

Decline The Offer

Fraser River Union Will Not Accept Terms of the Cannermen.

And Opinion is Expressed That Efforts at Agreement May Fail.

Indians Agree Not to Fish Until the Price of Salmon is Settled.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 10.—The grand lodge of the Fishermen's Union report to the executive of the cannermen combine this afternoon that the white fishermen and Indians decline to accept the offer of the cannermen. The proposition was to pay 12 cents for sockeyes during July and 10 cents during August, with the understanding that the price would be lowered thereafter, if the run was too big to handle. A great deal of argument was advanced on both sides and the whole question was thrashed out. The cannermen's executive finally informed the fishermen's executive that their demand for 15 cents per fish was simply out of the question and would not be considered; but that the time for the payment of 12 cents per fish would be extended until the 3rd of August, thus taking in another Saturday.

Dr. Bell-Irving, chairman of the cannermen's executive, states that he does not believe the fishermen will accept the position of the cannermen, and he fears a strike and probably trouble, for the cannermen were not prepared to make any further concessions, but would go on and put up their pack with any fishermen, Japanese, Indians or whites, who would accept their terms.

Captain Anderson, one of the most prominent figures in the fishermen's strike of last year, was sent as a delegate to the executive of the cannermen at Squah. Anderson, who held a meeting at which 30 chiefs were present. Anderson says that the chiefs decided that they could not accept the offer of 12 cents and 10 cents after July, and they decided that they would demand 15 cents, or decline to fish. An agreement was drawn up to this effect and duly signed according to the Indian custom. Mr. Anderson says that the Indians this year had declined to follow Agent Devlin's advice, in fact the Indians as well as the missionaries were with him and he had no opposition. He further made the statement that some of the Indian chiefs said that the whites need not be any more afraid that they would look after them.

Indian Agent Devlin said when spoken to regarding the references to himself, that he was not interfering with the Indians in the salmon fishing in any shape or form. He was letting them take their own way without an attempt to guide them. He stated that he had received had been the reason of his taking this course. Last year he had been told that the Indians had been so exemplary under most trying circumstances. This year his time would not come to act unless violence was threatened, and he would be glad to give advice the Indians would follow. His influence with the Indians was as potent as ever, and he did not fear that his advice would not be taken by those whom it was his constant duty to watch over, look after, and shield from harm in every respect.

The following is the copy of the agreement: "We the undersigned chiefs of the province of British Columbia, of the district of New Westminster, including the Squamish, and other places, do agree not to fish sockeye salmon for less than 15 cents a fish the present season, and we will accept the price of salmon for the price is settled with the Fishermen's union."

U. S. AGRICULTURE.

Shows a Decline in Acreage Compared With Last Year.

Washington, June 10.—Preliminary reports of the spring wheat acreage indicate a reduction of about 1,200,000 acres, or 6.4 per cent. Of the states reporting 10,000 acres or upwards in spring wheat, 8 report an increase of acreage, 12 a decrease of about 1,235,000. There is an increase in acreage of 10 per cent. in New Mexico, 7 in Pennsylvania, 3 in Michigan, 2 in Montana and Utah, 1 in Wyoming and Washington, while in all other states the acreage has decreased. Oregon, 8, Kansas, 7, Wisconsin and Minnesota 6, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota and California 5, Idaho 4, Colorado 2. The decrease in acreage is smaller than the acreage harvested last year by 3.6 per cent. The acreage reported as on hand in Pennsylvania is smaller than the area harvested last year. The acreage under rye shows a reduction of 10.9 per cent. from that harvested last year. In Pennsylvania the area is reported the same as last year, while in New York there is a shrinkage of 4 per cent. The average condition of rye is 93.9, as compared with 87.6 on June 1, 1900.

TRAP SHOOTERS.

U. S. Team Does Not Make Such High Scores as Expected.

London, June 10.—The American trapshooters had some practice today, as a preliminary to tomorrow's contest, but they found the conditions so different to those that they had been accustomed to that the shooting of the whole team has been much below its United States average. All the shooting here is downhill. The targets are thrown far and fast and at a higher elevation than in the United States. The rise also is 18 yards, as against 16 in the United States. The scores at the practice were very disappointing. Channey, Powers, of Decatur, Ill., broke 20 straight in the first round, but then dropped more than half in the last 20. Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, was the only other man to break 20 straight. E. H. Crisp, New Mexico, took 19, and Ben, of the "Old Fellows," fell down quite seriously, but while they scored low, the Englishmen scored high. The Americans are confident of winning.

