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WEDGED FOR HOURS BY HEAVY SHINGLE- BOELTS

Plucky Woman Ran Three
Miles to Assist Rescue of
Husband.

CARRIED DOWN A SLIDE.

Two Men Had Narrow Escape
from Awful Death Near
Royal City.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.—(Special.)
—T. Peck, a logger who was injured
in a shingle-bolt slide at Westminster
Junction on Wednesday, was brought
into town yesterday, and is now at the
Royal Columbian Hospital. Peck's
thigh is fractured, but he is reported
to be doing well. His companion, John
Best, was uninjured, save for a few
bruises.

That the two men escaped with their
lives is considerably remarkable. They
were at work on a shingle-bolt slide
down the side of a steep hill. The
bolts becoming jammed, they got out
on the slide to loosen them, when
suddenly the whole jam gave way and
tore down the slide, carrying the men
with it. It came to a standstill just
as another lot of bolts was close be-
hind.

The rear jam hit the stationary one
with a fearful crash, and before the
two men could escape they were caught
and held fast among the bolts.

The men were pinned among the
bolts for hours, and it was not until
Mrs. Best had discovered their predic-
ament, and run three miles for help
that they were rescued. It took but
a few minutes for the rescuers to ex-
tricate the men.

ASK COURT TO DEFINE RIGHT

Mayor Will Move in Matter on
Behalf of City's Claim to
False Creek Mudflats—
Views on Railway Question.

I shall bring to the attention of the
Council at an early date the ad-

VANCOUVER CENTRE OF GREAT COAST STORM

Sleet Carries Down C. P. R.
Telegraph Wires East
of Yale.

NO OUTSIDE CONNECTION.

Heavy Fall of Rain and Early
Morning Hurricane in
the City.

Great damage was done by last
night's storm in the interior, and along
the coast, according to meagre advices
received from outside points. Owing
to the fact that both telegraph and
telephone lines were demoralized, it is
impossible to secure accurate infor-
mation, but it is believed that the loss
will reach into many thousands of dol-
lars.

Vancouver weathered the storm al-
most without loss, the only damage
reported being the carrying away of
a few telephone wires in outlying por-
tions of the city, and the breaking of
several windows.

Sleet East of Yale.

Telegraph and long-distance tele-
phone operators found their lines dead
between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning,
and at daylight there was not a single
telegraph line working into Vancouver.

Telephone communication to the south
and to Vancouver Island is also cut off.

The C. P. R. telegraph service was
hard hit in the vicinity of Yale. It is
reported that miles of wire are down
along the tracks near that point. Short-
ly after midnight a terrible sleet storm
swept down the great canyon of the
Fraser, and forced on by a rushing
gale of wind, wires went down like
silk threads before the combined ele-
ments of destruction. Early this morn-
ing all the linemen it was possible to
secure were rushed up the line to Yale,
and they are at work this afternoon
in an endeavor to repair the wreck.

This Side of Blaine.

Nanaimo has been cut off from com-
munication with the Mainland. A sub-
marine cable runs on the floor of the
Gulf from Vancouver to Departure Bay,
a distance of three miles from Nanai-
mo, and as a general thing during
storm troubles, it is possible to reach
Nanaimo. However, on this occasion
the land wires between Departure Bay
and Nanaimo were carried away. It
is expected that they will be up some
time this afternoon.

The British Columbia Telephone
Company suffered to no inconsiderable
extent on its outside service, but Mr.
H. W. Kent, superintendent, stated to-
day that within the city very little

HINDUS' SHACK FIRED BY INCENDIARY TO-DAY

Outfits of Fifteen Are Burned
in Quick Blaze This
Morning.

WAS SECOND ATTEMPT.

Fire Discovered in Building
Last Night Was Soon Ex-
tinguished.

Hindus who have been occupying a
shack owned by Mr. H. R. A. Vogel,
half a mile beyond the cemetery on the
North Arm road, were evidently the
victims of a genuine outrage this
morning.

About fifteen were living in the
house. Last evening it was reported
to Mr. Vogel that a fire had been
started by some one at the shack, and
that it was discovered before any dam-
age was done. This morning Mr.
Vogel paid a visit to the place at 9
o'clock. All the Hindus had gone
away to work. The house was filled
with their belongings, stoves, beds,
blankets, etc. At 10 o'clock, only an
hour later, the building was in a mass
of flames. It burned completely, and
with it all the belongings of those fif-
teen Hindus.

Reward Is Offered.

In view of the fire yesterday and the
absence of the Hindus at their work
this morning, Mr. Vogel has come to
the conclusion that the fire was incen-
diary, and has offered a reward of \$100
for the arrest and conviction of the
person or persons who set fire to the
building.

The loss on the structure was not
large, for it was merely a barn, but
the Hindus will feel the loss of their
clothing and outfits during the cold
weather very sadly.

CITY WINS AGAINST F. CARTER-COTTON

Action Regarding Drain Is Dis-
missed on All Points and In-
junction Refused—No Sub-
stantial Injury Is Done.

The city has won and Hon. F. Carter-
Cotton has lost in the drain case.

WHY NOT LEASE PARK TO STREET CAR COMPANY?

Citizens Argue that Allowing
Trolleys Would Amount to
Same Thing.

SHARP PRACTICE POSSIBLE.

Double Meaning of Plebiscite
Question—Beauty as Com-
mercial Asset.

Apart from the question of the desirability of permitting street cars in Stanley Park at all, citizens who have been considering the matter are pointing out that the proposed plebiscite leaves room for possible sharp practice on the part of those who are anxious to have street cars in the Park. The question that is asked is: "Are you in favor of having street cars around Stanley Park?" Upon this ratification are to vote, yes or nay. The point taken is that this question has been loosely and vaguely worded purposely, the idea being to let people think that in answering the question in the affirmative they are voting in favor of having cars around the outside of the Park. As a matter of fact, it would be quite possible, if the plebiscite were carried, to construct it as a popular vote in favor of cars around the inside of the Park, and even running along the existing roadway. Curiously enough, the point has developed through the sudden and extreme anxiety shown to prevent a clause being inserted in the lease from the Dominion Government, that cars shall not be allowed "in" the Park.

How to Spike the Guns.

If the desire is merely to have a car line running around the outside of the Park on poles driven into the shore, there can be no objection to a clause in the lease forbidding cars in the Park, because the question of an outside line would not be affected by it in any way. If, however, there is a scheme on foot to induce the people of Vancouver to sanction a car line around the inside of Stanley Park, under the impression that they are sanctioning a line to run around the outside of it only, then the reason for the objection to the clause in the lease is at once apparent, because it would spike the guns of the plotters.

Vaudeville at Bracken Point.

There are many people who would not object to a car line around the forewales of the Park, where it would be a public convenience, and afford the people an opportunity to enter the Park at any point without in any way in-