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SETTLERS ERECT FORT TO BATTLE WITH INDIANS

Roving Utes Cause Alarm Near Moorhead in State of Montana

EXTERMINATION IS THREATENED

White People Along Powder River Declare They Will Annihilate the Redskins.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Oct. 30.—Col. Auger and the third squadron of the ninth cavalry from Fort Robinson, arrived last night and detained at Arvada, the troops soon afterwards taking the field for the front.

The Indians are becoming bolder. "Doc" Spear and E. H. Gittings, who encountered about 30 Indians, were fired upon. The camp wagon was looted by another band of Utes, who left the cook bound and gagged and carried off all supplies and bedding.

Settlers near Moorhead, Mont., are sending their women and children to places of safety and have turned a spare blacksmith shop into a fort, banking the sides and boring loop-holes in the log walls.

Col. Hensel, who was government scout and interpreter in the battle of Wounded Knee, says the Indians mean fight and he believes they have sent messengers to seek the assistance of the warlike Cheyennes.

The Indians say they wrote President Roosevelt to give them Powder River valley for a hunting ground and permit their extermination not to be taken back to Utah.

The settlers along the Powder river say that if the Indians are allowed to remain in that vicinity they will organize and exterminate the Redskins in spite of the troops.

They are going on to visit Chief Whitecow of the Cheyenne, at any cost, and will not be taken back to Utah to starve; we would rather die first." It is the substance of the answer of Chief Kanapp to the soldiers.

The latest reports from the front locate the main Ute band in the vicinity of Moorhead, going rapidly towards the Cheyenne reservation. Two more troop trains are reported out of Fort Robinson, following the first train unloaded yesterday morning.

Indian Entrenched. Billings, Mont., Oct. 30.—A telephone message from Arvado, Wyo., this afternoon, says that the renegade Ute Indians are entrenched in a strong position in the hills adjacent to Arvada, and the troops of cavalry are reconnoitering the country previous to closing in on the enemy. They hope to quiet the Indians with a display of superior force, and thus secure a surrender without bloodshed.

The Utes are determined not to give in to the soldiers until they are compelled, believing that if they surrender, it will mean their return to Utah, where they say they cannot secure enough to eat. The Utes procure a supply of ammunition and food at Cheyenne and Gillette, and if the temper of the leading tribesmen can be taken as an indication, they propose to fight, or at least make a show of resistance. By this means they hope to secure concessions from the soldiers and be permitted to make their way to the Cheyenne reservation and remain there pending a disposition of their case at Washington.

Tonight the camp fires of the Indians are burning brightly. The Utes are not painted, nor are they dancing. Advice from Moorhead state that a panic is on there, and that the women and children are being sent away. It is feared that in the event of a clash between the soldiers and the Indians, the latter will scatter and wreak vengeance upon the settlers. The ranches are being converted into fortresses.

HERRING COMPANIES PREPARE AT NANAIMO

Plans for Season's Operations Promise to Create Active Business

Nanaimo, Oct. 30.—(Special)—There promises to be a boom in the herring industry here this year, an unprecedented number of firms having signified their intention of entering the business, which opens next month.

Times when with herring piled deep on the harbor shores they were considered a nuisance, but those days are now past, for the possibilities of the industry have become noised abroad. This season the increased vigor with which the industry will be carried on will make the crucial test in the business.

RESIGNATIONS FOLLOW THE SOCIALISTIC VICTORY

Vice-President Davidson, Secretary Perry and 25 Delegates Bolt Convention

LABOR MEN ADOPT PLATFORM

Delegates Carry Out Their Instructions to Organize a New Political Party.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—(Special)—At the labor convention this morning, as was anticipated, the independents left the hall in a body.

When the session opened, Davidson (Vancouver) moved the previous question. Wm. Davidson, M.P.P. (Slocan), protested against the attempt to gag discussion.

The Labor members said they had instructions to form a Labor party and would assist in nothing else.

