

OF THE WEEK

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Today--Rifle open for Sea-Soon.

Monday's Daily.)

grosse club opens the on May 24. This was upon yesterday, when message was received from the Kaslo game an immediate answer. The club only had a consider the matter, ly agreed to take on a reply to this effect wire.

ally intended to open on May 24. The in the district up to is Nelson, however, ating with the Queen developed that Kaslo of the local people with Nelson had accepted Nelson's idea was to lacrosse team in for was decided to offer ch in preference, with lling back on Fernie lined. The local men tion of foregoing a or going to Kaslo to refused to go out of could have brought in ay players and the men would have to kick their heels at nance of a match. Ap course open was to offer which provides at of all the visitors

the Rossland players opportunity of testing the clever players who are scientific and had more than a fort- already. The Rossland hope to defeat Nel- of the season, but the special value as ind- uth and weaknesses of twelve. It is expected and other supplies for in hand this week, and tion of the players to rk without an instant's iter of grounds is not xlety owing to the m- nts arrived at between d lacrosse. The com- mittee of the lacrosse with a decidedly fav- from the citizens, and or the inauguration of be in hand before the d to discharge any of inured up to the pre- da's national game will d novelty in Rossland, contains more people seen the famous Can- played than any other e population in the

PRACTICE TODAY.

baseball practice of the uned for this afternoon, ndance of players is re- lamond is in good shape, ll repairs will be ready sports.

for a good team this ight, especially as the arer the amateur stand- rd. Nelson has organ- sion and promises to nate nine in the field.

RIFLE CLUBS.

might the militia com- sation will probably

The latest report from that some snow re- target pits, and that the on the butts was very

be remedied in the next the riflemen are anxious ction. Trail association on civilian and military ave already had firing

at least, which will place men under something of the military association several valuable mem- bers, notably Captain Hart- tenant Logan and Ser- s. This means that sec- will be advanced to tions and new blood the second team, all of imulate interest in the

association sends a dele- proposed Fernide ranges their inspection is satis- ferial meeting will prob- during the week to take in respect to placing the for practice. The asso- some cash in the bank, a military rifles and 9000 ammunition in stores. rt the organization will under auspicious con-

THE BOWLERS.

alleys continue to at- us players, and daily yed with much satisfac- participants. The tourna- under discussion, and ction therewith will un- taken at an early date.

RE IN HELENA.

Mont, April 27.—The busi- city is threatened d started in the Montana te tonight.

A SCANDAL INDEED

Revelations Made Before the East Kootenay Committee.

The Juggling With Crown Grants Plainly Exposed.

VICTORIA, April 22.—When the revocation bill was before the house two days ago the chief commissioner of lands and works stated the reason why the original order-in-council was cancelled was because the C. P. R. never indicated that they would take up the government's offer to give these valuable lands for the larger acreage to which the C. P. R. was entitled, contiguous to their line of railway. George McL. Brown, who was examined by the special committee last night, declares this is utterly false. He swears that the government solicitation from him, that he accepted the offer, paid the fees on both blocks, and has a receipt for the said payment. The government has never even returned the fees. Wells, he swears, asked him to leave the crown grants, for him (Wells) to deliver personally to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Wells in the house repeatedly declared that the deeds never left his possession on the occasion of his visit to Montreal, although there have been rumors that they did. Brown says Mr. Shaughnessy told him that Wells delivered the crown grants and then asked for their return, promising that he would mail them to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy after reaching Victoria. This thirty days after reaching Victoria. This he never did, Brown states that in view of these facts their lawyers advised the C. P. R. that their title to the lands was perfect, and they did not even apply for a petition of right.

A special to the Times this afternoon quotes Sir Thomas Shaughnessy as saying: "The negotiations took place at Vancouver, and I learned very little about them. Wells delivered to me in Montreal patents for all the grants except the one in question, which he had with him in an envelope, but which he requested to be allowed to retain for special reasons for a few days, not exceeding a month, and as I considered under the great seal and I considered the transfer of the lands completed I assented, and I do not think I had this particular patent in my hands at any time."

