

GOOD SERVICE BY WIRELESS

FIRST MESSAGES FROM THE EMPRESS

Canadian Station Was Able to Communicate Before Tatoosh.

(From Friday's Daily.) A letter from the superintendent of the Dominion wireless service on this coast...

Dear Sir:—My attention has been called to an item which appears in your issue of May 24th regarding the wireless apparatus on board the Empress of China.

While this is not of public import, it is somewhat important to the Dominion government's wireless service.

The Empress of China was spoken by the Dominion government wireless station at Estevan Point at 10 a. m., May 27th.

Three hundred miles during the daytime is considered excellent work for a station of this class.

On the outward trip of the China, she was in communication with Estevan station long after she had lost the other wireless stations on the coast.

Yours very truly, J. HAUGHTON, Supt. Dominion Radio-Telegraph Service.

SHOOTING FOLLOWS ELECTION.

Prominent Figure in San Francisco Longshoremen's Union Wounded.

San Francisco, Cal., June 18.—Henry E. Brown, a prominent figure in the local longshoremen's union, was shot in the back early this morning by Frank Muller, a leader of a faction opposing Brown and his followers in the annual election of the union.

Muller is held by the police pending the outcome of the victim's injuries.

The shooting occurred after the ballot in the election had been counted, and Muller accused the opposition of fraud and a quarrel arose between the two men that ended in a physical encounter.

After the belligerents had been separated by officials, Muller drew his revolver and sent a bullet into his opponent's back.

LAWYER WON CASE BUT HE LOSES \$10

An Error in Calculation, and an Impatient Client, His Undoing.

(From Friday's Daily.) When Judge Lammman was giving judgment in the case of Namaka and Simpson the other day a slip in subtraction was made which may cost J. P. Walls \$10.

The plaintiff was found to be entitled to \$90.82, against which were credits amounting to \$80.82. Judgment was given for \$10.00, judge and counsel failing to notice the error in mental arithmetic which had been made.

Whether the plaintiff noticed it or not history does not say, but he wanted to go fishing and Mr. Walls paid him what was coming to him.

This morning he applied to the judge for a correction of the judgment. Before Mr. Walls could state what he wanted, Mr. Walls with his feet with an objection that it was too late.

Judge Lammman decided that he would have to hear what it was that was too late, or why, from Mr. Walls before attending to Mr. Walls.

The situation was a humorous one to all but the solicitor who had won—and lost—his case, especially when the judge declared that he had never to amend his judgment.

"Lawyers should not act as bankers," His Honor observed.

"Bankers make a profit, but this makes a loss," said Mr. Walls ruefully.

In the case of Sage and Appleton, where H. D. Helmcken, K. C., appeared for plaintiff, and H. H. Shandley for defendant, it turned out that the parties live in Nanaimo and the case was promptly sent on there for trial.

Windsor Grocery Co. vs. B. C. Electric Railway, an action over the purchase of the land on June 24th at 10.30, and Oliphant vs. Stewart, an action over a launch, in which defendant wants a jury, on June 25th.

Sheriff Richards was appointed receiver of the estate of A. Howe, a Chemainus butcher, in order that his book debts may be collected. Sydney Child made the application on behalf of Goodacre & Sons, the execution creditors.

DROPS DEAD WHILE PLAYING TENNIS

Vancouver, Wash., June 18.—While playing tennis late yesterday afternoon, O. H. Stewart, 56 years of age, and a clerk in the headquarters of the department of the Columbia, dropped dead in the presence of a crowd that had gathered to watch the game.

STARTING WORK ON COAL MINES

QUEEN CHARLOTTE PROPERTIES DEVELOPING

Trails Are Being Opened Up Preparatory to Actual Mining.

(From Friday's Daily.) Queen Charlotte is to see marked activity this summer. The completion of the big deal for the coal properties originally located by M. A. Robertson is being followed by active work.

Parties have gone to the island to cut out the trails that have got into bad shape. This is preparatory to putting an actual working on the mines.

