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PLAN EXTENSION OF FISHERIES

Representatives of Messrs Mackenzie and Mann Take Option on Entire Holdings of Pacific Whaling Company

WILL ENGAGE IN HALIBUT INDUSTRY

New Company Capitalized at Several Millions to be Formed to Exploit Deep Sea Resources

Representatives of Messrs Mackenzie & Mann, who control the Canadian Northern Railway system, have taken an option on the entire holdings of the Pacific Whaling Company on this coast, and a deal, whereby this well known industry will be formed into a new company which will have at its command several million dollars capital is expected to be consummated within the next few weeks. The option, which has four months to run, has been taken out in the names of Mr. A. D. McRae and Col. A. G. Davidson. It is understood that the holdings of the Pacific Whaling Company are valued at upwards of $1,000,000.

Plans are already well afoot for the formation of the new company, and arrangements are now being made for the extension of the enterprise so that it will include both halibut and shark fisheries. The latter industry will be the first of its kind ever started in the New World. The capital necessary for this extension of enterprise will probably be raised in London.

With the realization of the project now under way, Vancouver Island will have one of the largest and most important fishing organizations in the world. The affairs of the new company will remain under the same management as that which at present controls the Pacific Whaling Company, an organization which has been attended with conspicuous success since its inauguration.

Whaling has never been carried out with better results than during the past few years, when, owing to the ingenuity and enterprise of the leading spirits in the Pacific Whaling Company the catches off the coast of Vancouver Island have easily eclipsed all others ever made in any quarter of the globe.

Many Side Branches

The extension of the enterprise will mean the starting up of many side branches of the whaling industry. These will include the manufacture of glue and the compounding of oils for lubricating as well as for illuminating purposes. Owing to the fact that the purchasers of the whaling company's holdings are closely identified with railroads and coal mines additional advantages will accrue to the Island whaleries in their ability to find new markets for oil. Railroads, as well as coal mines, consume large quantities of oil and by acting in conjunction with them a whaling company would be independent of the European market and could sell its products on this side of the water. Among those closely identified with whaling interests this is looked upon as a most important consideration in view of the fact that the sale of oil is often cornered by speculators who control the market and try to manipulate prices in such a way that the producer gets very little of the profit nearly all the returns going to the middlemen.

The branching out of the new fishery organization into the halibut industry includes in the first place the erection of a cold storage plant at Rose Harbor, Queen Charlotte Islands. This will be followed by similar plants being installed at Sechart and Kyuquot on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The steam whalers of the company will be utilized for halibut fishing when not engaged in whaling. The fleet which now includes five vessels will probably be increased to eight steamers in all.

Special Interest Here

The advent of a local company into the halibut industry is of especial interest to this province and to Canada at large. For many years past American interests have controlled the wealthy halibut fisheries of this province. Now for the first time a Canadian Company will endeavor to win back its share of this trade. The company will be a powerful concern with large capital and with men thoroughly experienced in the fishing industry in its employ. The most up-to-date and efficient apparatus will be used in the fishing operations. Experience has proved that the best halibut banks lie off the whaling stations of the Pacific Whaling company. Numbers of the American fishing vessels now operate near Kyuquot and Sechart, while the Hecate strait banks, near the Queen Charlotte island station, are famous.

With the commencement of halibut fishing by the Canadian company, the installation of a cold storage plant at Sechart, and the building of the Victoria and Barkley Sound railroad, it will be possible to ship fish caught in Barkley Sound in refrigerator cars to Victoria and across to Vancouver by the Canadian Northern ferry. With the large capital to be embarked in the new enterprise, a guarantee that it will be well equipped and complete in every detail, it is anticipated that the Canadian concern will rapidly obtain control of the halibut industry in British Columbia as in all its appointments the local organization will be much superior to its American rivals.

A New Departure

The establishment of shark fisheries on the coast is a new departure as far as the continent is concerned, and elsewhere these have only been carried out on the Norwegian and Icelandic coasts. These fisheries will be conducted from schooners which will be specially built for the purpose, fitted with the necessary apparatus for rendering the shark's liver, the most important and profitable product of that fish. Sharks are fished for with chain lines and bait. The carcases of the shark will be put aboard the schooners and taken to the different whaling stations where they will be treated similarly to whale carcases. Large schools of sharks have been seen in the whaling belt off this coast, and the fish have been of an exceptionally big size ranging in length from 25 to 40 feet. The destruction of these fish will prove of considerable value to the other fisheries on the coast as their depredations are enormous and there have been numerous instances in which they have attacked and killed whales. The schooners with which it is intended to fish will, it is expected, each load with a cargo of sharks (about sixty) in a couple of days time. In order to make every product of the shark valuable a new process for treating the sharks will be tried at the Vancouver Island whaling stations.

