

WHY PEOPLE ENQUIRE ABOUT BRITISH COLUMBIA

Letters from All Parts Reach the Provincial Bureau of Information

SALVATION ARMY'S ENTERPRISE

Commissioner Coombs Exchanges Views With Employers of Labor in Victoria

Frank I. Clarke, who is supervising the work of the Provincial Bureau of Information during the absence of R. M. Palmer, states that he is in receipt daily of an average of twenty communications from the eastern states, eastern Canadian points, and, in fact, all points of America, asking for information in regard to British Columbia.

YEAR'S WORK AMONG FARMERS' INSTITUTES

Instructive and Interesting Report Presented to Government by A. Elliott

Andrew Elliott has submitted an exceedingly favorable report on the year's work among the Farmers' Institutes of British Columbia. It has been forwarded to J. R. Anderson, the deputy minister of agriculture, and is as follows:

FROM THE WEST COAST

Steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, reached port Thursday from Ahousait, Clayoquot and west ports of the Vancouver coast. The steamer also brought the remains of Capt. L. V. Rose, his last master, the Victoria, and some Indians and taken to Clousoe. Tug Lorne was sent on two occasions for the body, but it could not be brought ashore. The Victoria was a coasting steamer was also unable to secure it on her last two or three trips.

COLLIERS BUSY ON SAN FRANCISCO RUN

Teams Stand All Night Waiting for Cargo From Steamer Titania

There is much demand for coal at the Vancouver Island ports, and steamers requiring cargo have had to wait to book delivery Monday morning in advance of their coming. Yesterday the steamer Jethu, lumber-laden at Portland, passed up to load at Comox, and the steamer Quito returned from Comox yesterday morning to proceed with cargo from Tacoma for Shanghai.

At San Francisco the demand for the cargo of steamers here will relieve the situation somewhat in this city, but there are calls from interior ports. The coal brought by the Titania is the first to arrive here for a week. The boat will be discharged in about three days, but by that time the British steamer Shella will have arrived with another 5000 tons of coal.

REAR ADMIRAL DEAD

New York, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Peter Asserson, U. S. N., retired, died suddenly at his home in Brooklyn today. He was 66 years of age.

MR. SIFTON'S PATENT

Signs are not wanting that Clifford Sifton will be taken back into Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet. The Hon. Mr. Sifton is an able statesman, but without the ability to manage the affairs of the government. He is a poor man in a few years ago, but now he is a millionaire.

REAL ESTATE MARKET

Deal in Acreage at Cadboro Bay—Fort Street Business Property Sold

Thursday was comparatively quiet in local real estate circles. Although the agents were active, there were not many sales reported. A lot of 20 acres, being & Co. sold twenty acres of land between Cadboro Bay road and Oak Bay avenue, the sum involved in the transaction being \$28,000. It was purchased by a Winnipegger, who, visiting the city and becoming charmed with its environment, as well as the possibilities of an investment proving profitable in the light of the outlook, took advantage of the opportunity to obtain control of several important properties.

TELLS OF INTEREST IN WINNIPEG

Looks for a Big Movement in This Direction Within the Next Two Years

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ARE TO NOMINATE LABOR CANDIDATE

Action Decided on at Meeting Last Evening of Newly-Formed Party

At a well attended meeting of the newly-formed Labor party, held last evening, it was decided to nominate candidates for the forthcoming provincial election. The number to be placed in the field has not yet been determined. As the organization is receiving the support of those nominating it will make a creditable run.

OLD MAN SUFFERS

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STRIKES SUBMERGED

Russian Steamer Varyagin Carries Over 200 to Death Near Vladivostok

Details concerning the loss of the Russian volunteer steamer Varyagin, which struck a floating mine near Vladivostok and was blown up, causing the drowning of over 200 persons, have been received from Vladivostok. The steamer was en route to Goungou Bay, and after leaving Vladivostok was driven north by the wind. She struck a floating mine of the mine field. When about four miles off Cape Manchuria the stern struck a submerged mine.

INJURED MAN DIES

Toronto, Dec. 7.—John B. Frost of New York, aged 75, a guest at the Palmer House, was fatally injured by a falling safe, and fell against his bed a few days ago, breaking several ribs. He did not recover from the shock and died today.

KILLED ON I. C. R.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 6.—F. White, a sectionman was struck by a locomotive on the I. C. R. near Moncton this morning and crushed to death. A blinding snowstorm was raging and White failed to see or hear the train approaching.

WILL CHANGE SCHEDULE

Indianapolis Will Leave at 4:30 p. m. Instead of 6 p. m.

SNUB COUNT BONI

Paris, Dec. 8.—A remarkable scene followed an interpellation of the government on the Moroccan question in the Chamber of Deputies today by M. Jaures, the Socialist leader. Count Boni de Castellane unexpectedly asserted that he would whereupon half the deputies abruptly left the house.

FOLLOWS STENSLAND

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Baggart Gregerson, formerly exchange teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, of which Paul Tribune was president, today pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of the bank's funds, and was given an indeterminate sentence in the Reformatory for the first time.

BELIEVES CITY COULD BE MADE WINTER RESORT

John Arbutnot Suggests Attractions Such as California Provides

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CAUGHT TWO WHALES

Orion Tows Two Humpbacks to Whaling Station

The steam whaler Orion of the Pacific Steam Whaling company, captured two whales on Wednesday, according to advices received by the Queen City yesterday. Both were humpbacks. They were towed to the station at Sechart where both were being reduced to whale oil fertilizer.

WILL LEARN ABOUT RUSSIA

Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, Dec. 6.—The Yudin collection of 80,000 volumes on Russia, the most extensive in existence, has been purchased for the congressional library at Washington.

RAILWAY BILL CAUSES ANIMATED DEBATE

Maximum Passenger Fare of Two Cents Per Mile Is Asked

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(Special)—An animated discussion took place in the House today on Maclean's bill to amend the Railway act. It proposed to bring telegraph and sleeping car companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission, to make the maximum passenger fare on railways of two cents a mile, and to compel an interchange of business by telephone companies.

LOGS ARE SCARCE

No Market Price Quoted by Dealers—Mills Glutted With Orders

There is no market price on logs. Because they are so scarce and the demand is so heavy they are selling anywhere from \$10 to \$15 per thousand feet. There is not a logger in the country who is not making money and the outlook for this industry will be a bright one. Mr. Ruffner will remain in the city for several days before proceeding East.

DISMISSES CHARGES AGAINST GROCERS

Conclusion of Cases in Police Court Arising Out of Sale of Some Beer

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INITIAL SUCCESS OF FRUIT IN LONDON

First Display Made at Chiswick in 1904—London Broker Incredulous

It is ascertained from Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of agriculture, that the first display in England of British Columbia fruit was made at Chiswick in October, 1904. It consisted of thirty-one boxes of apples, and was awarded a gold medal.

FATAL EXPLOSION

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 6.—As a result of the explosion of fourteen boxes of blasting powder in the twenty-first level of No. 8 shaft of the Munsey mine last night, three men were killed and many were injured.

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