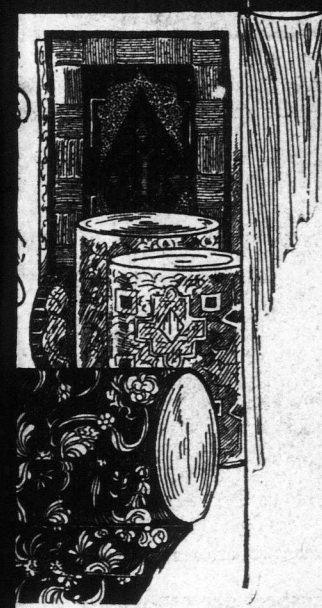


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FIFTIETH YEAR

MAY REACH RUPTURE TODAY AGREEMENT CAUSING ROW

Mayor Hall Interviews A. T. Goward, Manager B.C. Electric, Regarding Proposed Understanding

MANY IMPROVEMENTS LIKELY TO FOLLOW

Council Seeks Interview With Premier McBride to Obtain Advice As to Their Attitude Towards Coal Bunkers

Will the city enter into an agreement with the B. C. Electric Railway Co. to purchase their plant and system at a valuation in the event of the municipality deciding at any future date to enter the business? That question is likely to come up for consideration and final settlement at tonight's meeting of the City Council. His Worship Mayor Hall stated that it was his intention, in company with Alderman Turner, chairman of the street, bridges and sewers committee, to interview A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, with regard to the proposition this afternoon. The result of their conference, in all probability, will be laid before the city council this evening, it being the desire to reach some definite conclusion as soon as possible. The relation of the tramway and electric light concerns the corporation is an issue that has been long hanging fire. It has been the desire of the company to reach some understanding, along the lines indicated, for many months. The city, however, has hesitated to take the step. Now there appears to be a disposition on the part of the council to accept Mr. Goward's suggestion, believing that it is fair and that the arriving at some iron-clad conclusion respecting their relationship would be beneficial to both parties. Discussing the matter, Mr. Goward argues that the company does not wish to force the city's hand to something that could work to its detriment in the future. He points out that until the company's directors, those who have thousands invested in the concern, are assured that their holdings are not likely to be jeopardized by public competition, they will not put more money into the local plant. It was on this account largely that they had not put up the amount necessary for the procuring of additional power. Therefore it could easily be seen that the attitude assumed by Victoria's representatives was the sole cause for the comparatively slow progress being made in the improvement of the Vancouver Island system. That the agreement was not out of the way in its terms was proven by the fact that it had been accepted in Vancouver over a year ago without parley.

Residents Who Made Reservations of Lots Before Sale Now Must Pay More Than They Agreed

ONE MAN CHARGED MORE THAN DOUBLE

G. T. P. Agent Discovered an "Error" of Some \$5,000 in One Instance — Grants Throw Up Sewer Contract

Prince Rupert, June 14.—Considerable excitement was manifested in town today when it became known that some of the residents, who had made reservations of lots before the sale and upon which they had already built homes, were not to be allowed to purchase their lots at prices agreed upon by the townsite company.

One resident, on Second avenue, who reserved his lots and upon Bylley's arrival here bought them at private sale for \$4,900, was today informed by the townsite agent, G. T. P., that an error in the price had been made, and that he must pay \$8,000 for them instead. Several other cases are reported where the agreement price has been raised to almost double the original amount and the owners are furious.

Throw Up Contract. Grant Bros., of Vancouver, have thrown up the sewer building contract and the work will be carried out by the Provincial Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

TORONTO GIRLS FORCED TO SHAME

Ministers Tell Terrible Stories at Conference of Fate of Young Women

Toronto, June 14.—At the morning session of the Toronto Methodist conference, a number of young men and women ministers engaged in a talk in Toronto told terrible stories of the manner in which young women, mostly from country districts, were forced into a life of shame because the wages received on the farms were not sufficient. One instance cited was of a Methodist minister's daughter who had been forced to leave the straight road, and other equally distressing cases were touched for. No definite action was taken.