While no authentic information is forthcoming there seems little doubt that the object of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann in acquiring fishing interests in British Columbia is with the idea of providing freight shipments for the Canadian Northern railway when it reaches the coast. The output of bone and guano from the island whaleries amounts to many thousands of tons yearly. This guano is used as a fertilizer. These products are at present shipped to California and the Hawaiian Islands. The Canadian wheat fields will eventually be in need of fertilizing. What is now virgin land after a certain amount of cropping will have to be replenished by artificial means in order to keep its efficiency up to the producing standard. In this way it is anticipated that Canadian waters will help to support the efficiency of Canadian wheatfields, while the food fisheries will help to support the increasing population of the prairies. This projected trade will mean the expenditure of considerable sums of money in the province and particularly on Vancouver Island which will be the centre of the fishing operations.

Company's Holdings

The holdings of the Pacific Whaling company which are about to change hands comprise four whaling stations situated at Sechart, Kyuquot, Pages Lagoo and Rose Harbor. Five steam whalers, the St. Lawrence, Walter Grant, Germania and Sebastian, are operated by the company. The stations are the only ones on the Pacific coast and are fully equipped with up to date apparatus, two of them, those at Kyuquot and Rose Harbor, having cost over $100,000 each to erect.

Mr. A. D. McRae and Colonel A. D. Davidson who have taken the option on the Pacific Whaling company's holdings are largely identified with Canadian Northern interests in the province. The former is general manager of the Canadian Western Lumber company, an organization controlled by Mr. William Mackenzie and associates. He is also vice president of the Canada Collieries company which owns what were formerly known as the Dunsmuir coal interests on the island. Colonel Davidson who has been in Victoria during the last few days is a director of the Canadian Northern railroad.

LATEST SCHEME OF WILY CHINESE

Hundreds of Celestials Said to Have Obtained Entry to U. S. Through Fraudulent Manipulation of Papers

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—By the arrest late today of Jew Loy Sing, a wealthy Chinese merchant, Immigration Inspector Richard A. Taylor claims to have disclosed a method whereby hundreds of Chinese have obtained fraudulent entry to this country. According to Taylor, the clerk's office of the United States district court for the northern district of California is badly involved by the disclosures.

He stated that the arrest of Jew was brought about by a confession of a youthful deputy in the clerk's office.

Jew Loy Sing is specifically accused of altering and changing a public document by substituting the photograph of an unknown Chinese for that of Gee Jung Kee, in the court record of a habeas corpus proceeding which had resulted in the admission of the latter to this country. Taylor declared that substitution has been practiced upon no less than 300 court records in the district clerk's office here. In some cases more than one substitution was made in the same record, until it has become practically impossible to trace the original.

The Chinese who posed as Gee Jung Kee with the latter's habeas corpus papers, succeeded in securing the entry of three Chinese as his sons, and was preparing to have three more pseudo sons and one daughter permitted to land when the plot was uncovered. He then disappeared, but Jew, who is said to have employed him, was caught. Inspector Taylor estimated that the two Chinese expected to make $10,000 from the use of those substituted papers, as the pretended adopted family would have paid that sum to have landed here.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—On the third reading the House of Lords passed, without amendment, the accession declaration bill, which eliminates a phrase objectional to Catholics from the King's oath. The bill already has passed the House of Commons. The bill received the Royal assent today.

PROVINCIAL AID FOR BRANCHES

Proposal to Secure Extension of Canadian Northern Island Line to Quatsino Sound Under Consideration

MAINLAND LINES MAY ALSO BE AIDED

Question of Granting Such Assistance Likely to be Taken Up at Next Session of the Legislature

KAMLOOPS, Aug. 3.—The Canadian Northern Railway has made overtures to the government of British Columbia in respect to the securing of aid in the construction of hundreds of miles of branch lines in various parts of the province.

In effect the announcement given to the Colonist today by Premier McBride on the occasion of his visit to Kamloops to attend the irrigation convention which opened today was as follows:

"I have recently been in conference with Mr. D. D. Mann, Vice President of the Canadian Northern relative to the extension of the lines of the company on Vancouver Island and the mainland of the province," he said.