Attorney-General Eberts was called by the committee this morning, and the evidence was not completed when the committee adjourned. Wells' recollection of the matter of the crown grants. He said they were recommended, he thought, by the chief commissioner of lands and works, and passed the council in September, 1901. He said he never understood that the company was not agreeable to the terms of the order-in-council at that date. Upon being pressed for reasons leading up to the rescinding of the crown grants, he declined to give them, as that would be a violation of his oath of office. He remembered that George McL. Brown called on the executive and protested against the cancellation of the crown grants, of which he further declared that he did not know that Wells had brought the crown grants back from Montreal until a month or two after Wells' return. Asked if Brown had spoken about a settlement being reached and the grants delivered, he said: "Well, he spoke about that effect."

Eberts was also asked Wells' reasons for bringing back the crown grants, and said one reason was that he could not get the C. P. R. to do something. Asked further, Eberts said: "Don't you think you should ask Mr. Wells that?"

Bill 16, otherwise the cancellation bill, is still unsigned, and it is now rumored that the delay is due to the governor, who is withholding his assent temporarily. At least McBride at the beginning of the session this afternoon, asked if assent would be given today, and Eberts replied laconically that the government would be down today or not.

The governor's delay is attributed to various causes; one of which is advice from Eberts to that effect, and the other the governor's desire to have the report of the special committee affixed to the bill, but it is regarded as hardly likely that the governor would accept his advice if not in harmony with that of the first minister as expressed in legislation.

The possibility of Sir Eberts' assent being withheld opens up fresh contented all along that he had an assurance from the governor of a dissolution if he so desired. If the governor no longer accepts his advice he must resign or be dismissed, and in either case would not be granted an appeal to the country. Hennes McBride, leader of the opposition, would likely be called on. Prior, on the other hand, is credited with contemplating a coup by dismissing Wells and Eberts on the ground that they misled him when he joined the ministry in regard to this matter and making an appeal to the country on the strength of his proposal to prevent the alienation of these lands.

The time for an appeal to the country would be favorable just now, as Joseph Martin is in the hospital on account of trouble in one of his legs, for which the doctors are now considering the advisability of amputation, thus preventing his participation in a campaign. McBride's bill regarding settlers' rights on the E. & N. is attacked as affording no real relief. It was supported by Hawthornthwaite and passed its second reading.

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ARRIVED AT CRISIS

Political Situation at Victoria Reaches Acute Stage.

Business Is Held Back to Await a Government Caucus.

VICTORIA, April 27.—The government today passed over all important business and went on to private bills, at the same time cutting out the night session which had been planned. The reason was evidently that a crisis has arrived, and the fact that an important caucus has been called for tomorrow indicates that the premier is face to face with serious trouble.

It is understood on good authority that no anxiety need be apprehended because of the governor's not signing the revocation bill, as it is believed he will do so.

The Deadman's Island matter was up for discussion in the house on a return sought on Gilmore's motion. In dealing with it, Eberts replied to Curtis' charges against himself, and said his firm the Pack Train came from Rossland his firm withdrew as soon as the case came before him as attorney-general, and they had no connection with the Bonnington Falls matter, as alleged. That case was referred direct to the gold commissioner at Nelson and speedily adjusted.

The house refused to give the Morrissey, Michel and Fernie Railway company power to build tramways and to water power, as it was held to be against the public interest to do so.

The debate on John Houston's bill regarding the size of petroleum claims was adjourned. This bill would limit the size of such claims to about the size of mineral claims, and to prevent large corporations grabbing big areas.

Eberts was before the special committee today, but although pressed hard by Green and McPhillips to give the reasons for the government's action in cancelling the crown grants he excused himself on the ground that he would violate his oath of office. He said, however, that he advised the government that they could substitute lands in Kootenay for those "contiguous to the railway" earned by the C. P. R.

Tomorrow Premier Prior will table the report of the delegates to Ottawa. It will consist largely of details of the case made out for British Columbia, which was practically the same as that presented by the Dunsmuir government.

THIRTY-TWO DROWNED.