CLUBS RAIDED.

Gambling Outfitters Seized in Two Montreal Establishments.

Montreal, June 10.—(Special)—Two social clubs were raided by the police Saturday night and a large amount of gambling paraphernalia seized. The clubs were Belmont Club and St. Jean Baptiste Club. A big fight will follow. The police are determined to have the clubs closed and to have the offenders punished.

WAS SHE MURDERED?

Woman Dupe to Aid Insurance Swindle Overdid Her Part.

Chicago, June 10.—Dr. A. H. Hunter and F. Wayland, who have been on trial for conspiracy to defraud insurance companies through the death of Miss Mary Defenbach, were this evening found guilty and sentenced to penitentiary. Frank E. Smiley, indicted with Hunter and Wayland, pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence. It is likely that he will escape with a light sentence. The evidence in that case showed that Hunter, Brown, Smiley and Miss Defenbach entered into a conspiracy by which Smiley was to appear as the affianced husband of the woman. She was then to be ill and die, leaving the insurance, which included one policy in a stock company and two in fraternal organizations, the total aggregating \$25,000. The woman in her will said that she desired her remains to be cremated, and it is thought that it was the intention to bury her away after she supposed death and cremate another body procured from a hospital. The woman was taken ill according to program, but did not rally and died. Her body was at once cremated. An inquest was held by assistant coroner John E. Weickler without a jury, and Weickler returned to the coroner's office a verdict that the woman had died of natural causes. The death of the woman is shrouded in mystery and physicians who stand differed widely as to the cause of death. The state, however, declared that the woman was murdered, although it could not be proved. It was shown that all the insurance carried by the woman was assigned before her death, and that her will was drawn up after these assignments had been made.

Royal Visit To Dominion

Report From London That The Duchess May Not Come to the Coast.

Governor General Expresses Himself as Satisfied With Progress of Programme.

Ottawa, June 10.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been invited to accompany the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on the royal tour of Canada, he will not be able to make his projected trip to the Yukon, but it is understood Messrs. Paré, Sifton and Patterson will visit the gold country in August.

A report comes from Toronto that Lord Minto recently wrote to Lieutenant Governor Mowat, intimating that Government House there would be expected to be placed at the disposal of the royal party, and that the Lieutenant-Governor replied, declining to vacate his official residence. Lord Minto, accompanied by Capt. Bell, A.D.C., has left for the summer fishing on the Restigouche, so that the information which our correspondent could get on the subject was indirect. A member of the household stated, however, that Lord Minto, just before leaving, expressed himself highly satisfied with the progress of arrangements for the royal visit. "and," he added, "I do not think His Majesty has had a more enjoyable holiday had there been such a serious hitch."

Montreal, June 10.—(Special)—A private letter from London, received this morning, brings an interesting rumor, which may be true. It is reported that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York for the tour of their Royal Highnesses to the Dominion. The letter states that it is currently reported in society circles that Her Royal Highness is expecting an addition to her family, and that this interesting event is expected to take place about the time when the royal party is scheduled to reach Canada. Should this prove to be correct, it is quite possible that the Duke of Cornwall and York will have to make the transatlantic trip without the Duchess, who may have to remain either at Quebec or Ottawa until the Duke's return.

THE ALEXANDRA MINERS ACCEPT

Committee of Men Meets Mr. Dunsmuir and Settlement Easily Arranged.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., June 10.—Messrs. Dunsmuir and Fenwick this afternoon met a committee of Alexandra miners in the company's office at South Wellington regarding prices. Mr. Dunsmuir offered the same scale as was in operation immediately before the mine closed down. That is a ton of 2,352 pounds, at sixty-six cents. The interview lasted nearly two hours, and immediately after the meeting a meeting of miners was held in the union's hall to discuss Mr. Dunsmuir's offer. When Messrs. Dunsmuir and Fenwick were conversing with the committee on the railway track before entering the office to discuss prices, Lionel Terry, secretary of the union, joined them. Mr. Fenwick said: "This is Mr. Terry, Mr. Dunsmuir." The secretary replied: "I don't want to see him at all. An animated argument then took place, in which Mr. Dunsmuir declared he had no objection to meeting a committee of his own workmen, but did not want any delegation from the union. He was prepared to employ whom he pleased, but declined having anything whatever to do with Terry, who withdrew. The miners at a mass meeting unanimously decided to accept Mr. Dunsmuir's offer. A motion of a resolution being carried almost unanimously.