"Of course it is essential that following the completion of construction of the main line of the railway it should have branches which may serve as traffic feeders. It is probable that in order to bring about further development of various portions of the province through the furnishing of transportation facilities the government may consider the advisability of lending such assistance to the railway as will bring about the object desired. However it may not be that the assistance granted for proposed extensions of the Canadian Northern system will be as great as that given under the agreement for the building of the main line and the Victoria and Barkley Sound railway.

"The Canadian Northern is desirous of constructing an additional hundred miles of line on Vancouver Island. Such an extension there would mean building from Alberni north to Quatsino sound, near the northern end of the island, a locality now unserved by rail transportation.

"The company will also build branches into the Okanagan and East Kootenay. The question of the granting of aid to the building of these branches and extensions may be dealt with at the next session of the legislature."

Previous to the opening of the irrigation convention the Premier met the Board of Trade and city council who desire the Canadian Northern line if possible to be brought through the city. He promised to take the matter up with the company regarding the shops and the line, with a view to arranging matters to the satisfaction of the city and the company.

FORESTS BURNING

Situation in Montana and Idaho Grows More Serious—New Fires Reported

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 3.—The forest fires in Western Montana and Idaho have assumed the most serious aspect since the first blaze was discovered some sixty days ago. Forest officials here are almost overwhelmed with reports of new fires, old fires spreading and appeals for help from the rangers. Large crews have been organized and dispatched to the more serious blazes.

Word was received that the fire on the St. Joe River in Idaho is eating its way into the Trout Creek district, having destroyed an area five miles wide and ten miles long. Copper Creek is still in the grasp of fires and 150 men have been assembled to march to the scene. On Hanoka Creek flames have surrounded the Bullion Mining Company's property. In addition to new fires which threaten the Loto district there are fires raging today at Donlon and St. Regis Junction.

Strike Was Short.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Aug. 3.—Port Arthur was without telephone service between midnight and 1 a. m. owing to a strike of girl operators on account of wage trouble. On the promise that they would get a fair hearing before the committee managing the civic telephone department the girls returned to duty.

Alaska Salmon Pack

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—The Bristol Bay salmon pack for 1910 fell considerably below the pack of last year. The total output for this year amounted to 834,000 cases, against 1,147,686 cases for 1909 and 1,170,285 for 1908. The largest individual pack was made by the seven canneries of the Alaska Packers' Association, which turned out 450,000 cases.

Struck by Baseball

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 3.—Alleging that a baseball, batted foul, struck her on the cheek and thus caused a permanent disfigurement, Miss Hazel Wilson sued the owners of the local American Association baseball team, for $20,000 damages. Miss Wilson says if the box in which she was sitting had been properly screened the accident would not have happened.

COL. COOKE'S CASE

Long-Drawn-Out Trial by Courtmartial Reaches Another Stage at Fort Lawton

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—The court martial that is trying Col. George F. Cooke, U. S. A. retired, of San Francisco, charged with neglect of duty and also with misconduct in borrowing money from enlisted men and civilians, re-assembled at Fort Lawton today. Dr. J. F. Hall of Chicago, formerly post surgeon of Fort Gibbons, Alaska, testified concerning Col. Cooke's financial transactions at the post. The court martial, which has already been in session many weeks, promises to break records for length. The trip to Alaska, from which the court has just returned, consumed several weeks, and only one witness was examined, Joe Antich, a roadhouse keeper of Tanana, near Fort Gibbons, who testified that Col. Cooke borrowed more than $700 from him, giving notes, which were never paid. The notes were offered in evidence.

Bank of B. N. A. Dividend.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Bank of British North America has declared a dividend of 30 shillings per share.

Crow's Nest Dividend

TORONTO, Aug. 3.—At a meeting of the directors of the Crow's Pass Coal company, a dividend of one per cent was declared, payable to shareholders on record on August 5th. This is merely a distribution and not a dividend for any regular period. It is the first paid for two years.

Prairie Elevators.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 3.—For some time rumors have been current to the effect that several large elevator companies would not open their elevators in Southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Inquiries indicate that all elevators will be opened except in a few cases along the Estevan branch, but in many places they will be open but a short time unless business warrants.

RICH MINE GOES TO GUGGENHEIMS

They Buy Enough Stock in Nugget to Give Them Control—First Payment of $25,000 Made Yesterday

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 3.—That the visit of M. Robert Guggenheim to Vancouver, B. C., last week, ostensibly to meet Jacob H. Schiff, the big New York banker, was only a "blind" to cover up the acquisition of the Nugget gold mine, near Nelson, B. C., by the Guggenheims, became known in local financial circles late today when the first payment on 285,000 shares of stock in the mine, which is more than a majority, was made by young Guggenheim today. The payment was for $25,000 and was made to A. H. Gracey, president of the company. Mr. Gracey came down from Nelson and completed the deal with Mr. Guggenheim while the latter was ostensibly waiting for Mr. Schiff to arrive at Vancouver.