Some of the same interests in the east are connected with the big timber companies that hold large areas of timber lands on the islands and work is to begin on these claims also.

The capital represented in the timber proposition is about a million dollars and preparations are now being made to start in on development work on the property also.

TEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Vienna, June 18.—Great loss of life and damage to property has been caused in the Senok district by thunder storms. A barn in which fifty persons had sought shelter was struck and ten men were killed.

OREGON DAY AT A-Y-P. EXPOSITION

State Building is Formally Turned Over to the Fair Management.

Seattle, Wash., June 18.—Oregon Day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was favored with bright sunshine and cool breezes to the delight of hundreds of Oregonians who flocked to the grounds to take part in the dedicatory services attending the formal turning over to the exposition of the Oregon state building.

The exercises began in the Oregon building at 11 o'clock this morning with an address by Hon. C. E. S. Wood, of Portland. The building was then formally tendered to the exposition management in a speech by Governor Benson and President Childers delivered the address of acceptance.

During the ceremonies music was provided by the administration band, and vocal solos were rendered by John Clair Monteith and Miss Alice Justice.

In the afternoon there was a reception on the lawn surrounding the Oregon building, at which refreshments were served. Mrs. Governor Benson acted as hostess.

Fifty thousand guests at the biggest luncheon ever given in the state of Washington will be a feature of State of Washington Day at the exposition on July 4th, according to plans being made by the Washington state fair commission. Governor Hay, state and government officials and members of the legislature will be the guests of honor at the fair for the day.

FORMER CONVICT IS ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Confidence Man Obtained \$7,000 From Unsuspecting Visitor.

(From Friday's Daily.) Arrested on a charge of obtaining \$7,000 by means of a confidence trick, a young and wealthy Englishman named S. H. Scott in Victoria last week. Rockhart, confidence man, alias W. W. Stone, has in jail at Vancouver waiting to be brought here to answer to the charge.

Dodds is well known to the police here in Victoria and got him interested in the shares of a pulp company for whom Dodds was at the time selling stock.

Scott was possessed of fourteen thousand dollars for investment, and unloaded half the amount through Dodds into pulp stock. The man having gained the confidence of the visitor on the first day then proceeded to sell him a farm in Cumberland district for the balance of the money.

The two went to Cumberland to inspect the farm and the purchaser was told to leave the whole matter in the hands of Dodds. He was not to approach the owner, who was given out as a cranky man and needing careful handling.

The purchaser obeyed instructions to the letter and returned to town after inspecting the farm was told to pay a deposit of \$5,000 on Dodds and pay the balance of \$2,000 within two days. When the money was paid the money was deposited in a safe deposit box and the \$2,000 in a bank account in his own name.

The purchaser received several letters telling him a transfer of the property was being arranged, but as nothing definite came after considerable correspondence he became suspicious and engaged Frank Higgins to look into the matter for him. Mr. Higgins cleaned up the matter inside a few hours, and wired the man having gained the confidence of the visitor at Cumberland, who had been taken into custody. He was arrested last night and will be brought back here at once.

The police have been informed by the manager of the pulp company that a customer was employed by them to sell stock and has \$5,000 lodged in a Vancouver safe deposit box and \$2,000 on deposit at a Vancouver bank. It is expected that he will hold the money and have it returned to the rightful owner.

Postmaster Shakespeare would be glad to receive any information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Blanche Shandley, who is supposed to have been a resident of this city in 1904.

"STREET" MUST REFORM ITSELF

SOME OF EVILS OF SPECULATION

Recommendations Made by New York Investigating Committee.

New York, June 18.—The reasons for the conclusion of Governor Hughes' committee on speculation that Wall street must reform itself and that laws can hardly be expected to remedy the situation, were laid to the United Press to-day by Maurice L. Muhleman, writer on monetary subjects, who acted as secretary of the committee. The report and its recommendation that the people must look to Wall street for reform and not to Albany or Washington, was made public late last night, and is the topic of discussion everywhere in banking and financial circles to-day.