On a vote the previous question was defeated by 99 to 41, the upper county delegates and the Socialistic element voting solidly against it.

Davidson (Vancouver) then tendered his resignation as vice-president. Secretary Perry followed suit, and about twenty-five delegates left the hall.

Ald. Williams then asked the meeting to elect a new chairman, saying that while he disagreed with the action of those who had left, it was useless to carry on the farce any longer.

Slavin, in leaving, accused the Socialists of trickery in getting the majority vote.

When the independents had left, the Socialists elected a chairman and secretary of their own, and continued the meeting. The Socialistic motion of William Davidson, M.P.P., was carried by 30 to 12.

There was a great deal of bitter condemnation of the action of the bolters, and after passing a resolution protesting against Hindu invasion, the convention adjourned.

The independents met in another room, and proceeded to form the Canadian Labor party. At the afternoon session Ald. Williams presided, and a platform recommended by the Dominion Trades Congress was adopted with some alterations and additions.

The Socialists are holding a mass meeting in the city hall this evening.

SAYS CAR SHORTAGE SPELLS PROSPERITY

Freight Traffic Manager McInnes Speaks of a Six Weeks' Trip

Yes, I have been away about six weeks on our western lines, looking into general business conditions, new industries, etc., with our other traffic officials," said W. R. McInnes, freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, in a Montreal interview on his return from a six weeks' trip to the west.

"Prosperity prevails throughout the west. Grain, lumber, coal, live stock, and other commodities are moving in increasing quantities. Improved prices for copper, lead, and silver are leading to a greater development in the Kootenay district and elsewhere. There is a better feeling generally in the mining districts. The increasing population in the Northwest is also assisting the fruit raising districts of British Columbia, which are making rapid strides. The fruit is superior to that of California and the industry has undoubtedly a great future.

OFFERS TO GIVE CITY TONS OF GUN COTTON

Lieut. Hughes, R. N. Waits on Mayor Morley With General Proposition

MAJOR MORLEY was waited on yesterday morning by Lieut. Hughes, R. N., who informed him that orders had been received at Work Point to destroy all gun cotton now on hand.

Roughly estimated, there is about forty tons of this highly explosive material stored at the barracks and before consigning it to the sea the federal authorities thought it well to offer it to the city.

His Worship was for a time unable to say what could be done with the material, but after considering the matter he arrived at the conclusion that the best scheme to utilize it for blasting the rocks in the harbor. He referred the matter to Capt. Houp, as chairman of the harbor committee of the board of public works, who said he would be pleased to be of good advantage.

Permission, however, must first be obtained from the minister at Ottawa.

Last evening Mayor Morley said that if the city decided to accept the gift, the engineers at Work Point will have the work of removing the rocks in the harbor, and it is probable they would likely be able to avoid damage to the property in the vicinity.

COMPLETE SEARCH OF RUINS

Kansas City Kas., Oct. 30.—The search for bodies of the victims of the Chamber of Commerce building ended today, and it is known that sixteen persons lost their lives in the fire.

EARL GREY BUYS RANCH.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 30.—Governor General Grey has just bought a 20-acre ranch on Kootenay lake from James Johnston, who remains an agent. Earl Grey will grow fruit for the northwest market.

LINDSAY SUES LAIDLAW.

Toronto, Oct. 30.—William J. Lindsay, one of the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, has issued a writ against W. Laidlaw, K.C., for \$25,000 damages for libel. Mr. Lindsay charges Laidlaw with malicious and false statements about him in connection with the sale of Farmers' bank stock.

CARL CREMER DREAMS OF HANDSOME LEGACY

Dream Proves Costly to Montreal Merchants and Police Take Action

MONTREAL, Oct. 30.—Carl Cremer is under detention at the police headquarters, but so far no charge has been laid against him.