The Nugget is one of the most valuable mines in the Sheep Creek district in British Columbia, and it is reported that the Guggenheims are to float a $10,000,000 company and buy up all the claims in that district.

It is understood that the option price on the 285,000 shares, on which the first payment of $25,000 was made today was on the basis of $3.50 per share. Considerable stock has been snatched up by Guggenheim agents on the Vancouver exchange during the past week. When interviewed late today Guggenheim admitted that when all negotiations for other properties on Sheep creek were closed up they were prepared to spend from $300,000 to a half million dollars for a mill in that district, and to increase the output of the Nugget mine to 100 tons daily.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION

Many Representatives of Western Provinces and States Discussing Irrigation Questions at Kamloops

KAMLOOPS, August 3.—The irrigation convention opened here this morning with a good attendance from British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and representatives from some of the western states as well.

F. J. Fulton, the retiring president, is succeeded by R. B. Bennett, of Calgary.

Among the addresses was one by Premier McBride, who briefly outlined what the Government is doing under the Water Act, and expressed sympathetic interest in the irrigation movement, promising that any recommendations would receive every consideration.

Saratoga Meet.

SARATOGA, N.Y., Aug. 3.—Racing men in large numbers are here for the mid-summer meeting of the Saratoga racing association which opens tomorrow and will continue until Sept. 12. President H. T. Wilson, and other officials are optimistic over the prospects for a successful meeting. Over 1,200 horses are quartered at the track.

NO CONFESSION FROM CRIPPEN

Inspector Dew and Jailer Marin State Positively That He Has Not Confessed, and Others Scout Idea

PRISONER ACCEPTS SOLICITOR'S AID

Reports That Miss Leneve Had Made Damaging Admissions Are Also Denied—Still Kept in Infirmary

QUEBEC, Aug. 3.—Inspector Dew, of Scotland Yard, captor of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, said with positiveness tonight that the prisoner had not confessed to the murder of Belle Elmore. Joseph Morin, Crippen's jailer, was equally positive that no word of confession had come from the dentist's lips. Attorney General Gouin and Judge Langelier, before whom the man and his girl companion, Ethel Claire Leneve, were first arraigned, said they had heard nothing of a confession, and they scouted the idea that Crippen could have made one to Inspector Dew without their knowledge.

Inspector Dew visited the dentist this afternoon to obtain his answer to Solicitor Newton's cablegram from London, proffering legal assistance. This Crippen accepted, and promised to keep his mouth shut and not resist extradition, the conditions imposed in the solicitor's message.

An effort to learn anything about the friends who the London message says are willing to pay the expenses of his defense, was as fruitless here as it is said to have been in London.

The big grey stone jail where Crippen is confined has become the foremost of Quebec's many points of interest. "The Seeing Quebec" trolley cars stop nearby, so that the tourists who thronged the city in summer may have a chance to gaze into the window of the corridor where the alleged wife-slayer takes his exercise. Several persons have him today, and once he looked out of the window, nodded and smiled.

Miss Leneve continues to spend her time quietly in the prison infirmary, and is said to be improving in health.

The authorities continue to show considerate treatment of the girl, but repeated reports that she has made admissions damaging to Crippen, or in the way of establishing her own innocence, are denied. Crippen's comparative calmness is, according to his keepers, a positive refutation of the allegation made that he had been addicted to the use of drugs. While but $18 was found in Crippen's pocket, Miss Leneve carried $60 in currency. A large part of this sum was spent by the matron today in the purchase of clothing suitable to her charge.

LANGFORD-BURNS FIGHT THIS MONTH

NEW YORK, August 3.—Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, has sailed for England, to make preparations for the fight between Sam Langford and Tommy Burns in September. The heavyweights are to meet in 20 rounds, and there is a growing conviction among sporting men here that although Langford will have to give away a lot of weight, he will give Burns a terrific lacing before he is beaten, if, indeed, he is beaten. Langford is after the laurels of Jack Johnson, and a victory over Tommy Burns would go a long way towards forcing Johnson to give him a fight.

Johnson, himself, sails for Europe shortly, and it is rumored that he has agreed with McIntosh to meet the winner of the Langford-Burns battle, either in England, France, or Australa.