"The evils of manipulation and those growing out of other methods so often complained of," explained Mr. Muhleman, "such as 'wash sales,' 'matched orders,' as well as the examination of books of brokers, are all put up to the stock exchange to correct by rules, and the committee does not hesitate to say that the stock exchange and its members have failed to prevent wrongdoing heretofore, and that the public has a right to expect something better from them."

"In other words, the stock exchange should reform itself?" asked the United Press representative.

"Yes," responded Mr. Muhleman, "and because it is not incorporated it can easily do so. In fact, it has thus done so in the past, and its members have failed to prevent wrongdoing heretofore, and that the public has a right to expect something better from them."

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STEAMSHIPMEN VISITING CITY

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRADE WITH PORT

Osaka Shosen Kaisha to Eventually Make This a Regular Port of Call.

(From Friday's Daily.) Edwin Orrett and Rutaroo Fukao, the American representative of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the new Japanese line of steamships which is to commence running across the Pacific in July next, were in the city to-day making arrangements for their company to do business with this city. They expect to be represented here by R. P. Rithet & Co.

While it is not expected that the business of the company with this port will warrant the steamer calling here just now, as soon as sufficient business offers they will make this one of their regular ports of call. Probably for the first few months the freight for this city will be trans-shipped from Tacoma unless it is sufficient to warrant the steamer in calling.

Three steamers will handle the business at the beginning. These will be the Tacoma, Maru, the Seattle-Maru and the Fitzpatrick, the last named of which has been gradually worn out, and the Chicago Maru is completed. Before July, 1910, however, three more big steamers will be ready for the service, the Panama Maru, the Mexico Maru and the Canada Maru. These vessels will be all of 12,000 tone register and will be devoted chiefly to freighting. In the steamer, however, they will have accommodation for 200 passengers and a few first class. If they find there is a demand for passenger accommodation this latter will be enlarged. When all the vessels have been completed it is probable that a fortnightly service will be maintained between the Orient and this coast, but just at present they will run monthly.

The representatives of the company are enthusiastic over the prospects of the line. It is their opinion that the boycott which is at present being enforced against the Japanese by the Chicago and the other ports of the Pacific will be only a short time here, and that it has lost its influence. In the meantime the new company will work up a business which they expect to grow continually until they have a fair share of all the freights offering.

The curbs and bucket shops are also left to be reformed by themselves. About them, Mr. Muhleman said: "They were recognized as a bad thing to have such an open market as the curb furnishes, and it was decided to recommend that the evils be regulated by some sort of organization, and since the curb is practically controlled by stock exchange houses it puts it up to them to reform it. Branch offices also come in for similar treatment; better regulation is urged."

"As to bucketshops, it is recommended that the law be strengthened related to evidence in such cases—putting telegraph companies on their guard and increasing their responsibility for quotations, licensing tickers so as to have better control over them."

"In the first place," said Mr. Muhleman, in summing up the committee's conclusions, "speculation is regarded in this country as a necessary incident to production and distribution. It is necessary to distribute your agricultural products, with reasonable prices for all, without it, for example, speculation is valuable and requisite since it causes a lessening of speculative prices. There is considerable gambling accompanying it, difficult to be extinguished from legitimate speculation. The law on that point is that there is no obligation to deliver and receive the object of the speculation. The transaction is of the kind of a contract, and the law forbids such transactions, but they also make delivery so easy by their system of 'clearing' or offsetting trades, that the gambling feature is not hidden. Yet the great value of the clearing system is recognized. The goal problem is to eliminate the objectionable elements without impairing the utility of speculation. Laws cannot do this. It is a matter of regulation, and attention is directed to that mode of correction."

Short Selling. "What about the so-called 'flooding of the market' and the waste in speculation?" he was asked.

