

SAD DOUBLE DROWNING: MOTHER LOST WITH SON

WIFE AND SON DROWNED BEFORE HIS EYES

Terrible Disaster Befell Lighthouse Keeper Elsterman of Lawyer Island---Helpless, He Watched His Loved Ones Perish

WIRELESS FLASHES FATAL NEWS

Mother and Son in Only Small Boat Available Were Swamped in Seaway Not Far From the Lighthouse, But Beyond Father's Reach—Sole Surviving Daughter Well Known in Rupert, Hurries in Rover to Her Father's Side

To stand helpless on his rock and watch within a short distance of him the wife and boy, whose boat had been capsized in a seaway near the lighthouse, was the awful lot of Lighthouse Keeper Elsterman of Lawyer Island light yesterday morning. Miss Elsterman, his sole surviving daughter, who was employed in Mrs. Frizzell's store, left for the island in the Rover this morning.

before his eyes, and the empty upturned boat drifted away beyond his reach.

Unable to communicate with the land, Elsterman was left there alone with the sorrow that had sprung into bitter being for him in one brief moment. He returned to tend the light, which burned last night bright as ever before, and this morning was able to flag the passing Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Bertha, northbound, which in turn flashed the sad news to Digby Island wireless station.

Mr. George Frizzell states this morning that the mother and son had been spending a week at Porcher Island, and that it was on their return trip to the lighthouse that the disaster happened. The lighthouse keeper himself has not been able to reach shore yet.

This morning Captain Norman

Broadhurst in the Rover set out for Lawyer Island, taking with him Miss Elsterman, who alone is left of the lighthouse keeper's family. Miss Elsterman is well known in Prince Rupert, as she was employed in Mrs. Frizzell's store. Her mother and brother were well known also, and Light Keeper Elsterman is an old-timer on the coast.

HORRIGAN CONTRACTS

City Engineer to Report Upon the Whole Matter in Dispute.

A meeting of Council in committee of the whole was held on Saturday afternoon to go into the matter of the Dan Horrigan contracts, which are being managed by J. Lorne McLaren of the Mack Realty Co. After some time had been spent in discussion the whole matter was left to the City Engineer for report.

Attention! Come and enjoy the unique, interesting and humorous entertainment and social given by the Baptist Ladies' Aid in McIntyre Hall tonight. Admission, including refreshments, 25 cents.

"New Lot of Ladies' neckwear. Wallace's.

TRI-WEEKLY TRAIN AGAIN

Continued Increase of Up River Traffic Warrants Increase of Train Service—Will Be Daily Service Soon.

Announcement is made today that the train service up river three times a week will be renewed on Monday, February 19th. Trains will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. This service ran for a short time in the height of the rush to get supplies up river before the winter set in, and its renewal so early in the season as this shows how great has been the increase of up river traffic. News from Kitselas today says that the steel is now well past that point, and businesses there are shutting down and transferring stock to the Bulkley valley. Kitselas will do its shopping principally in Rupert now.

S. S. FALCON TO THE RESCUE; HALIBUT BOAT IN DISTRESS

STANDARD FISH CO.'S GASOLINE SCHOONER PRINCESS VICTORIA TOWED OFF A LEESHORE IN HEAVY WEATHER—REACHED RUPERT IN TIME TO SHIP HAUL.

Towed in from Dundas Island yesterday afternoon, the gasoline halibut schooner Princess Victoria, belonging to the Standard Fish Company of Paofo, was just in time to get her haul of halibut off south by the Camosun. The Princess Victoria had exceptionally good luck in being saved by the D. G. fisheries cruiser Falcon when she was in danger of becoming a total wreck on an exposed coast in heavy weather.

While fishing on the outer side of Dundas Island not far from where the Ketchikan boat Prince Olav met with disaster the other

week, the Princess Victoria met heavy weather. In bucking wind and tide in a heavy seaway she strained her machinery so that the engine gave out and refused to start up again. In water too deep for anchoring and a gale blowing on to a lee shore so that she could not make sail to escape stranding, the schooner was driving fast onto the rocks when the Falcon steaming past answered her signals of distress.

No news of the missing boats and men on the coast of the Queen Charlottes was brought in by the Falcon after her cruise.

BRIDGE ACROSS SKEENA IN JULY

Cy Peck Tells of the Rush of Work Up River—New Hazelton Coming to the Front Rapidly.