BRITISH BOWLERS AND THEIR VISIT

TORONTO, August 3.—A serious hitch has occurred in connection with the visit of the British bowlers. Preparations were made by the Canadian clubs to entertain six rinks, and now a cable says that there will only be four rinks. The arrival of four rinks only would mean serious disarrangement of the Canadian plans.

The Ontario Bowling Association officers and the Western Ontario Bowling Association officers at a meeting held yesterday decided that it was useless for the British bowlers to come to Canada with less than six rinks. This decision will be wired to the British bowlers if they send word that they are coming with less.

Tennis at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Aug. 3.—Play in the second of the Pacific Northwest tennis tournament was much according to form, and no surprises were sprung. Fitz and Russell, the Seattle pair, easily won their doubles match from Wildes and Pritchett of Everett, and each disposed of his opponents in the men's singles. Fritz and Russell will meet Breeze and Lyon of Tacoma tomorrow in what promises to be the best doubles match of the tournament. Miss Hotchkiss, national woman champion, did not have to extend herselft to defeat Miss K. Bailie of Tacoma, 6-0 6-0.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 3.—Prospects for a good salmon catch are now assured. Another big haul was made yesterday, and the fish are reported numerous around Vancouver Island. Meanwhile the figures tallied by the Fraser river fishermen are steadily rising. Yesterday's catch amounted to 112,500, of which the local boats secured over 70,000, made up as follows: Scottish Canadian, 12,000; Phoenix, 10,000; Imperial, 10,000; Gulf of Georgia, 7,558; Vancouver Cannery, 7,000; St. Mungo, 7,500; Ewes, 6,500; British Columbia, 6,000, and Brunswick 4,000.

Diptheria At Campbelton.

CAMPBELTON, N. B., Aug. 3.—This city is again facing another peril in an epidemic of diptheria. The people are living in tents or shacks and sanitary conditions are becoming bad. A statement given out by an insurance adjuster shows that the total insurance losses in the recent fire, so far as adjusted, are $1,448,450. A telegram from Mr. James Reid, M.P., from this county, says that the plans for the railway land needed here are now about completed. The steamer St. Lawrence started on her run yesterday.

Calgary's Progress.

CALGARY, August 3.—Owing to the residential extensions to the city the rapid growth of suburban districts and the consequent necessity for extension of the street car lines, the city has decided to erect a new auxiliary power plant to provide additional motor power required by the operation of additional cars. Contracts have been awarded as follows: 900 horse power, with condenser, to Robb Engineering Company, Amherst, N.S., at $14,850; Chapman and Walker, of Toronto, a generator, at $6,900; Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., of Montreal, four water tube boilers, with superheaters, steam piping and grate stokers, at $40,720.

BABINE INDIANS

Tribes in North Perturbed Over Land Rights—Dominion Agent Leaves for Bulkeley

Dr. John MacDougal, who is a trusted agent of the Indian department at Ottawa has been directed to proceed via Hazelton through the Bulkley-Aldemere section of the new north, with the object of pacifying the Babine Indians, who have latterly become unsettled, thinking they are about to lose their land rights. The doctor expects to make a satisfactory statement to these Indians by showing them that their case is now before the highest court in the land and that all their rights are being fully safeguarded. Commissioner MacDougal scoffs at the idea of trouble among these northern tribes and says that he has no apprehension of an uprising in any form. He has just returned from Fort George where he found the Indians much perturbed at the thought of their reserve at this point being sold over their heads and without their consent to the Grand Trunk Pacific. The commissioner was able to thoroughly disabuse them of their misapprehension.

Large Timber Berth to be Sold.

NEW WESTMINSTER, August 3.—The largest timber berth that has ever been put up for sale in British Columbia will be offered by auction at the local Crown timber office on Wednesday next. The berth comprises 23.82 square miles in township 25, on the east side of Adams Lake. The upset price is $162,203, and it takes a cash deposit of one-quarter of the purchase price to handle the proposition. As it is a difficult place to get timber out of it is probable that the purchaser will build a mill right on the spot and a railway to handle the lumber. The sale will be conducted by Crown Agent Leamy.

UNITED WIRELESS MEN ARE INDICTED

President Wilson and Six Other Officers of Company Are Charged With Two Offences by Grand Jury

NEW YORK, August 3.—Seven officers of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, most of whom had been previously arrested, were indicted by a federal grand jury today on two counts, one charging conspiracy to defraud by the use of the United States mails, the other charging conspiracy in devising a scheme to induce investors to buy worthless stocks. Those indicted are: President Christopher Columbus Wilson, Vice-President B. Gompers, Secretary W. W. Tompkins, Fiscal Agent Geo. H. Parker, General Manager C. C. Galbraith, Treasurer Dibolt and Francis X. Butler, counsel and director of the company.