"These are recognized as serious evils," said Mr. Muhleman, "when not due to direct swindling, the losses incurred are due largely to the tendency of inexperienced persons to make large gains on small margins without knowing anything about the business. The committee says distinctly that such people usually lose, and the waste due to this tendency, contributed to by innumerable persons all over the land, is very large; it recommends that large margins be required by rules so as to limit that class of operations—25 per cent. is suggested as a minimum."

"Now is short selling considered entirely legitimate, but the committee was unable to find any one that could offer any other rational means of keeping the operators within bounds, and so keeps prices near steadiness, corresponding to values—it is regarded a safety valve for the consumer in the case of commodities."

Recommendations. "The committee does not recommend much legislation."

"No, and that is in harmony with the announcement at the outset of the report. But it does recommend some laws, thus stock brokers are to be penalized if they take account of insolvency, or if they use customers' securities without leave, or if they 'bucket' orders, and there is a recommendation for legislation to reduce the abuse of advertising, as also to correct inquiries involved in holding companies."

"Taken as a whole," said Mr. Muhleman, "the recommendations of the committee are on conservative lines, but none the less insistent where evils are to be corrected. It points out the evils and calls upon the managers of the exchanges to correct them as a public duty, believing that they can do so without question."

RAILWAY BUS HOTEL.

Winnipeg, June 18.—Negotiations which have been in progress for some time past for the purchase of the Empire Hotel by the Mackenzie & Mann interests have been consummated, and the big south end hostelry is now the property of the Canadian Northern Railway. The hotel adjoins the big union station of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific railways.

BRITISH CAPTAIN WILL REPORT

RUSSIANS SAY HE IGNORED COMMAND

Foreign Office Asks Details of Firing on Steamer by Torpedo Boat.

London, June 18.—The foreign office to-day requested Capt. Robertson, commanding the British steamship Woodburn, to make a detailed report of the circumstances surrounding the firing on his vessel by a Russian torpedo boat which accompanied the Czar of Russia's yacht to Ploktip Bay, where he met Kaiser Wilhelm yesterday.

The firing on the Woodburn is understood to have been the result of Capt. Robertson's failure to remain outside a prescribed limit set around the bay, prior to the meeting of the monarchs, Russian dispatches say the torpedo boat warned the commander of the British vessel that he was in forbidden waters, but the Englishman paid no heed.

Reports regarding the incident are conflicting and it is probable that the exact happenings will not be known until Capt. Robertson makes his official report.

Four Shells Fired. St. Petersburg, June 18.—Three blank shots and four shells were fired at the British steamship Woodburn by the Russian torpedo boat guarding the Czar's yacht at Ploktip Bay, according to an official statement issued by the government to-day. Nothing beyond the bare facts connected with the incident has been given out.

The statement says that the Woodburn was steaming into the channel where the imperial squadron was lying when she was shot at by the torpedo boat. The shots were fired because the British ship was violating the prescribed regulations, which prohibited any vessel to come within a certain distance of the Czar's squadron.

Blank shots were fired by the torpedo boat as a warning that the Woodburn must put about. Capt. Robertson, commanding the Englishman, paid no heed to the blanks and the torpedo boat loaded her guns with solid shot, firing four before the Woodburn observed the order and returned the way she had come.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

Spectators at Medal Presentation Trampled Under Foot.

Dayton, Ohio, June 18.—A score of persons were injured as the great crowd in the grand stand at the fair grounds attempted to leave the structure when Orville Wright finished his speech of thanks at the medal presentation to-day.

As the crowd surged towards the entrances, several persons were thrown to the ground and trampled. Many women fainted and were removed from the jam with great difficulty. The injured were removed to a nearby hospital.

SPECTACULAR FINISH OF AUTO CONTEST

J. Matson Wins the Indiana Cup Over 236 Mile Course.

Crown Point, Ind., June 18.—J. Matson, driving a Chalmers-Detroit, won the Indiana cup race, over the Crown Point Lowell course to-day, in four hours, 31 minutes and 21 seconds. The race was ten laps, making a total distance of 236 miles.

