance in searching for the wounded after an action.

A Big Nursery.—M. J. Henry, who conducts, on the New Westminster road, one of the most extensive and best managed nurseries in British Columbia, has a large and splendid stock of fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs. Mr. Henry employs nothing but white labor.

## GRAND FORKS RAILWAY.

Work of Construction to Be Commenced Without Delay.

Grand Forks, Sept. 6.—"Next week, or as soon as a few preliminaries are arranged, a survey of the proposed railway between Grand Forks and Republic will be commenced, and then, without a moment's delay, the road will be rushed to completion."

This was the announcement made by T. W. Holland, manager of the Grand Forks Townsite Company, on his return from Victoria, where he succeeded in securing the passing of the provincial act of incorporation of the Grand Forks & Kettle River company. Mr. Holland received a warm welcome. Enthusiasm over the intelligence that the railway will be a reality within six months knew no bounds.

Holland, "presenting no engineering difficulties, will follow the Kettle river, Curlew and San Paul valleys, roughly speaking, a distance of 24 miles. Under our Canadian charter we will build from Grand Forks to Carson, B. C., on the international boundary, a distance of four miles, and thence extend the road to Republic under the laws of the state of Washington. We realize that Grand Forks is the natural smelting point for the Boundary and the north half of the Colville reservation. Grand Forks has a 500-ton smelter, which will soon be doubled in capacity. The announcement has been made by the Grand Forks & Kettle River company that it will take care of all ore smelting. Two years later Grand Forks will be treating 6,000 tons of ore daily. The ore of Republic, we feel confident, will seek a market center at railway facilities are provided. We propose to do it. The three miles, besides leaving a handsome margin for Republic, even if all were working, could not possibly handle the output of that great camp. Metallurgists assert that smelting is a far superior method than cyaniding, and the treatment of Republic ore, when blended with the sulphide ores of the boundary, the high results for both varieties will be obtained. The saving in values by smelting as compared with the other method will pay freight and treatment charges, besides leaving a handsome margin. The day for losing 18 per cent. in values by cyaniding will soon be a thing of the past. In Grand Forks is benefited, Republic will still greater advantages. The tonnage promises to be enormous.

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## TRAINS ON WATER.

Novel and Cheap Method of Conveying British Coal Abroad.

From Dally Mail.

The heavy shipments of coal to the Continent have aroused some misgivings of late. There is perhaps at present a little likelihood of the export being lessened, but the idea of the water-borne working out a unique device which has for its object the quickening of the rate of shipment. From Goole inland a splendid canal system, which has been working out a unique device which has for its object the quickening of the rate of shipment. From Goole inland a splendid canal system, which has been working out a unique device which has for its object the quickening of the rate of shipment.

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## Explosion At Powder Works

Two Hundred Pounds of Nitro-Glycerine Shakes Up Cadboro Bay.

Narrow Escape of One of the Workmen—No Lives Lost.

An explosion which gave Cadboro Bay a severe shaking up, but fortunately resulted in no loss of life, occurred at the works of the Giant Powder Company, at Cadboro Bay, shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Some two hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded and bared a distance of four miles. Under our Canadian charter we will build from Grand Forks to Carson, B. C., on the international boundary, a distance of four miles, and thence extend the road to Republic under the laws of the state of Washington. We realize that Grand Forks is the natural smelting point for the Boundary and the north half of the Colville reservation. Grand Forks has a 500-ton smelter, which will soon be doubled in capacity. The announcement has been made by the Grand Forks & Kettle River company that it will take care of all ore smelting. Two years later Grand Forks will be treating 6,000 tons of ore daily. The ore of Republic, we feel confident, will seek a market center at railway facilities are provided. We propose to do it. The three miles, besides leaving a handsome margin for Republic, even if all were working, could not possibly handle the output of that great camp. Metallurgists assert that smelting is a far superior method than cyaniding, and the treatment of Republic ore, when blended with the sulphide ores of the boundary, the high results for both varieties will be obtained. The saving in values by smelting as compared with the other method will pay freight and treatment charges, besides leaving a handsome margin. The day for losing 18 per cent. in values by cyaniding will soon be a thing of the past. In Grand Forks is benefited, Republic will still greater advantages. The tonnage promises to be enormous.

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The building is a wreck, and the immediate surroundings are a chaotic appearance. The structure is a wall-less affair of two platform-like stories. In the upper part of the outer building is a machine, into which the acid is blown through pipes and thence is passed on into the mixer, on the platform in the rear part of the building, a slightly below the level of the mixer. The acid is stirred in a manner similar to that in which butter is churned, until the nitro-glycerine is blown up into the air, and the lesser valued sulphuric acid is left in the vat. From this it is passed on to another tank, and so on. There are three tanks in all, and the explosion occurred, were all, fortunately, empty, the nitro-glycerine having all been blown up into the air. The explosion was in this weighing machine, as before said, that the explosion occurred.

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## PETRIFIED FORESTS.

From Forest and Stream.

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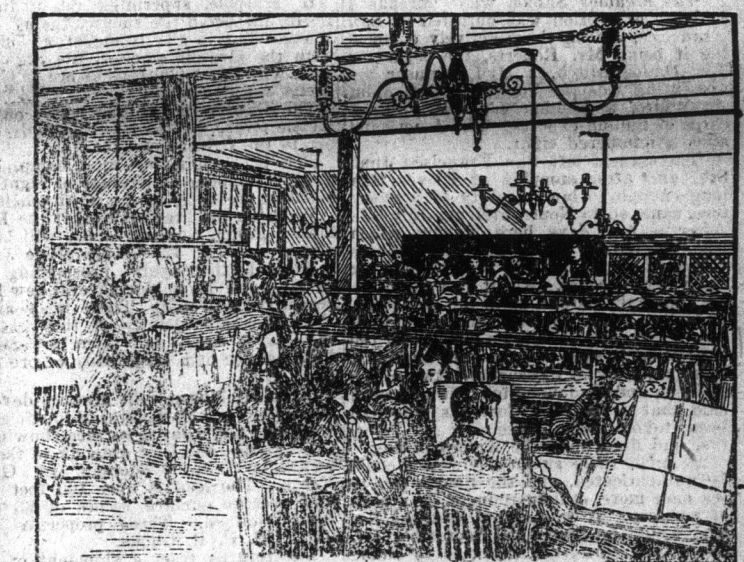
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