B. C. GRADUATES.

Students From This Province Graduate as Doctors.

Montreal, June 10.—The final results of the medical faculty examinations at McGill were announced Saturday. The following Pacific Coast students graduated: A. J. Kendall, Vancouver; C. J. Gordon, Nanaimo; W. B. Newcombe, Vancouver; and L. H. Radom, Victoria.

Captures For Last Ten Days

Kitchener's Report of Progress in Gathering in Prisoners and Supplies.

No Truth in Report That Germany Intends to Interfere in Africa.

London, June 10.—Lord Kitchener in a despatch from Pretoria under today's date, says:

"The number of Boers killed, imprisoned or surrendered during the last month totalled 2,640.

"From June 1 to June 10 twenty-six Boers were killed, four wounded, 499 were made prisoners, and 23 surrendered. 622 rifles, 115,550 rounds of ammunition, 120 wagons and 4,000 horses were captured."

The Sun bears that Mrs. Botha will start Wednesday. The flag which Mr. Kruger has been summoned to attend a conference of the Boer agents in Europe and the United States to constitute the Boer Republic, and which was brought from her husband, in which he advises Mr. Kruger, as the constitutional head of the Boer Republic, to accept the offer of the British Government for peace on the best terms obtainable.

Berlin, June 10.—The Klein Journal today prints a despatch from The Hague saying that Queen Wilhelmina's recent visit here was meant to obtain Emperor William's consent to the Great Britain and the Netherlands. The despatch says that the Emperor was willing to do so, though the Hague arbitration court, and that the Emperor consented, and the court began work thereon. The despatch has created a sensation here.

The Associated States has obtained the following foreign office statement, which is authorized by Count von Bismarck, the imperial chancellor: "Neither Great Britain, France nor Russia ever approached Germany to participate in any action aiming at ending the South African war."

"Germany has all along distinguished between offering her service and intervention. To render her good offices was possible under certain circumstances, viz: If both parties to the war should have agreed to accept the Hague arbitration court; but it will be remembered that Great Britain refused to accept the Hague conference only on conditions that the Boer states were excluded.

"There is no doubt that Mr. Kruger, who is a serious statesman, came to Europe to obtain the good offices of several of the powers to end the war. But he does not desire the intervention of Great Britain, which does not want their good offices. At least it is true that since the South African war began Great Britain has never either expressly or in writing, confidentially, or officially, broached such an idea.

"It is quite possible that the Boer side has not forgotten the fact that the Hague arbitration court to lend its aid to the war, and that the court has been a serious hindrance to the Boer cause, and that, of course, is entirely different from any serious aid to the war."

MINERS REMONSTRATED.

Explosion in Colliery at Port Royal, Pennsylvania.

Port Royal, Pa., June 10.—The Pittsburg Coal and Coke company shaft No. 2, at this place, is again the scene of an explosion, and that six men were in the mine at the time. It is reported that a man might stake in the country were thrown off, has given a greatly renewed interest in the strike. Stampedes have been the order for months. Nearly every day there is a stampede to some creek, gulch or hill in the district. The miners' demands recorded, staked and entered.

"Prospecting is going on on many of the hillsides, and it is reported that the company of strikes in new districts. Lower Dominion, which has long been considered a barren waste, has yielded up the mouth of Gold Run, on No. 242 below. A strike of \$100 to the pan is reported on Henry creek, and \$250 to the pan on Gay gulch is credited with having developed a second pay streak below what was reported on No. 3, Eldorado. The second streak on Eldorado promises to pay well.

BUTCHERS STRIKE.

Oakland, June 10.—Between 300 and 400 butchers, including the men and drivers struck today. The only meat to be secured was at shops where non-union men were employed. The butchers were willing to cut it. The trouble is between the men and the wholesalers at the stock yards, who refused to display union cards.

PROSPECTIVE LYNNING.

Negro Arrested in Georgia Under Suspicion of Murder.

Atlanta, Ga., June 10.—Bessie Jackson adopted daughter of R. O. Plover, a dairyman at Poplar Springs, has been found murdered today with her throat cut. A negro boy has been arrested on suspicion. At the coroner's inquest Dr. J. H. Green testified that the girl had been murdered. The body was found in a shallow well in the neighborhood, and the negro will be brought into the city this evening.

AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, June 10.—(Special)—Work began today on the new Bank of Commerce building. It will be rushed to completion.