George Robertson, who won the last Vanderbilt cup race, was second in a locomobile, his time being four hours, 39 minutes and three seconds. A Mosen, in a Marion, was third, Mosen covered the course in four hours, 42 minutes and three seconds.

The finish of the race was spectacular as the three leading cars entered the final lap, every person in the grand stand was upon his feet cheering. The cars driven by Robertson and Matson were so close together as they passed the finish line that they would almost have covered both drivers.

The biggest event of the local meet which is held under the auspices of the Chicago Automobile Club, will be run to-morrow, for the Cubs cup. This race will be 17 laps, making 402 miles, which is 105 miles longer than the Vanderbilt Long Island course.

During the sixth lap Bulek No. 2, driven by Burman, came up to the stand bearing Strang, who was put out of the race by a broken axle. Burman had deliberately disqualified himself by borrowing an "oil" cup. This left the Bulek without a representative in the race.

The Marion No. 3, driven by H. E. Stutz, blew off a cylinder head and went into the ditch. No one was injured but Stutz was compelled to drop out of the race.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Occupants Thrown Out When Machine Runs Into Ditch.

Crown Point, Ind., June 18.—Adolph Magnus, grandson of Adolphus Busch, the multi-millionaire brewer of St. Louis, and Miss Florence Packard and Miss Harriet Barnes, all of Chicago, were injured to-day when their automobile turned turtle while they were en route to the Crown Point-Lowell race course.

Magnus and Miss Packard were seriously injured, and Miss Barnes was severely bruised. They were taken to the military hospital in the grand stand and cared for by the army surgeons, who accompanied the militia here. Miss Barnes was so able to get about, but her companions remained at the hospital. It is not known whether their injuries are liable to prove fatal.

The accident occurred when Magnus' machine ran into a ditch.

RATES ON WHITE PASS RAILWAY

COMMISSION GIVES IMPORTANT DECISION

Declares it Has Right to Say What Tolls Shall Be Charged.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Railway commission gave judgment this morning upholding the contention of F. Congdon M.P. and the Dawson Board of Trade that under the amendment to the Railway act passed last session the commission has jurisdiction over the tolls charged by the White Pass and Yukon Railway on all traffic carried to or from Canadian points by the company and by co-operating or subsidiary companies. The commission held that the commission had no authority over the tolls on through traffic in the American part of the road.

The commission declares that although the traffic is international it has a right to say what the tariff shall be and orders co-operating companies to become parties to the application of the Dawson board of Trade and rates with the commission.

This judgment is of general application to all railway companies carrying on an international business.

On the question of the rates charged by the White Horse and Yukon railway the commission have not yet decided but it is probable that a considerable reduction will be ordered.

Hon. W. Templeman has been actively supporting Dawson's demand for lower rates.

BERESFORD WILL VISIT CANADA IN SEPTEMBER

Ottawa, June 18.—The governor-general announces the following: Information has just been received that Lord Charles Beresford will pay a visit to Canada in September for the opening of the Toronto Exhibition.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

Killed During Pitched Battle With Three Train Robbers.

Muskogee, Okla., June 18.—One man was killed and another fatally wounded early to-day in a pitched battle between three train robbers and a band of constables at Bragg, Okla., according to advices received here.

Johnson Kirk, a constable, was killed, and Paul Williams, an alleged robber, was fatally shot. Two other robbers escaped and are being pursued by bloodhounds.

The men plied ties in front of a freight train and attempted to rob their crew which had just been paid off.

HISTORIC STEAMER TO BE DESTROYED

Zafiro Has Been Sold to Seattle Junk Company.

Seattle, Wash., June 18.—The merchant steamer Zafiro, which played an important part in the Spanish-American war, is soon to lose her identity in a junk yard, according to a report at the Bremerton navy yard. The vessel is to be sold to a Seattle junk company, whose offer to pay \$2,500 for it was the only one received in response to advertisements for bids.

The