C. W. Peck has just returned from a trip up the Skeena as far as New Hazelton and reports the town in a thriving condition. Many of the business men in old Hazelton are establishing branches in the new town, and it presents a most flourishing aspect. Foley, Welch & Stewart offices are located there and, of course it is now the base of distribution of railroad materials and supplies. Mail service is very good, the twice weekly stage of Birnes & Mulvaney proving satisfactory to the district.

Over one hundred teams are engaged in freighting construction materials and supplies from the end of track, which is now seventeen miles from Newtown. Track laying is proceeding rapidly, one and a half miles of rails were laid on the afternoon Mr. Peck and his party were at the end of steel.

At Skeena Crossing a good town is located. All the men are at work that can possibly be found or are employed on the big bridge, the monthly pay roll being over \$30,000. Mr. Peck says that the bridge is certainly a large undertaking, but notwithstanding its magnitude and difficult engineering features, it is the general opinion that steel will be laid across the river by the middle of July.

Reformer Comes to Grief.

A. Du Berger, the latter name being in French a literal translation of the word shepherd, was picked up in the district over the hill and brought before the magistrate this morning charged with vagrancy. His excuse was that he met a girl there whom he had known years back and was trying to bring her back to the right pasture. Thus showing that he was a real shepherd and not a crook. His case was remanded until tomorrow.

Rag Doll burlesque entertainment and social in McIntyre Hall tonight at 8 o'clock, under auspices of Ladies' Aid of Baptist Church. Admission, including refreshments, 25 cents.

For Sale.

Furniture of four-room house. Apply F. D. Keeley. tf

WAR MEASURES IN GERMANY

Application for Additional Appropriations for Increased Armament Leads Socialist to Enter Stormy Protest.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—In the Reichstag yesterday Herr Bebel made a famous speech against the additional



AUGUST BEBEL

Leader of the German Socialists.

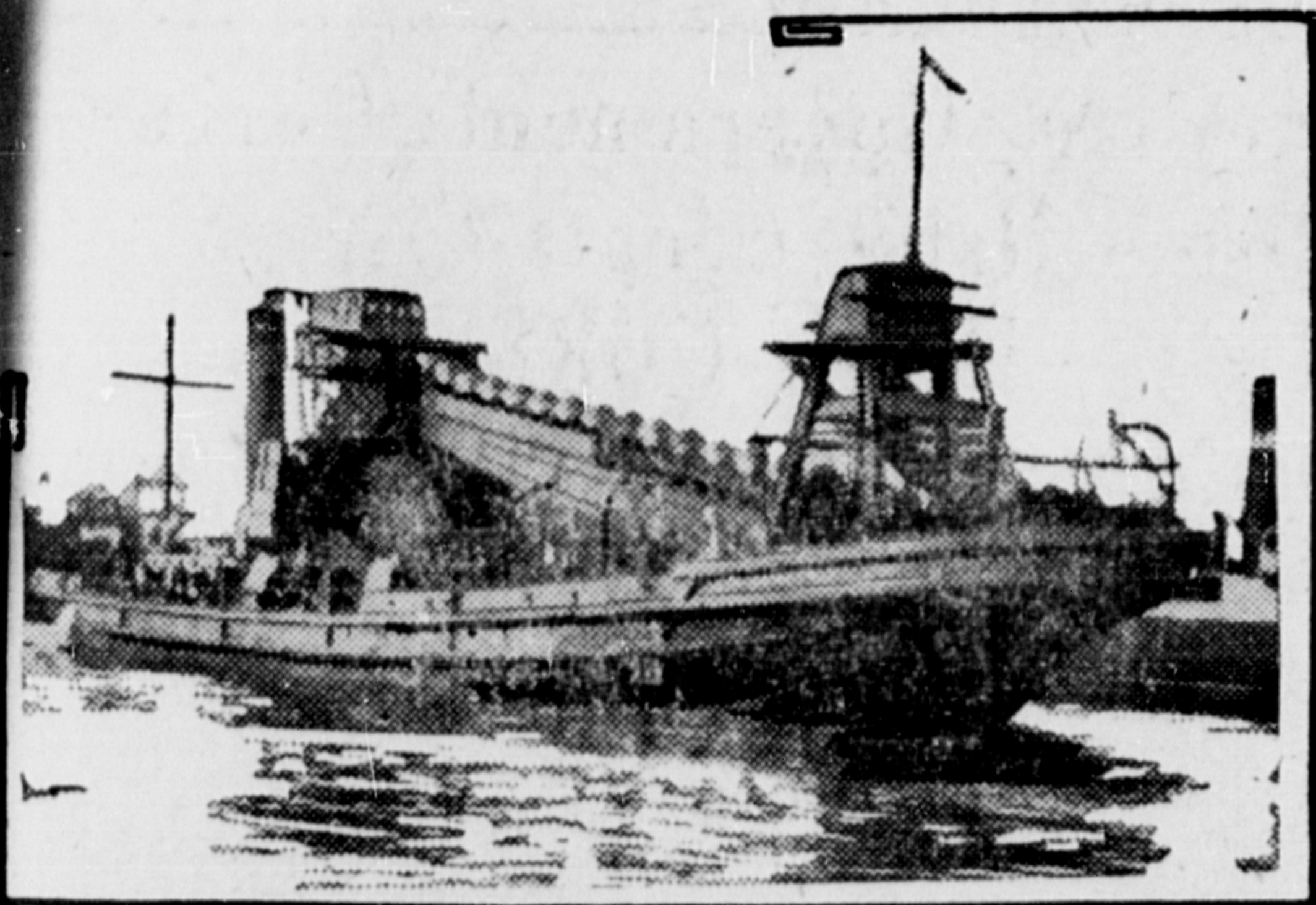
tional appropriation asked for armament, pointing out that this continuous outlay, to say nothing of the increased number of producers that were called from producing as a consequence, would so impoverish industrial Germany that the nation must become one of the third or fourth rate instead of holding its present high position among the nations of the world. All the prominent newspapers are quoting or criticizing his speech and it simply emphasizes his title to the rank of leading Socialist of the continent.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