Captain Walbran reports he has located a sunken rock in the centre of the channel between Cottam reef and Dorcas Point, near Beaver Creek wharf. The rock lies only nine feet over its low water. It is now marked by a black buoy being moored at the wharf. The discovery of this rock is of great importance to the coasting trade, and the Government has offered a reward of \$250 for its discovery.

WEST DURHAM VACANT.

Corrupt Practices Makes Another Election Necessary—Tarts Praised.

Courtesy, June 10.—(Special)—West Durham has been declared vacant owing to corrupt practices.

Toronto, June 10.—(Special)—Hon. C. Wood has been nominated as Liberal Candidate for West Victoria.

Owen Sound, June 10.—(Special)—In the course of a speech here at a complimentary banquet to himself and Mr. Crozier, on Friday evening, Mr. Tarts remarked Mr. L. B. Borden was not present, and paid a tribute to that gentleman for the manner in which he had led the opposition last session.

Up-to-Date Styles WELER BROS.

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Clean-up of The Klondike

Dawson Correspondent Estimates It At Twenty Five Million.

Damage Done By the Flood At Forty-Mile Last Month.

A correspondent writing from Dawson on the date of May 21, estimates the Klondike spring cleanup at \$15,000,000, and the summer cleanup at \$10,000,000. He says every day sees the arrival of gold dust in large quantities, as much as \$40,000 arriving in one day, with prospects of a larger daily arrival when the trails are in better condition. Naturally the big cleanup has caused a revival of business, and along with the creeks.

"Labor is in big demand on all creeks. The prevailing wage for the winter was from \$3 to \$4 a day and board. Now it ranges from \$4 to \$6 a day and board, with the majority paying \$5. Men are scarce, but in a week or two the bulk of the spring washing will be over, and the camp is expected to then drop its normal level. The demand for labor is concerned, and, therefore, any suggestion for men to flock here may be effective June 1.

"The order of the mounted police given last winter, that all the demimounds should be left by Dawson by May 1, has been enforced. The majority of them have gone to Klondike City, south of town. They formerly occupied thirty acres of land situated in the centre of the city.

"The order for gambling to cease and dance halls to close will become effective June 1.

J. H. Ross, the new commissioner, has declared himself emphatically in favor of incorporation for Dawson. He believes that the town should take care of its own affairs, while the territorial officials attend to matters of more general interest to the territory.

FORTY-MILE FLOOD.

The big flood that inundated the town of Forty-Mile, May 19, as a result of a jam of ice in the Yukon, and the breaking of water, did damage to the extent of perhaps \$100,000. The loss of the North American Transportation and Trading company is estimated by the latter to be \$25,000, and that of the Alaska Commercial company at \$30,000.

The flood left ice and logs scattered all over the town, and the people had to flee to the hills for refuge. Water stood six feet or more deep in some of the streets. The damage to the property of the North American Transportation and Trading company is estimated by the latter to be \$25,000, and that of the Alaska Commercial company at \$30,000.

"A special to the Dawson News states: "Forty-Mile, May 20.—The flood which inundated the town so thoroughly subsided with a velocity surprising about 8 p. m. on the 17th. Within ten minutes the water had dropped seven feet, which is about the depth of the water in the street. The water was so deep that it was possible for many of the refugees to return to their homes in order to gain the things they had left behind. Much of the heaviest damage to the buildings proper was caused by this rush of water. Many buildings had their roofs completely torn off by the pressure of the water. Several buildings were carried away by the flood, and others were picked up and deposited again along the shore. The Alaska Commercial company's loss is estimated to be \$30,000. The store of Mr. Hill's, which was completely destroyed, though everything below the second row of shelves was completely destroyed. It is the 'warehouse' which shows the mighty destructiveness of the flood. Tons of tobacco, sugar and flour are piled in the streets, and mud-covered heaps, where they were left by the receding water. Many men are employed saving what they can from the general wreck, but it appears doubtful today if Mr. Hill's conservative estimate of \$30,000 will suffice to cover the loss.

"The North American Transportation and Trading company's case is reversed. Their store, which was situated on low ground, was flooded nearly to the roof and the stock completely ruined. The warehouses, which are situated on higher ground, were saved, but the cargo was ruined. Mr. Fenwick, the manager, gave freely of his stock of supplies to the townspeople, who were unable to save their own. Every person in town by the time of the loss, but at the present moment a correct list cannot be given."

TWO MORE LAAGERS.

Forty-two Prisoners and Quantity of Ammunition Taken Thursday.

