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MAN DROWNED IN RIVER NEAR PORT ESSINGTON

AUSTRIA REFUSES TO DEMOBILIZE TROOPS ON SERVIAN FRONTIER AND CAUSES ALARM

YOUNG MAN SWEEPED OVER FALLS TO HIS DEATH AT ESSINGTON

MINOR M'FADDEN SWEEPED OVER FALLS WHEN CANOE UPSET IN FALLS RIVER—COULD NOT REACH LIFE LINE—BODY NOT YET RECOVERED.

Swept over the falls of Big Falls River, a tributary of the Skeena river coming in at Port Essington, M. McFadden, an employee of the Hydro-Electric Co. lost his life on the day before Christmas. Up to the present only the most meagre details are available, as to how the sad fatality occurred.

Later details of the accident just to hand are that on Tuesday morning McFadden and two others started to cross Falls River, a tributary of the Oxtail, in a canoe. When near the edge of the falls the canoe upset.

McFadden was caught by the current and although he made an attempt to grasp the life line that stretches across the top of the

falls he only could touch it. Before he could grip it the water tore him away and he was hurled over the thundering falls.

His companions escaped narrowly and at once hastened to get aid. All day Tuesday and yesterday men searched the river and dynamited the pools in hopes of recovering the body, but without avail. More men leave tomorrow from Prince Rupert to aid in the search.

Minor McFadden was a very popular young man amongst his companions. He is known to have a mother living somewhere on Vancouver Island.

Joseph E. Merryfield has returned to the city after a short business trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

METHODIST CHRISTMAS TREE A BIG SUCCESS

Members and Friends of the Methodist Church Have an Excellent Time.

In common with all the other churches of the city, the Methodists gave their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in their fine church building on Sixth avenue on Christmas Eve. There was a large attendance of members of the church and others, whose enjoyment of the time honored Christmas festivities nearly equalled that of the children. A huge Christmas tree loaded down with presents for all, both old and young, was naturally the piece de resistance of the evening. A long programme was gone through, at which a number of the boys and girls showed marked ability. Particularly interesting was a club swinging exhibition given by the bigger girls, who have achieved great proficiency at these exercises under the able tutelage of Mr. Porter. The latter gave a very fine display of the art himself, as did also young William Sherman. Altogether the affair was one of the most successful of the many excellent entertainments given this Christmas.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

SHIP STRANDED WITH SIXTY-SIX PERSONS

Eig Ship Goes Ashore Near Sandy Hook and Life Saving Hook Goes to Rescue.

Sandy Hook, Dec. 25—The Revenue cutter Seneca reached the stranded steamer Turrialba on the Jersey sands yesterday and is standing by in an effort to get a chance to accomplish the rescue of the sixty-six passengers who are on board of her.

Daughters of the Empire Dance.

The third in the series of dances given under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire will be held in McIntyre Hall on Friday night, Dec. 27th. This dance will be a bal poudre and will be exceptionally enjoyable. Tickets at Orme's Drug Store. 302-303.

Steamers Collide

Philadelphia, Dec. 25—The steamers Marion and Oceanic collided yesterday in the lower Delaware harbor. Both ships were badly damaged but were able to return to port. No lives were lost.

AUSTRIA REFUSES TO DEMOBILIZE TROOPS AND CAUSES MUCH ALARM

Diplomatic Circles Are Much Worried Over the Refusal of Austria to Withdraw Her Troops From Servian Frontier—Is Thought That She Wishes to Force Protection on States

(Special to Daily News.)

London, Dec. 25—The action of Austria in refusing to demobilize her troops on the Servian frontier in view of the fact that the cause of the recent friction has been removed by the peace negotiations at the suggestion of the great powers is causing considerable apprehension among the various chancelleries of Europe.

Paris, Dec. 25 — Diplomatic circles here are much worried over the failure of Austria to withdraw her troops, which she recently massed on the Servian border. The Powers suggested to Serbia that she withdraw her demands, which threatened the safety of the peace of the world. This was done and the Austrian troops are not demobilized. It is feared that Austria has designs of participating in the

cutting up of Turkey, or wishes to exercise a protective government over Albania.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25—The action of Austria is causing a stir amongst military men here. It is taken to mean that Austria intends to force her protection over the crippled Balkan states. This Russia will not allow, and the result may be a world-wide war.

UNITED STATES TAKES ACTION AGAINST ROAD

Biggest Suit on Record Is Entered Into by United States Against Southern Pacific.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The greatest suit in equity in the history of the world, involving nearly a billion dollars worth of California lands, is on file in the United States District Court here against the Southern Pacific Railroad by the United States government.