Cremer, who is a German, came to Montreal about twelve years ago and secured employment with the C. P. R., afterwards working as a teamster, and latterly as a shipping clerk for the Canadian Rubber company. All his employers say that he was honest and hard worker. A few weeks ago he announced that his father was dead and that he was heir to a portion of his property, valued at \$400,000.

On the strength of this announcement Cremer bought a \$15,000 residence on Pine avenue, ordered \$5,000 worth of furniture, made to order, \$2,000 worth of other furnishings from the leading department stores, several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and five horses, for which he agreed to pay \$2,500. The total of his purchases was in the neighborhood of \$35,000. He also borrowed a little money from a friend.

One of his creditors became suspicious and this led to his detention by the police. So far Cremer has failed to produce the slightest proof of the genuineness of the legacy. The police believe that the man is laboring under an hallucination. Cremer was to have been married this morning, the arrangements having been completed.

UTILITY OF SUBMARINE BOATS.

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CIVIC MATTING EDWARD

Government Dredge Is Needed to Fulfill Contract With the C. P. R.

MAYOR HEARS FROM OTTAWA

Hon. Mr. Templeman Says He Is Trying to Have Arrangements Made.

The rapid progress being made towards the completion of the new C. P. R. hotel has increased the activity by His Worship Mayor Morley and members of the council in an effort to bring about the fulfillment of their part of the contract, namely, the filling of that portion of the flats lying between the rear of the building site and Douglas street.

Before this work can be done it will be necessary to secure the services of the dredge King Edward, which is engaged on the Fraser river near New Westminster. Heretofore there has always been trouble in obtaining the use of that dredge, owing to its being temporarily, and the indications are that the same difficulty will be experienced in the present instance.

Should this prove the case the city will be confronted with a somewhat serious problem. When the C. P. R. undertook the construction of a handsome hotel in Victoria it was agreed by the council that the flats would be reclaimed at the expense of the corporation before the structure was ready for occupation, thus giving the railway company time to put the grounds in proper condition before the docks were thrown open to guests.

When Hon. William Templeman, minister of inland revenue, was in the city some weeks ago Mayor Morley approached him and explained the situation. Mr. Templeman promised that the matter would receive serious consideration; that he would take it up with his colleagues immediately upon returning to Ottawa. Several days ago the minister wrote a letter to the mayor asking what progress was being made and pointed out that anything that could be done towards ensuring the completion of the hotel by the end of the year would be appreciated. In reply the following communication was received:

Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of the 11 of October regarding the question of the reclamation of the flats around the material placed by the Mud Lark in James Bay into the flats around the hotel. I have been very busy since I left, and while I am strongly in favor of having the dredge come down, he is not so sure of the matter. I will try to get straightened out if possible. I am asking the minister to take up the matter with Mr. Morley, and will try to have the arrangement made.

The dredge does go down I trust that you, as mayor, will see that the work is facilitated in every way in your power. I will be glad to see the material furnished by the city. For instance, the minister asks a long time to get ready, and if that would be expedient a week or two might be saved.

Wm. Templeman.

The material referred to as "placed by the Mud Lark in James Bay" has been lying in the harbor near the causeway for some time. City Engineer Topp estimates that there is considerably over 40,000 cubic yards ready to be transferred to the flats as soon as the dredge arrives. That is approximately the amount required to fill the flats, and once the work is started it will not take much longer than three weeks to complete the whole undertaking. It was, he said, in the city's interests that the material be transferred to the flats as soon as possible, and he believed that the C. P. R. could do anything to hold it to the promise made by the minister at the time of his visit to interfere with the C. P. R.'s plans in respect to the new hotel.

Mayor Morley is confident that something will be done towards bringing the King Edward here in the near future. Once its services are procured he states that everything the city can do to expedite matters, as suggested by the minister, will receive careful attention.

