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Captain Ishii, of the Aso, on the Soga, Flag Com-

clusion of the luncheon a was held at the barracks,

The hall presents a very gay and festive appearance.

The entrance door has been opened to a splendid green

of the vestibule is draped with green and white

of red, white and blue which are carried across the distance from the ceiling

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COAL AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED

QUEEN CHARLOTTE MINES ARE SOLD

Local Syndicate Retains Interest—Work to Begin at Once.

The coal measures on the Queen Charlotte Island are now to be developed.

The purchasing syndicate has not been able, however, and only a few days ago a deal was put through

Under the agreement 150,000 tons of coal is to be mined within eighteen months.

The deal has been put through in large measure by P. D. Hillis & Sons.

Madison, Wis., May 15.—It will now be unlawful to use sulphurous language to the telephone exchange operators.

ELEVEN HUNDRED VOTERS ARE ADDED

Close on 8,000 Men Now Have Right to Vote in Victoria.

If a provincial general election is held within the next six months there will be eleven hundred more voters

When the lists were signed by Harvey Combe, as registrar of voters, on May 3rd, the total number of names on them was 7,947.

STATION AGENT CRUSHED TO DEATH

Fell While Crossing Track and is Run Over by Freight Train.

Seattle, Wash., May 15.—H. F. Caldwell, Northern Pacific station agent

From the report received by the coroner Caldwell had occasion to run out in front of the station just as the train was approaching to throw a switch

NEW BATTLESHIP PUT INTO COMMISSION

Devonport, England, May 15.—The Demaree, the newest Dreadnought of the British navy, was put into commission

BIG DEAL IN TIMBER LANDS

EASTERN CAPITAL INVESTS A MILLION

Seventy-six Sections Purchased in the Queen Charlotte Group.

A sale in timber claims has just been put through by P. D. Hillis, the well known timber dealer, which involves the sum of \$1,040,000.

The purchasers are easterners, embracing capitalists of New York city and of Iowa state. They will erect at an early date a mill at Skidegate Inlet and manufacture the logs into lumber.

DARING ROBBER. Enters Tacoma Saloon, Empties Cash Drawer and Makes Escape.

Tacoma, Wash., May 15.—Working in a cool and systematic manner, a daring bandit held up eight men in the Jefferson saloon about 10 o'clock last night

Milwaukee, Wis., May 15.—A masked robber, after a street race here early today, shot and wounded the conductor, robbed him of \$35 and escaped.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF WHEAT SEEDING

In Some Sections the Grain is Already Above the Ground.

Winnipeg, May 15.—Wonderfully favorable reports of spring wheat seeding are being received here from all over the Canadian prairie west

"Wheat seeding was practically finished to-night throughout Rosthern district. Many farmers are already seeding oats. The weather has been good for the past ten days, no time being lost.

CALIFORNIA CREWS TO ROW AT SEATTLE

Two Universities Will Be Represented at Regatta on Lake Washington.

Berkeley, May 15.—Ample funds to insure the expenses of the proposed trip to Seattle for the regatta on Lake Washington have been subscribed by the fraternities and other organizations of the university

Seattle, Wash., May 15.—H. F. Caldwell, Northern Pacific station agent and telegraph operator at Weston, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of a freight train in front of the Weston station yesterday.

STRIKE SPREADING

Honolulu, May 15.—Japanese laborers at Ewa plantation joined the strikers yesterday, making 6,000 the total number of men who have quit work

Neither planters nor strikers have shown any signs of weakening and it is probable that the situation will grow very serious before the strike ends.



THE ALLIES.

OFFER MADE TO ESQUIMALT CO.

DIRECTORS HAVE TEN DAYS TO ACCEPT IT By Naming Generous Sum Council Hopes to Secure Acceptance.

The city's offer to buy out all the undertakings and rights of the Esquimalt Water Works Co., at Goldstream and Thetis Lakes for the sum of \$600,000 has been formally made in a letter

"The undertaking of the company to be continued without interruption of any work or improvement in progress, and the assets to be upheld and maintained down to the date of delivery of possession, an account being taken as from the said 1st day of July.

"This offer is based upon the presumption that the company have not yet disposed of any lands or other assets which they had purchased or agreed to purchase at the time of the hearing of the law case before Mr. Justice Duff, but have acquired and still hold certain further assets

ENDEAVORS TO SECURE RELEASE OF SCHOONER

American Consul Says Wind Carried Boat Within Prescribed Limits.

Washington, D.C., May 15.—American Consul General West, at Vancouver, has been endeavoring to obtain the release on the payment of a small fine of the American fishing schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, seized by the Canadian fishery cruiser Kestrel,

It is understood the consul satisfied himself that there was no willful attempt to fish illegally. The schooner, it was claimed, had drifted within the prescribed limits as a result of a north-west wind and heavy tide.

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Craft Upset During Storm and Only Three of Occupants Reach Shore.

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FIVE KILLED BY TORNADOES

MORE THAN FIFTY PERSONS INJURED Property Loss is Heavy in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Kansas City, May 15.—Five persons are known to be dead, more than 50 injured and enormous property damage done as the result of several tornadoes which late yesterday visited sections of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

In Mount Washington and Fairmount Park, suburbs of this city, 25 persons were injured. Two of these will probably die of their injuries.