Uncle Sam's fight is to establish title to all of the oil lands in California now claimed by the Southern Pacific Company. The land consists of 125,000 acres of the richest oil fields in the state, including the Kern River, Sunset, Maricopa, McKittrick, Midway, Elk Hills, Devel's Den, Lost Hills and Coalinga fields. This land is variously estimated to be worth from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and acre.

The bill was filed by T. J. Butler and B. D. Townsend, special assistants to Attorney General Wickersham. A large number of special agents also were engaged in collecting material for the suit. It is alleged by the government that while the Southern Pacific Company was securing the lands which it claimed under its grant from Congress, it had in its employ a corps of the most competent mineral experts in the United States, and this in face of the fact that the railroad company was not entitled to any mineral lands under its grant. As a result, the government alleges, the Southern Pacific secured the very best oil lands in the state.

Accountant desires bookkeeping or other work for evenings. Apply Box 63, Daily News. 301-7.

Christmas at Jail

Genial "Billy" Vickers, the popular chief of police was all smiles this morning, when he announced to the ubiquitous reporter, that there was an absolute clean docket to report for the Christmas holiday. A very quiet little dinner was held in the city bastille on Christmas day when two of the old time residents were regaled in the most approved style upon colonial goose and the regulation plum duff. Everything was merry and bright and the best of goodwill and fellowship reigned supreme.

A Union Depot

Victoria, Dec. 25—The government has announced that a settlement for a joint union terminal on the Songhees reserve has been arranged with the railways entering Victoria.

Bohemians Entertain.

Amongst the many pleasing little social functions that took place on Christmas Eve was a delightful little dinner party given by the members of the Bohemian Mess to a number of their friends, including members of the fair sex. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dunn, Misses Helen Dunn, Brodie Dunn, Dudsie Dunn, Messrs. W. A. Pettigrew, W. S. Marshall, C. R. Averill, S. O. Erick, G. S. Fitzmaurice, J. W. Chapple and H. H. D. Hemmel.

1 Heintzman piano, 1 Ennis piano, to be sold during the next 6 days at big discounts. See them. Wark's. 2961f

Vernon W. Smith returned on the Prince Rupert from a visit to the south.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

CHARLES DEAN, ALLEGED ROBBER, MAY BE FREED

Man Accused of Bank Robbery at Royal City May Escape Because Witness Died.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—On the seventh of January next Charles Dean, the only Bank of Montreal robbery suspect now held in the city, may regain his freedom.

Mr. Adam Johnson, the prisoner's solicitor, was granted an order by Chief Justice Hunter in Vancouver, calling upon the Attorney General and the governor of the provincial jail to show cause why the prisoner should not be discharged.

The hearing of the application will take place on January 7th in Victoria before the Chief Justice of the province. Dean, following various demands in the police court, after being brought here from Los Angeles, was to be tried at the recent assizes, his case, however was traversed until the spring assizes.

Since the first preliminary trial one of the principal witnesses, who claims to have seen the accused in an automobile in company with four other men on the morning of the robbery, has died. This was young Russel Greenwood, who a short time ago was instantly killed by a live wire.

Another one of the witnesses is a well known character around the city. No mention has ever been made to date of who the owner of the mysterious automobile was, or what eventually became of the machine.

See A. W. Edge Co. for wall paper. Low prices to make room for new spring stock. 285-1f

TWO POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE OF PRINCE RUPERT ARE MARRIED

MR C. C. LOOP AND MISS MARIE ROWLEY UNITED IN MARRIAGE BY REV. F. W. KERR YESTERDAY—YOUNG COUPLE WILL RESIDE IN CALIFORNIA—LEAVE TOMORROW.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at the Presbyterian manse, when Rev. F. W. Kerr united in marriage Mr. C. Christopher Loop and Miss Marie Rowley, both of Prince Rupert.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. L. Rowley.

After the ceremony, which was solemnized in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties, all adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Harris, the latter a sister of the bride, where a wedding feast was spread.

It was the intention of the young couple to sail on the Venture last night for their future home at San Diego, California, but owing to the delay of the vessel they will leave tomorrow

morning on the Prince Rupert, visiting en route Seattle, Tacoma, where the parents of Mrs. Loop reside, and Shelton, Washington, the home of Mr. Loop's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Loop are both popular members of Prince Rupert's younger set and their departure, which is attended by many well wishes, will be regretted by their many friends.

Mr. Loop has been connected for some time past with C. B. Wark & Son, the jewellers, while Mrs. Loop until lately has been associated with the staff of The Daily News and later with the Canadian Home Investment Company.