REPORT CHIEF'S DEATH PROVES UNTRUE

Songhees Indians Spent Days Laboring Under Terrible Anxiety — Tension Relieved on Unexpected Return

"Chief Cooper, Mrs. Cooper and their three children were drowned on the Washington coast last week."

This was the rumor which shook the residents of the Songhees reserve out of their wonted calm a few days ago. They tried to verify it but could not and so the natives went about in the throes of terrible anxiety for hours. The gloom which overshadowed their homes was dissipated and replaced with joy when yesterday the chief's canoe was descried making its way into the harbor with the occupants safe and in the best of health.

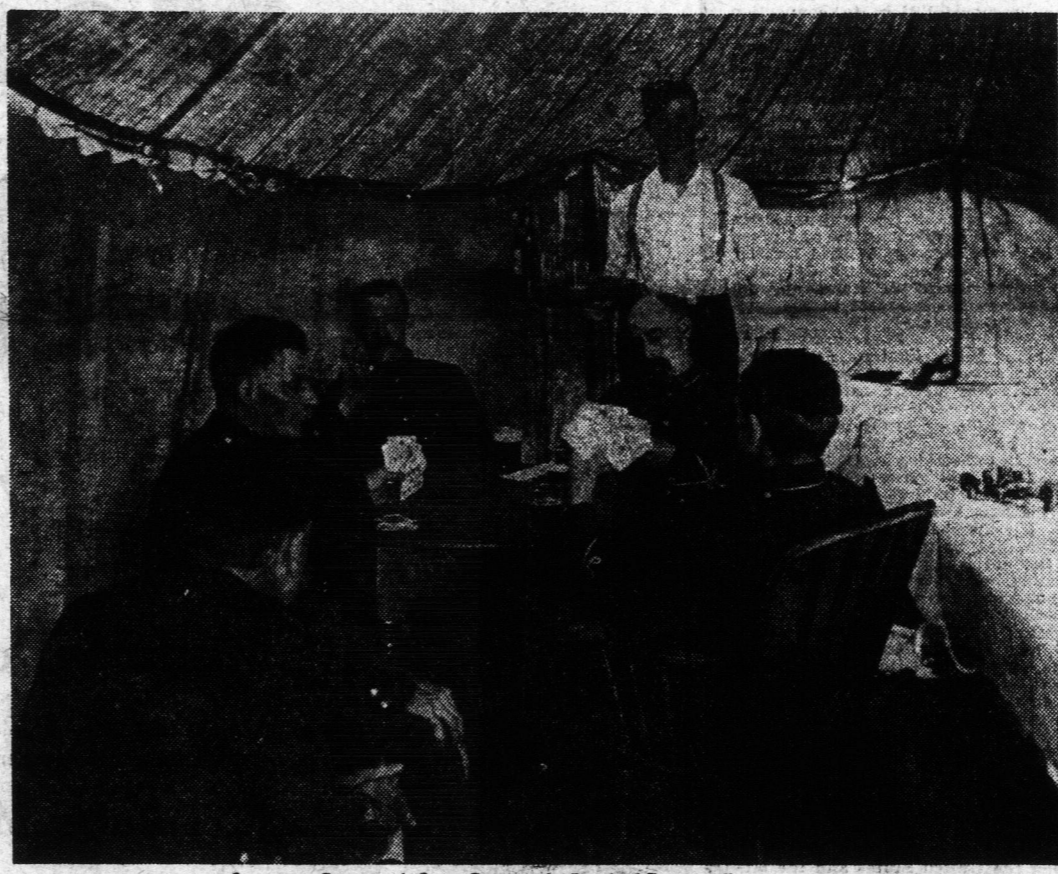
TO RESURRECT COURT OF APPEAL

Chief Justice Hunter, of Supreme Court Will Likely Preside in the New Body

Vancouver, June 14.—The British Columbia Court of Appeal is to be brought into being after a long vacation. It will probably be constituted by the elevation of Hunter, now Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, to Chief Justice of the Appeal Court; the elevation of Melnis from the County Court and the appointment of J. A. Macdonald, leader of the Liberal Opposition, J. H. Senkler, F. C. Wade and D. G. Macdonald, E. Davis and Charles Wilson are mentioned also.