Convention of Liberals!

A convention of British Columbia Liberals will be held at O'Brien's Hall, Hastings street, Vancouver, on February 29th, 1912. Upon purchasing a first-class ticket to Vancouver via C. P. R. and obtaining at the time of purchase from the ticket agent a standard certificate, and upon the signing of this certificate by the Secretary of the Convention, the holder will be entitled to a return ticket at one-third the usual fare.

BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL.



THE GREAT DREDGER COROZAL, BUILT ON THE CLYDE.

Although the United States Congress is about passing a bill making preferential rates of tonnage through the Panama Canal when completed, she had to go to Great Britain for the building of one of the largest dredgers to be used in the clearing of the big ditch before any vessels can steam through. This dredger has

GREAT DAM AT LAKE UNION DEVASTATES THE VALLEY

SEVEN LIVES ARE LOST AND THIRTY BUILDINGS SWEEP AWAY—MANY RESCUED FROM FLOATING ROOFS OF THE DESTROYED HOMES.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Feb. 12.—It was reported here Saturday that the dam of the lake at Union B. C., had burst, killing seven Chinamen. The dam is three miles from Union. A flood of water swept down the valley, wiping out the Chinese quarters and also

Gastown, a collection of shacks near Union. The Chinese, who had five minutes' warning, escaped, with the exception of three. Many got away by floating on the tops of the roofs of destroyed houses. Thirty houses were washed away. Damage is reported to the telegraph office and

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Acting Mayor Douglas threatens to show his authority by firing the Finance Minister.

Resumption of the tri-weekly train service is announced by the G. T. P. officials.

Increased activity is marked on pipe line excavation.

More plank sidewalk makes its appearance on Third ave.

Wireless just received says that blind piglets will not curl their tails as merrily now as they once did.

Digby Island Wireless Station—(10:45 a. m.)—By instruction of the Marine and Fisheries department, the lighthouse tender Newington has left Victoria to proceed without delay to the Queen Charlotte Islands in search of the missing schooner King George and launch Josephine with Henry Edenshaw and party. The Newington is to go direct to Masset and reach there tomorrow. She is able to go where the Quadra could not; has powerful engines and is equipped with receiving wireless apparatus.

Search is being made on the outer coast of Graham Island in the neighborhood of Otard Bay and from there to Masset for the schooner King George and Mr. Henry Edenshaw's launch Josephine. With the schooner in tow heavily laden with supplies, the launch left Masset some fifteen

days ago for Otard Bay the scene of the oil boring operations on the island.