The News extends its heartiest congratulations to the young people.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD LOOK INTO GRIEVANCES OF COAL DIGGERS

PERCY K. WINCH TELLS OF THE SUFFERINGS OF THE MINERS AND THE CONDITIONS SURROUNDING THEIR WORK—WAS MEMBER OF CORONER'S JURY AT EXTENSION.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Percy K. Winch to the Vancouver World. Mr. Winch, who operated a cigar factory at Ladysmith, has been engaged in business in the districts affected by the coal strike for a number of years. He is a very thorough man and has given much of his time to studying the conditions in and about the mines. Furthermore, he was a member of the coroner's jury at the time of the Extension explosion, so knows whereof he writes.

It is taken for granted opinion that it is the high wages of coal miners in British Columbia that makes the price of coal so high, and has caused the converting of coast shipping into oil burners, and even the locomotives on the island. As the men claim they are only receiving about \$2.50 per day, it would give the government an excellent chance to discover the cause of the high price of coal which is affecting every consumer, and working to the disadvantage of increased shipping.

The last unfortunate explosion which occurred at Extension mines brought out the wonderful fact that there was no dangerous gas in the mine previous to the explosion, as sworn to be the case by the company's fire bosses, but by a strange coincidence a gas explosion occurred with such violence that it tore the shoes of one man and blew great big timbers in all directions, and caused the death of about thirty miners, leaving many a poor widow and little orphan to suffer without any visible means of support. By the awful sight of seeing the first two or three bodies arrive, and the poor souls seeking to claim the dead all through the night and day, waiting anxiously for their dead as every train came in, you could realize more what an awful calamity it was—a grief that can only be fully understood in a small town, with crepe on every other door. If you could only imagine the burying of so many bodies in the presence of three thousand people and the pitiful cries of the poor unfortunate souls; if only that scene could have been witnessed by the people who take things for granted and

news for gospel, it would have left an everlasting impression.

These were the conditions that brought out a strong recommendation to the government to make it necessary for the men to appoint one of their own men to act in the capacity of a gas committee once or twice a month in conjunction with the twenty fire bosses, who were unable to discover gas that caused the last explosion.

The men claim that on reporting gas one of their men was discriminated against, and cannot work even as a helper in the mines, and, strange to say, these fire bosses who continually reported the mine clear of gas previous to the last explosion are the very men the company brought from Ladysmith to Cumberland to act as bosses for the Chinamen and try to break the strike, thereby forcing the men back on unconditional terms, thereby discriminating against any of these men who have taken part and eventually to weed them all out whether their grievances were right or wrong.

MANY ARRIVE FROM SOUTH ON CHRISTMAS

Prince Rupert Arrives on Time Yesterday with a Large Passenger List.

The steamer Prince Rupert, Captain Barney Johnson, arrived on time on Wednesday morning with 96 passengers and a full complement of general freight. Among the saloon passengers were the following:

Mrs. W. C. Schmehl, R. A. Grant, Albert Schmehl, John Schmehl, George Magar, Gordon Bain, Mrs. March, Mrs. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. L. Duncan, Mrs. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Markel, Mrs. T. R. Lengfield, M. F. Johnson, Mrs. D. Richards, A. Sholt, S. Stickney, J. K. Cornwall, J. E. Merryfield, J. H. Kearney, Mrs. A. W. Stants, Murdo McLean, D. Biglow, C. L. Magigan, S. Biglow, N. Peters, A. Bassett, Mrs. C. A. Adams, Vernon W. Smith, George Lowell, Elizabeth Wapner, Anna Goodlick, T. Semick, D. Lavery, J. Schaffer, Ed. Mullen, C. A. Bushnell.

Christmas and New Years Gifts-Delayed Shipment

We shall clear at half Vancouver prices. Judge for yourselves.

Sterling Silver Backed Brushes in beautiful leather case, velvet lined. Good value for \$5.00; cut to.....	\$2.50
Set of Fish Carvers and six pairs of Fish Eaters; heavy silver plate on nickel, in beautiful heavy leather covered wood case; silk lined. Beautiful gift. Value \$18.50 for.....	\$10.50
Set of Fish Carvers, satin lined case. Value \$5.00 for.....	\$3.00
Manicure Sets; stamped; At silver on nickel. Value \$3.50 for.....	\$2.00
Set of Carvers, white ivory handles, sterling silver mounts. Guaranteed best steel; \$6.00 for.....	\$3.00
Beautiful Dressing Table Sets, sterling silver backs, including Brush and Comb, two Clothes Brushes and Mirror, in beautiful plush lined case. Value \$18.50 for.....	\$11.00

Dozens of other gifts at equal reductions.

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