Dies of Lockjaw. Oshawa, June 14.—Allen Douglas, ten years old, is dead of lockjaw, resulting from broken glass cutting his knee in a fall.

THE NEWS, PICTURED



Tommy in Camp—A Quiet Gains and a Touch of Sarasparilla

LOCAL TOMMIES ARE UNDER CANVAS

Fifth Regiment Once More Tenting on the Old Camp Ground—Many Saw the Parade

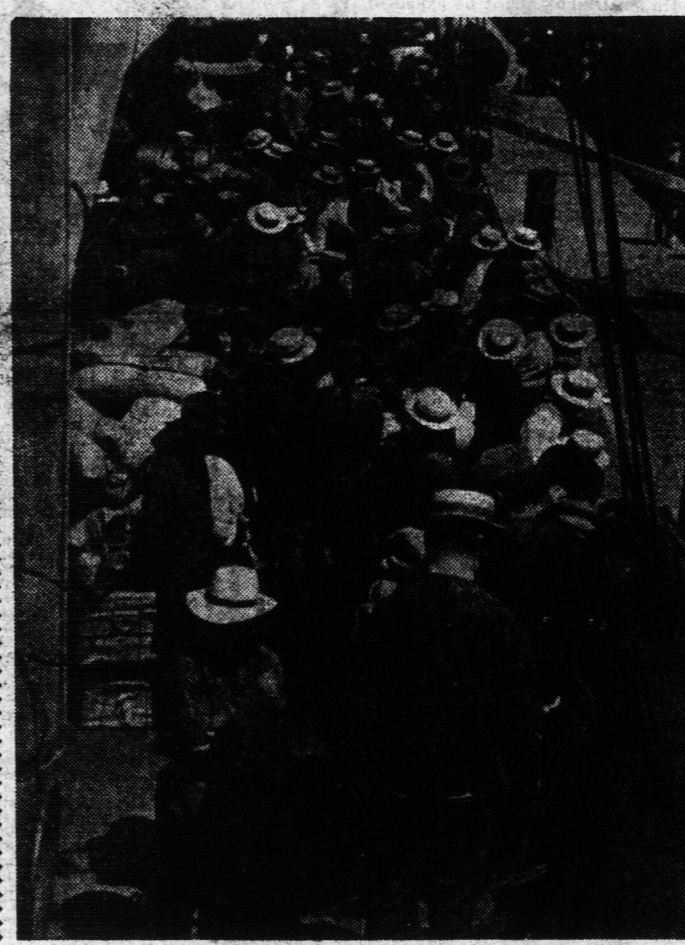
CAMP WILL LAST SIXTEEN DAYS

The Fifth Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery marched into camp at Macaulay Point and Esquimalt yesterday, Nos. 2 and 3 companies going under canvas on Macaulay plain, on the same site chosen in former years at the gates of the fortresses and No. 1 in the yard of the drydock at Esquimalt.

Headed by the regimental band the artillerymen left the drill hall at 11 a. m. in command of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall and marched between lines of spectators through the city to Pennington street, where street cars were awaiting to convey the two companies to Lamson street and one company to Esquimalt. Arrived at the camp, tents were quickly pitched and in a few minutes a canvas city dotted the greenward.

This evening the real work of the company will commence, when No. 3 company will enter the fort for standing gun drill, and tomorrow night firing with practise ammunition will commence. Launch owners and others are requested to keep out of the range of fire, as the delays occasioned by waiting for launches and other small craft to pass out of range are of great inconvenience to the gunners and rob them of much time. At Esquimalt, No. 1 company will practise with the anti-aircraft batteries of twelve-inch quick firing guns.