All except Parker were arraigned before Judge Hough, in the United States district court, and pleaded not guilty. Parker is understood to be on the way here from Seattle to surrender himself.

President Wilson was held in $25,000 bail, Tompkins and Butler in $10,000 each, and the others in $5,000 each. On the first charge all were paroled for one week, and on the second charge they were given two days in which to find bail.

Oregon Village Burned

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 1.—The entire village of Hoover, the eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, 57 miles east of Albany, was probably destroyed by fire late today. The loss is over $100,000. No report direct from the stricken town has been received since 6 o'clock this morning. At that hour the big sawmill, lumber yard, hotel and several dwellings had been burned, and the fire was still spreading. The town was reported doomed. Not a building was expected to remain.

SEATTLE, August 1.—The French cruiser Montcalm, flagship of Admiral De Castries, arrived in port tonight, from the Orient. Official receptions will be held tomorrow.

PEACE REIGNS ON GRAND TRUNK

Company Officers and Sriking Employees Reach Agreement and Strike is Officially Called Off

WAGE ADVANCE DATES TO MAY 13

Rate to be Further Raised On January 1st, 1912, to Nearly Schedule of Eastern Association

OTTAWA, August 2.—The strike of conductors, trainmen and yardmen which began on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont systems on July 18, was officially called off tonight.

Under the terms of the agreement signed by President Hays, for the railroads, and by all the union officials, the men will receive, dating back to May 13, of this year, an advance of approximately 18 per cent., and beginning January 1, 1912, a rate of wages slightly below the eastern association schedule, for which they struck, but an advance in many instances of over 30 per cent.

In the case of the Central Vermont the same settlement applies, with the exception that the standardization of wages to be applied on January 1, 1912, is to be that of the Rutland Railway, a road in the same territory, and not that of the Canadian Pacific, which will only apply to the Grand Trunk system.

FOREST FIRES STILL RAGING

Fatality Occurs in Fighting One Near Trail—Some of the Silver King Mine Buildings Destroyed

NELSON, August 2.—The compressor plant, boiler room and dynamo room of the Silver King mine on Toad Mountain, some nine miles from Nelson, were burned on Sunday morning. The bunkhouse and cookhouse were saved. The fire had been slowly advancing in the direction of the mine, having got beyond control.

Three men have been keeping watch on the fire, by order of W. F. Teetzel, government agent here. At 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, one of these men came down and reported that the fire was four miles from the Silver King, and that there appeared to be no danger. A sudden change in conditions started the flames anew. Mr. Teetzel sent out eight men on Sunday, and yesterday afternoon the foreman reported that the fire had evidently spent itself, being prevented from getting into the big timber. The force is now giving attention to heading the fire off from Giveout Creek.

This is the same fire that started a fortnight ago in Clarkson's timber limit, near Porto Rico Siding, on the Great Northern, and was at its greatest violence in the locality of Hall's Siding in the ensuing week. A big swath has been burned in the Salmon river valley since then, chiefly in slashings and on logged-off lands. On Saturday night Clarkson Bros. wired to Mr. Teetzel for help to fight the fire near Porto Rico, and the government road gangs were instructed to give assistance.

There is another fire on Granite road, coming towards the Humewood ranch. Twelve men were sent out there on Sunday. The Bonnington Falls fire, which started on Saturday, is now out, the men who were sent to fight it having returned to the city.

An Englishman living in Rossland was fatally injured while helping to fight a fire near Trail. He was struck by a falling tree and was taken to Trail Hospital, dying there next day. Dangerous fires are reported near the Velvet mine, back of Rossland, and at Windall, on the Slocan branch. Men have been sent to fight them.

AUTO ACCIDENT TAKES ONE LIFE

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Aug. 2.—Hurled over an embankment out of his automobile, in which he and three others had been riding, and pinioned under the weight of the machine in the hollow, thirty feet below, District Attorney Thomas S. Ford, of Nevada county, was instantly killed late this afternoon about a mile from here. A. J. Donsel, of San Francisco, formerly president of the California Fireworks company, struck the ground with such force that he sustained injuries which may prove fatal. Samuel Colt, mining engineer, who was driving the car, and Robert S. Smith, the chauffeur, escaped with only minor injuries.