Cape Town, June 8.—The British captured two Boer laagers at different points in Cape Colony Thursday night and captured 42 prisoners, 15,000 rounds of ammunition and a quantity of supplies. A railroad wreck occurred near Pretoria, June 7, in which nine soldiers were killed and many injured.

London, June 8.—The Boer war of office knows nothing of the alleged reports of Gen. Buller, the Boer commander, that he had captured a Boer laager. The Boer commander, General Buller, was not at the laager. The Boer commander, General Buller, was not at the laager.

KEMPTON PARK.

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THE ROYAL NAVY LEAGUE.

Victoria Branch to Hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday of Next Week.

The British Columbia branch of the Royal Navy League will hold a public meeting in the Queen's hall, on Tuesday, 18th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m. Sir Henri Joly, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Hon. J. H. Turner and other prominent men have indicated their intention to attend and address the meeting, which will be presided over by Sir Henry P. P. Crease, president of the branch.

A committee of the league waited upon Admiral Bickford on Saturday afternoon, and although his official duties do not permit his taking an active part in the work of the league, he expressed himself as being in hearty sympathy with the aims of the organization. Admiral Bickford made the suggestion that Victoria, with its sailing fleet and other local shipping, would be a good point at which to establish a naval reserve.

"The members of the league are looking forward to Tuesday night's meeting with great interest, and are confident which they have initiated, and hope to see a large attendance.

IMPERIAL LIMITED.

First of C. P. R. Summer Service Leaves Montreal.

Montreal, June 10.—(Special)—The first Imperial Limited left this morning at 9:30 with 250 passengers.

Shipping Disaster

Junk Capsizes on China Coast Causing Loss of Many Lives.

News was brought by the steamer Kinshu Maru, which arrived this morning from the Orient, that a Chinese passenger boat from Chusan, bound to Ningpo, was upset in a heavy squall in the Eastern Sea, close to Tiger Island, on May 8, and out of the fifty-nine passengers and nine crew there were only two of the crew and seven passengers saved, making a total of fifty-nine lost. Some ten or twelve boats put off to their assistance, but were too late to render much help in saving life. There have been about thirty bodies brought to Chinalai to be buried, says a Ningpo despatch, and the sight of one of the victims was very saddening. Men, women and children all laid in rows so that they could be recognized by their relatives and friends. The junk, after capsizing, drifted away from the coast. It is stated that the greater number of the passengers met their fate in the cabin, they being unable to get out.

The Japanese authorities have decided to change their present military uniform throughout all branches of the army. Through the change uniform has been made, yet for practical purposes they are very inconvenient, especially the white breeches, which, in addition to its expense, require to be frequently washed. The campaign in North China has shown the many disadvantages of white clothing, which is frequently soiled and requires constant washing. The new uniform, which will be either a grey or khaki color.

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Y. M. C. A.

Anniversary in Montreal of First Association of This Continent.

Montreal, June 10.—The anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. was celebrated to a close to-day by the unveiling of a bronze tablet on the site of the building which the first association on the continent formed November 22, 1851. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Howard Williams of London, Eng., son of Sir Geo. Williams, founder of the association, who was accompanied by a number of the old-timers. An address dealing with the growth of the work of the Y. M. C. A. was given by the Rev. Mr. King. He was followed by John R. Kott, of New York, who highly praised the work of the Montreal association, and later left on the night train for Boston to attend the big anniversary gathering.

This Man

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DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLOROXYNE

Vice-Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood stated publicly in court that Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the inventor of Chloroxyne. The whole story of the defendant Freeman was literally untrue, and he regretted to say it had been sworn to—Times, July 13, 1901.

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Several Tokyo and Yokohama Japanese papers, including the Asahi, the Yomiuri and the Yomiuri, have been suspended for publishing the manifesto of the Shokai (Socialist) party, whose object is to practice socialism in Japan. The government has taken exception to the society and suspended papers which published their manifesto. The Yomiuri being taken when the steamer left to close its doors. The Yomiuri, Count Watanabe, Japanese minister of finance, is arranging for a visit to the United States.

VISITING BUFFALO.

Colonel Lessard and Brother Officers Take a Little Vacation.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 8.—A distinguished party of Canadians reached the city today from Toronto. Among them are Colonel Lessard, aide-de-camp to the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada; Colonel Field and Major Stranbenze, commandant of the Canadian Royal Military College at Kingston. The ladies of the party are the Mesdames Barwick, Bath and Muenchling. They arrived in the morning and spent the afternoon at the exposition. The party will remain in the city for a week.

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