The party left Victoria shortly after the 24th of May celebrations. Taking a small canoe they paddled and sailed to Bellingham and from that point several weeks were spent visiting the different tribes located along the northern coast of Washington. It was known that the chief had got to Bellingham safely, a wire having been received from him dated at that place a few days after his departure. But since then there was no word until he put in an appearance here on Sunday. It was owing to his prolonged absence and silence that the rumor referred to arose causing such marked evidence of feeling on the part of the Indians living immediately to the west of Victoria.



Long Line of Chinese Landing in Victoria Saturday

FIRST SHIPMENT OF PRESIDENT PENNA RAILS FOR G.T.P. OF BRAZIL DEAD

Steamer Sailed Thursday With Cargo for Rupert—Bridge Contract Goes to Canadian Bridge Company

Vancouver, June 14.—The first shipment of rails for the G.T.P. at Prince Rupert left Sydney, C.B. last Thursday by the steamer Hercules. The Canadian Bridge Company has been given a four hundred thousand dollar contract for the spent many hours yesterday riding through the parks of the city and visiting scenes he may never see again. Sheriff Stratheln has arranged to take charge of the former jurist at midnight tonight, when his reprieve expires.

Passed Away Suddenly Last Night—Held Office Since 1906—Vice-President Nilo Pecanha Is Acting

Washington, D.C., June 14.—President Penna, of Brazil, is dead. There has been no intimation that Dr. Penna was in ill health other than a despatch received from Rio Janeiro last night saying that he was gravely ill and that as a consequence the ministers had been summoned to the palace. Dr. Penna was elected to office by universal suffrage in the twenty federal states in 1906 and assumed office November 15 of that year. His term expired in 1910. He was a native of the state of Minas Geraes. Dr. Penna was one of Dom Pedro's ministers, who accepted and supported the republic after its proclamation. He had been president of his state, and governor of the Bank of the Republic. He was vice-president of the republic and president of the senate at the time of his election to the chief magistracy. The vice-president today is Nilo Pecanha.

TAKES LAST LOOK AT SKY AND BROOK

Judge Found Guilty of Bank Wrecking Feasts Eyes on Prison Threshold

Chicago, June 14.—Former Judge Abner Smith, who probably will be taken to the Joliet penitentiary to begin his sentence for bank wrecking, spent many hours yesterday riding through the parks of the city and visiting scenes he may never see again. Sheriff Stratheln has arranged to take charge of the former jurist at midnight tonight, when his reprieve expires.

Grand Army Man Dead. Toledo, Ohio, June 14.—General John S. Kountze, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died today. General Kountze enlisted in Company G, 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, when he was a lad of 15 and was elected commander-in-chief G. A. R. in 1884, serving one term.

SLAVONIA'S DEFIES LAW PEOPLE AT IN FRENCH ROCK COURT

Passengers From Cunard Liner Slavonia Landed at Gibraltar By Princess Irene Tell Stories of Experiences

COMPANY TO PROVIDE HOTELS

Steerage Passengers Were Taken on Board Hamburg-American Liner Batavia—Wireless Message Sent

Gibraltar, June 14.—The steamer Princess Irene with the first class passengers of the wrecked Cunard liner Slavonia on board, came into Gibraltar this morning. The passengers told distressing stories of their experiences.

The Cunard Company has made arrangements for the accommodation of the steamer passengers of the Slavonia at the principal hotels here in the event that it is not feasible for the Princess Irene to convey them to Naples.

If there are any steerage passengers on board they will be housed at the Welcome Home and King Edward's Institute.

The Slavonia went ashore on the night of June 9 on Flores Island, one of the Azores group. Help was summoned by wireless telegraphy and Thursday night the first class passengers were transferred to the Princess Irene which had hastened to Flores Island in answer to the "C. & D." call of distress.

name Slavonia became a total wreck and the crew landed on Flores Island. It is understood that the steerage passengers were taken on board the Hamburg-American steamer Batavia.

ONE MAN KILLED IN FERCE MUTINY

Manila, June 14.—Details of the mutiny of the company of native constabulary stationed at Davao on the island of Mindanao, on the night of June 6, show that the attack on the officers was made unexpectedly by the mutineers. The mutineers fled to the hills after taking thirty rifles and 6,000 rounds of ammunition.