VICTORIA, April 22.—Further details of the disastrous collision between the coasting steamers Nereus and Senator, which occurred on March 11th, near the entrance to Batangas, was given in 23 lives were lost, were received in mail advices from Manila. Brief advices were given by the Associated Press cables.

Manila papers report that the steamers crashed together in the darkness and over 100 people were left struggling in the water when both vessels foundered shortly after the collision. By rare fortune the steamer Alva and the United States transport Lallof were near at hand. The Alva lowered her boats and took 43 of the crew and passengers from the Alva. They said the accident was inexcusable on the part of one at least of the captains, the night being clear and the moon shining. The captain of the Navarra was accused of having his lights on the wrong side. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed. One woman herself and her infant because her husband was drowned.

Fred Donnelly, who was a passenger on the Lallof, said the transport cruised for some time with her search light on the waters, but failed to find any survivors other than those taken from the Alva. They said the accident was inexcusable on the part of one at least of the captains, the night being clear and the moon shining. The captain of the Navarra was accused of having his lights on the wrong side. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed. One woman herself and her infant because her husband was drowned.

GOLD IN MANCHURIA.

Russians Reported to Have Massacred Chinese Miners.

VICTORIA, April 22.—According to advices received from the Orient, there has been another rush of goldseekers to Manchuria. Prospectors who have gone to Vladivostok for outfit reports that gold has been found in abundance in many places. The Amursky Gazette says as much as five pounds of gold has been taken from 3500 weight of earth. The majority of the miners taking out gold are Chinese, and the Russian paper says: "As Manchuria is not yet completely under Russian jurisdiction, nothing can be done to take measures against these adventures." A rumor was published in Japanese papers that a massacre of two hundred of these miners by Russians had taken place.

The debate is likely to be interesting. The constitutional rights of the governor will be discussed, and the remedy the legislature has for compelling its wishes to be observed. The legislature, representing the unanimous voice of the people, cannot allow an executive figurehead to overrule it.

The delay of the governor is producing a restive feeling.

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A CANADIAN SHOT.

A Victim of the Revolver in the Tanana District.

Views Adopted by the Mining Association Meeting.

VICTORIA, April 27.—The executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association has been busy during the past few days presenting to the government and the mining committee of the legislative assembly the requirements of the association in the way of legislation. The recommendations as adopted at the general meeting of the association are as follows, with the names of the members who proposed them:

MINERAL RESOURCES. Mr. Croft.—That the provincial government be requested to procure the services of a thoroughly reliable and competent geologist, who has had experience in examination and classification of auriferous alluvial deposits, to report during the present session on the geographical condition and the mineral resources in general of the district, with a view to having the desired information at the earliest possible date."

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TWO PER CENT TAX. Mr. Galt.—"That the government and legislature of the province of British Columbia be respectfully urged to abolish the so-called two per cent mineral tax, upon the output of mines because of its injurious effect in restricting and depressing mining, and because of its effect in discouraging the investment of outside capital."

That with respect to the resolution passed dealing with the abolition of the two per cent tax this convention shall not be understood as being opposed to a fair and equitable taxation of the mining industry."

That in the event of the repeal of the two per cent commerce tax this convention suggests and endorses as a proper basis for the taxation of working mines that a fair tax be levied upon the profits or dividends paid to the owners of such mines."

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ON LABOR QUESTION

MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS WAIT ON DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

OPPOSE SOME BILLS PROMOTED BY THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

OTTAWA, April 27.—A big delegation from the manufacturers' association and employers of labor arrived in Ottawa today and waited on the government to oppose the labor bills now before parliament.

E. Gurney, of Toronto, was the principal speaker. He opposed the amendment now proposed to the alien labor law, and was supported by D. L. Lockyer of Montreal, who also made a strong attack on the importation of labor agitators from the States to take part in strikes. The principal bill which the delegates opposed was the union label bill. W. A. Russell, ex-secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, attacked the bill and said it was for the purpose of legalizing a trade mark which was not a trade mark. Mr. Fortier, the cigar man of Montreal, also spoke in this line. They all supported Senator Longhues' Canada. While the delegation started out by saying they were not opposed to unions, they ended by opposing them. Mr. Whiting, of the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston, made a strong speech against their methods.