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THREATS OF A GENERAL STRIKE

FRENCH FEDERATION MAY TAKE ACTION Over Three Hundred More Postmen Have Been Dismissed.

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The disturbance of the past week continues to-day. Three hundred and thirteen more postmen were dismissed to-day for participation in the strike.

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Spencer P. Shottter, chairman of the board of directors of the American Naval Stores Company, was sentenced to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$5,000.

George S. Boardman, treasurer of the American Naval Stores Company, was fined \$2,000.

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TRAINING SHIP FOR PACIFIC

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CRUISER IN PROGRESS

Vessel Will Also Be Used in Fisheries Protection Service.

Ottawa, May 15.—Just before the House adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning Hon. L. P. Brodeur announced that the government would add this year a new fisheries protection cruiser to the Pacific waters and that he was now in negotiation with the British admiralty for the purchase of a cruiser that would serve the dual purpose of a training ship for naval cadets, and could also be used for the fisheries service.

INSURANCE BILL. Rapid Progress Being Made on Measure Now Before Dominion House.

Ottawa, May 15.—The Commons today took up the insurance bill and made rapid progress, some sixty clauses being passed in the last hour of the morning sitting.

LEAVE FOR VICTORIA. Ottawa, May 15.—Senator and Mrs. Riley left last night for Victoria.

MANAGER REPLIES TO LABOR ORGANIZER

Denies Statement Regarding Conditions on Pacific Section of G. T. P.

Ottawa, May 15.—Complaints of ill-treatment on the Pacific section of the Grand Trunk Pacific are alleged in correspondence presented to the House of Commons by the minister of labor to be due to Labor Organizer Daly, who, according to a letter from General Manager Chamberlin, "is trying to make all the trouble he can."

The complaints were, first, that the men on the Pacific section were ill-fed and ill-treated, and secondly, that they were neglected in the Prince Rupert hospital service on the Prince Rupert section.

The records show that in 1908 there were only twenty-six deaths among the men of that section in a force which ranged from 3,400 to 4,500.

The report that the Grand Trunk Pacific is using alien labor is dispelled by the report of Chief Engineer Kelliher, who declares that neither the Grand Trunk Pacific nor any of its contractors ever employed foreign labor.

WINNIPEG FAIR WILL COST FOUR MILLIONS

Government Plan to Celebrate Selkirk Centenary Not Yet Decided.

Ottawa, May 15.—Winnipeg Centennial fair promoters estimate the cost of the 1912 exposition at \$4,000,000.

Replying to the Winnipeg exposition delegation yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised sympathetic consideration of the request. He expressed some doubt as to an exhibition being the best medium of advertising.

DELEGATES TO DEFENCE CONFERENCE. Melbourne, May 15.—Minister of Defence Pearce, Colonel Bridges, chief of the intelligence department, and Capt. Cresswell, director of naval forces, sail on June 2nd to attend the defence conference in England.

CALHOUN GIVES HENEY THE LIE

REPLIES TO CHARGES OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Attorney-General of United States Drawn Into the Controversy.

San Francisco, Cal., May 15.—Replying to Francis J. Heney's charges, made to Attorney-General Wickham in a telegram made public yesterday, Calhoun to-day gave out copies of a message he has sent to Washington.

"I have just seen in the morning papers Francis J. Heney's telegram to you of yesterday. He lies when he states that the information sought 'is intended for false and malicious attacks on me (him) in newspapers subsidized by Patrick Calhoun and financial interests represented by him.'"

"I am now on trial under an indictment returned by the grand jury at Heney's instance in March, 1908. The facts are that Francis J. Heney was appointed at the instance of Phelan, Spreckels and other immediate associates as assistant district attorney of this city and county in October, 1906.

"The constitution of the state of California provides that no person holding any lucrative office under the United States or any other state shall be eligible to any civil office of profit in this state."

"As an American citizen, I feel that I am entitled to know if Francis J. Heney has been a sworn officer of the federal government, drawing large sums of money at the same time that he has professed to act in this state as an assistant district attorney."

FAVORS INCREASED TOBACCO DUTIES

Indiana Senator Says Amendment Will Correct an Injustice.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Branding the tobacco trust as "the most compact and effective private monopoly in existence," Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, yesterday told the senate that the government had lost \$34,000,000 which might have been collected in revenues in the last eight years, but which had gone into the coffers of the "octopus."

The amendment provides for an increase of the present rate on smoking, chewing and fine cut tobacco from six cents to nine cents pound. The rate on snuff is increased to 12 cents a pound, and the rates on cigarettes is raised.

Showing the duties imposed on hundreds of articles to be higher in the Aldrich bill than in the Dingley tariff, a tabulated statement of comparisons between the schedule in the two bills was filed by Senator Culbertson, of Texas.

The increase includes various articles, the star leap of the entire bill being one of 4,900 per cent, on ferro tungsten. This enormous increase was accomplished by changing the duty from \$4 a ton to 20 per cent, ad valorem.

PREPARING FOR LION DRIVE. Roosevelt and Party Will Start Out on Monday.

(By Warrington Dawson staff correspondent of the United Press.) Nairobi, British East Africa, May 15.—Preparations are being made today at the McMillan ranch for the biggest lion hunt since that given by Winston Churchill several years ago.