Meanwhile the construction of the hotel proper continues at a rapid rate. Some stone work for the side entrance, the concrete work for the side of the roof are practically all completed, and with the main structure that are not well under way. The interior wood work, the contract for which is in the hands of Messrs. Lomon & Co., will be ready for installation within a month. As far as the first four floors are concerned, the plastering has been completed, and the upper stories a number of immense iron beams are being put in place with the object of allowing the elevation to reach a higher level than was originally intended and also to permit a suitable foundation for the water tanks that will be provided for additional fire protection. Silver & Brynjolfsson have been awarded the contract for the drainage and sewer system and intend commencing their work immediately.

Taking everything into consideration there is no doubt that the hotel will be finished within the time limit set by R. M. Marpole, superintendent of the western division of the C. P. R., the contractor for the hotel. The flats are filled inside the next few months the beautiful gardens, which it is intended shall adorn the area adjoining the buildings, should be in full bloom.

EARTHQUAKES.

Readjustment of Weight That Alters The Flexible Earth Crust.

From the Nineteenth Century.

The earth's crust is composed of heterogeneous elements; but all possess one important property, flexibility, though in varying degrees. Like the very moderate elevations and in lofty mountain chains the rocks are seen to have been thrown into arches and troughs and even to have been crumpled away cutting sheets of paper or dislocated or broken up by enormous strains and stresses they are subjected to. These are the strikes, folds, synclines and anticlines, faults, folds, upthrows and downthrows of geologists, modest examples of which can be seen anywhere in cliffs and even in quarries and in the very bowels of the earth.

DRURY TELLS LIBERALS

Premier McBride Urges That No Time Be Lost in Giving Public Another Story

JOINT MEETING IS SUGGESTED

Efforts to Be Made to Induce J. A. Macdonald to Discuss the Issue.

"BETTER TERMS" was the subject which occupied all most all the time of members of the Liberal Association, at a general meeting held last evening in the Sir William Wallace hall. There was a large attendance.

After the usual formalities, R. L. Drury, M. P., was invited to deliver an address. Taking the platform he gave a lengthy discourse about the terms of confederation. Coming down to current events he attempted to give what he termed a correct version of the proceedings of the conference at which the premier took such a firm stand for the rights of the public in the possession of the land.

Mr. Drury having retired, it was suggested that the best means of dealing with the matter would be to invite J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader in this province, to the coast. A number of public meetings might be arranged at which representatives of both parties could be invited to ventilate their views. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would not be advisable to make a public meeting exclusively Liberal. Premier McBride and his supporters should be asked to attend and given every opportunity to advance their side of the case. The speaker then would take the form of debate and the public could be safely depended upon to arrive at correct conclusions.

While nothing definite was done towards carrying out this plan it was tacitly understood that Mr. Macdonald would be consulted and, if possible, induced to comply with the arrangement. Other matters of importance were discussed after which the meeting adjourned. It was followed by a brief session of the executive of the association.

SNEAK THIEVES LOOT SEVERAL RESIDENCES

Door Opened Quietly and Jewelry Pilfered From the Front Apartments

Sneak thieves have been operating in Victoria in a crafty manner for the past few days and considerable jewelry, including at least four valuable diamond rings, is reported stolen from various residences in different parts of the city. Women are suspected, the choice of booty strengthening this belief. The manner in which the thefts have been committed indicates the use of rubber shoes. The theory is that the thief goes to the door of the selected residence, turns the handle gently, opening the door, if unlocked. Then the front apartments are entered by some available means, the door is preferably sweetly taken.

In some instances recently a woman was apprehended by residents, entering a house in this manner, and when asked by the neighbors at once apologized for the unwarranted intrusion which had been done in error, she stating she had been informed the place was a lodging house and she had entered a room. Unsuspecting that theft had been intended, the residents had permitted her to depart. In James Bay district several houses in the city have had their doors opened; but in every case the householders were wary and the suspected thief beat a hasty retreat. It is believed that more than one person is at work.

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One Witness Says MacLaren Fired First--Others Tell of Strikers' Plans

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Damase Bourassa related that two union men told him they were going to bring rifles. He saw guns at their quarters.

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