Sir William Mallock said that while the delegates suggested coercion, which he did not believe in, they did not give him one instance where this experiment was tried and succeeded in any country. He was opposed to coercion.

The Dominion government has abolished steamboat inspection fees. The fees collected last year amounted to about \$5,000.

To the suggestion of the Canadian government that the Pacific cable board should permit free press messages between Australia and Canada for three months, Premier Barton of the Commonwealth has replied that the telegraph and postal act of that country forbids any such arrangement. The New Zealand government, however, is said to favor the Canadian suggestion.

THE KRONSTADT RIOT.

BERLIN, April 27.—The Lokal Anzeiger has published details of the recent disorders at Kronstadt, Russia, which began in the brawl between troops and marines, and during which it was said that some officers had been killed. The paper says the trouble developed into a regular riot in which 1200 persons took part. Several police officers were wounded. "Finally, Ad- miral Lavrov arrived on the scene with a party of armed men who fired blank volleys at the rioters and restored order.

Mrs. William Rolls left yesterday for Chatham, Ont., per Spokane Falls & Northern. She will spend several months in the east.

Harry Hutchins left yesterday for Watsburg, Wash.

MINING MEN'S REQUESTS

The Legislation Urged on the Government and the House.

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INDIAN RESERVES.

Mr. Hobbins.—"That this convention respectfully urges upon the Dominion and provincial governments the desirability of opening Indian reserves in British Columbia for mining purposes."

TRAILS AND ROADS.

Mr. Keene.—"That this convention urge upon the government of British Columbia the necessity for expending more money in building trails and roads through the mining districts to give prospectors and miners an opportunity of reaching the interior of Vancouver island and the province in general."

REVISION OF ACTS.

Mr. Belyea.—"That in view of the ambiguity of many of the clauses of the Mineral and Placers Acts, that the government be asked to revise and consolidate these acts and place them in as clear and concise language as possible, so as to make them more intelligible, and it is hoped that they will consult with the executive committee of this association on this matter."

RIOTS IN FRANCE.

Attempts to Close Religious Establishments Cause Trouble.

PARIS, April 27.—In the provinces Sunday was marked by numerous disorderly occurrences, resulting from the dispersing of unauthorized congregations. The most serious disorder is reported from Laroche-sur-Foron, where 50 peasants, who were guarding a Capuchin convent in which the monks had barricaded themselves, stoned and seriously injured three magistrates who came to the convent with officers to close the place. The peasants finally drove the magistrates away. The latest dispatches from Laroche-sur-Foron announce the arrival of two companies of infantry and 100 cavalrymen on the scene.

At Saint Nicholas-du-Port there was much rioting throughout the day, owing to an attempt to expel the Redemptorists. There were several fights between the supporters and the opponents of the fathers. Troops had to charge repeatedly to clear the streets. Many persons were injured and order has not yet been restored. The abbey of Kerbeute, Landernau, is guarded by peasants, who refuse to permit the magistrates to approach. Similar disorders are reported from Nancy and other places.

PARIS, April 27.—Crowds made demonstrations at different points today over the dispersal of the congregations. At Marseilles the Capuchins barricaded themselves within their convent and refused admission to the officials. A crowd numbered several hundreds of thousands filled the streets in the vicinity, and during a counter demonstration stones were thrown at the convents. The police had difficulty in restoring order.

The Benedictines at Landernau, who caused trouble yesterday, were dispersed today, and the officials locked up their convent. A company of infantry preserved order.

At Anney a Capuchin establishment was closed and the members of that order were arrested for resisting the authorities. A squadron of dragoons preserved order. The Versailles Capuchin establishment was closed after a scrimmage between a manifesting crowd and the officials, who were escorted by a brigade of gendarmes and a squadron of dragoons. Many arrests were made by the civil and military authorities. The latter strongly guarded the streets surrounding the establishment.

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