Governor Walker hastily summoned the neighboring planters as soon as the mutineers were out of sight and proceeded to fortify in preparation for a long siege. Most of the planters were armed with revolvers but when the natives made an attack on the convent on the afternoon of the 7th the mutineers began an attack on the church. For three hours the fight raged.

A heavy fire was directed against the church and its defenders, but Gov. Walker and his small force applied with such vigor that they discouraged all attempts to storm the place. The mutineers retired, and evidently intended to await darkness, under cover of which safer and more successful attack could be made on the church.

In the meantime, however, news of the attack had reached Mati, a town of considerable size, forty-five miles southeast of Davao. A company of 100 men was immediately despatched to the relief of Davao. Their approach caused the disloyal constabulary force to withdraw during the night. Thirty native troopers escaped to the mountains with their arms and equipment.

With the receipt of the news of the mutiny today also came word that detachments of the Twenty-third Infantry have reached Laveao and quickly succeeded in restoring order. Troops were immediately despatched in pursuit of the mutineers.

Cardinal Andrieu Called to Account for Inciting Breach of Laws in Bordeaux Said He Came As Act of Courtesy

ANSWERABLE ONLY TO CONSCIENCE

Declares He Assumes Full Responsibility for His Words and Maintains Right to Distrust Laws

Bordeaux, June 14.—When Cardinal Andrieu appeared in court this morning to answer the summons of the judge charging him with having incited a breach of the laws by the allocation which he pronounced at the cathedral on the occasion of his entronnement he was acclaimed by an immense crowd of Catholics.

The cardinal told the judge that he came as an act of courtesy, not because he recognized the competence of the court. He said he had spoken as a bishop and that he was answerable only to his conscience, the Pope and God, and declared that he assumed full responsibility for his words in which he maintained the right to distrust the laws of the republic when these were prejudicial to the free exercise of religion.

When the cardinal emerged from the court he was again acclaimed, women fell on their knees and kissed his ring while the young Catholics cheered.

MAJOR BROWNE MYSTERIOUSLY DROWNED

Noted Vancouver Character Found Lying on Kitsilano Beach—Dead Short Time

Vancouver, June 14.—Major E. Browne, a noted Vancouver character, who at various times was politician, leader of anti-Japanese crusade and keeper of a bucket shop, was drowned about noon yesterday under very mysterious circumstances that might indicate either suicide or accident.

J. T. Brewster was strolling along Kitsilano beach when he saw an object lying close to the water, over which the waves washed and splashed. At first it appeared to be a log. But as his steps led towards the spot he saw that it was a man. He recognized the body and rolling it further along the sand and out of reach of the waves he notified several officers of his discovery and the police were called.

Investigation disclosed the fact that the body was that of Browne. There was every indication that the discovery had been made in the water very long. The watch found on the body was still running showing that the body could not have been in the water very long. The major may have walked out beyond his depth and drowned and washed ashore, or he may have been taken with a fainting spell, or epileptic fit and falling upon the sand drowned in the wash of the waves before the spell passed.

GERMAN PRESS IS ROUSED AT SPEECHES

Says Prime Minister Spoke to Gallery — "Frozezeitung Declares 'Nervous Agitation Spread to Colonies'"

London, June 14.—The Berlin press continues publishing angry comments on the Imperial Press Conference. The "Vielische Zeitung" says: "The speeches of the Prime Minister spoke to the gallery were intended to promote the policy of closer union of Empire."

Neue Nachrichten ridicules the statement that the speeches were not panicky. Frozezeitung says: "It is probable that the delegates will agitate for imperialism with all their strength after returning home. The speeches delivered Friday prove beyond a doubt that the nervous agitation which we have observed with anxiety in England, has been extended to the overseas dominions."

Ottawa, June 14.—Premier Laurier goes to front to attend the wedding of the daughter of Senator Melvin Jones.