With Mr. Edenshaw were several Indian boatmen and Messrs. Slater, McLaren and Stake of the oil boring party. They were taking new appliances and stores to their camp. Brisk weather blew up after the party left, and the boats were last seen off Tiahn Point driving before a breeze with a sea running which would have made it unsafe for them to attempt the entrance to Otard Bay. Nothing has been seen or heard of the boats since. They did not arrive at the oil camp at Otard Bay, and they did not get back to Masset.

Efforts were instituted on the islands to find them, and a message was sent to Prince Rupert to Government Agent McMullin and Provincial Constable Owen for help. After efforts to get into communication with the Quadra and the William Jolliffe, which are south bound now, and an attempt to secure the services of the launch Phippen, the authorities planned to get the Prince John to make a search on her island trip.

While some are inclined to fear that the vessels and men are lost, the opinion of such expert launchmen on the coast as Captains Babington and Norman Broadhurst are much more hopeful. They say that a matter of nine, ten or even fifteen days' absence in a gasoline launch in such waters as we have about here is by no means any indication that the overdue craft are lost. There are countless cases of "missing" gasoline boats which have returned with the usual story of engine defects delaying them, or spells for shelter in coves and estuaries along the coast. That Edenshaw and his party have run for shelter into one of the bays beyond Otard Bay and possibly been delayed by the beaching of the laden schooner is the opinion of Captain Babington.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Supreme Delegate of Sons of England Lodge Visited Prince Rupert Branch and Assisted at Installation Ceremony.

Installation of office bearers of the Prince Rupert S. O. E. B. S. Lodge was effected with due ceremony by Mr. J. R. Waite, supreme delegate of the lodge in Toronto, who arrived by the Camosun and was welcomed by members of the lodge here. Following are the names of the officers for the coming year: President, F. A. Ellis; first vice president, E. A. Woods; second vice president, A. E. Clarke; chaplain, T. W. Silver; secretary, F. V. Clarke; treasurer, J. E. Unwin. Some eighteen new members of the lodge were initiated at the installation meeting, and the lodge is now in a very thriving condition indeed.

the stores, and telephone and telegraph poles were washed out and communication destroyed. The property loss is about \$30,000.

THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., February 12, 1912: Bar., 29.762; max. temp., 46.0; min. temp., 38.0; precipitation, .09.

PIPE LINE COST IS ESTIMATED

Col. Davis Supplies Figures Relating to Cost of Installing Permanent Water Supply from Shawatlans to Reservoir.

Following are some of the figures mentioned in Col. Davis' recent report regarding the work in hand on the pipe line for the permanent water supply: Cost of completing Acropolis Hill reservoir, \$17,780. Cost of completing pipe line to this side of Shawatlans Passage rock trench, \$16,000; trench to be dug, \$15,000; trench piling to be done, \$4,000; hauling and laying pipe, \$12,000; back filling, \$2,400; total, \$49,400. Total reservoir and pipe line in city limits, \$67,180; submerged pipe, \$6,400; pipe line from the passage to Shawatlans Lake, \$16,250; erection of boiler and pumping plant with building, \$3,000; total cost of permanent water supply construction as far as Shawatlans Lake, \$92,530; pipe ordered for this, \$73,874. This does not include the pipe between Shawatlans Lake and the passage, which the Engineer recommends must be ordered at once.

Indoor Baseball. Crescents vs. Teddy Bears at Auditorium Tuesday eve., Feb. 15. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game.

NEW ATHLETIC CLUB FORMED

Prince Rupert Now Has Two Clubs and Will Be Able to Train Candidates for Outside Events in Athletics.

The employees at the Seal Cove cold storage plant are proving their enterprising citizenship in various ways. Last week they gave a very successful masquerade ball and this week it is a pleasure to announce that they have formed an athletic club with no less than forty members entered on the roll at the first meeting.

J. F. Mathewson has been elected provisional president and Walter Clayton secretary. A committee has been appointed to draft bylaws and constitution consisting of Thomas H. Watts, Thomas Brenner and James Glennie. Another committee was appointed to look after the financial end and obtain the necessary information as to the club outfit and its cost. This is composed of W. Jones, Ed. Port and J. F. Mathewson.

The company is to provide the club house and the promoters of the scheme are sanguine in their hopes of having a good gym, reading room and so on.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.