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MORAL CONDITIONS IN DAWSON ARE GOOD

Rev. J. R. Seymour Says They Compare Favorably With Other Places—An Answer to Dr. Pringle's Charges.

Rev. J. R. Seymour, a well known Methodist clergyman, who has spent about eight years on various stations in British Columbia, and who for the past two years has been stationed at Dawson as the pastor of the Methodist church there, is in the city. He is on his way to Yale University to take a post-graduate course in philosophy in that institution. On the completion of that course he expects to return to British Columbia and enter the work here again.

Mr. Seymour, when interviewed to-day, said in referring to conditions affecting church work that after experience in various parts of the province of British Columbia he could say that the moral conditions there were quite as good as they were in any place of its size in the province. The dance halls had been wiped out by the council, and the police were exercising quite a rigid oversight and seeing that the laws were properly enforced.

In connection with this forward move in connection with the moral conditions, Mr. Seymour said, he had been informed by Judge Reid, of the U. S. Judiciary, that Fairbanks, Alaska, had also closed dance halls and in Juneau orders had been given to close all of them there by July 1st. The dance halls were now really a thing of the past in the Yukon and Alaska, and the element that frequented these places were deserting the country.

Mr. Seymour, from his long experience in the mining towns of British Columbia, says that the moral conditions and the advancement of these conditions in Dawson set at rest the sensational reports that Rev. Dr. Pringle has been circulating. An interview with Mr. Seymour tended to show that in all respects Dawson was conducted as might be expected in a Canadian town. He points out that in common with mining centres the discovery of riches was followed by a rush of men, many of whom

were reckless in their lives. As is always the case there were many of the parasitic class also followed the adventurous miners. This is but the usual history of mining camps. As time advanced and more settled conditions followed, the immoral element gave place and gradually conditions changed. This was noticed in Dawson as in all mining camps, and to-day conditions were well respected.

Questioned with regard to Rev. Dr. Pringle's action Mr. Seymour said that as the pastor of a sister church he did not feel that he should attribute motives to him in his course. Dr. Pringle, he said, had taken an active part in pressing for moral reforms. It was not for him (Mr. Seymour) to find fault with that as his efforts were similar to those of those lines. As to the methods employed to accomplish the ends, that was a matter he said that rested with the individual worker. Mr. Seymour, however, said that while he could not read the mind of Mr. Pringle and could not tell the motives that actuated him, there was no doubt that many in the Yukon believed that Mr. Pringle was actuated by political motives. The statements had been freely made that Mr. Pringle had said that he had not been properly treated by the Liberal party and would take the stump against that party. This had undoubtedly lessened Mr. Pringle's influence with a considerable portion of the population and alienated a number from him in his work.

Mr. Seymour says that the moral conditions in Dawson are increasing, so that the same excuse for dance halls does not exist. Lodges are numerous and attract many members. Social entertainments are frequent and series of lectures before clubs are given. Governor Henderson takes part in these and has delivered lectures. Altogether the conditions in the north are very settled and the law well enforced.

MURDER TRIAL IN HAVANA.

Cablegram from Sir Edward Grey is Placed in Evidence.

Havana, June 18.—At the trial of Private Gwynnelt, of the 11th Cavalry, on the charge of murder before the special military court at Camp Columbia yesterday Lieut. Davis, counsel for the defense, placed in evidence a cablegram from Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, which stated that Harry Fearnley had enlisted in the West Yorkshire regiment, but was immediately discharged as incorrigible and worthless. Fearnley, who was with Gwynnelt and Corporal Cooper at the time the murder is alleged to have been committed, turned states evidence in the case, and among other things, swore that he had served in the British army in India and had been honorably discharged. The prosecution in the present case relied mainly on his evidence to secure a conviction against Cooper and Gwynnelt.

After summoning for defense, Judge Advocate Malony, the trial was closed. The court will report its findings to Governor Magdon.

KILLS HER SLEEPING HUSBAND.

Murderess Then Goes to Her Mother's Home and Drinks Chloroform.

Little Falls, N. Y., June 18.—Michael Finn, a farmer, was instantly killed by his wife, Elizabeth, as he lay asleep in his home in Salisbury, N. Y., early to-day. Mrs. Finn walked to the home of her mother, a mile distant, where she drank Paris green and chloroform. She probably will die.

AUTO GRAND PRIZE.

New York, June 18.—The contest committee of the Automobile Club of America announced last night that the international road race for the grand prize held next Thanksgiving day in Savannah, Georgia, will be 15 times around a course 28.75 miles in length, a total distance of 400.55 miles.

SEOU SEDITION TRIAL.

Tokyo, June 18.—The trial at Seoul, Korea, of B. T. Bethel, the British subject, who was accused of encouraging sedition by publications in a vernacular paper of which he is proprietor, was concluded to-day. Bethel is held under \$1,000 bail pending judgment, which is expected to-day.

'KID MC COY'S' GAY TIME.

Toronto, June 18.—Jas. O'Brien, alias Mullick, alias Kid McCoy, was arrested here by request of the Winnipeg police. Three weeks ago he found a purse in Winnipeg containing \$385 and has been having a gay time ever since.

GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER ELOPES WITH GROOM

(Special to the Times.)
St. John, June 18.—Miss Mary Tweedie, daughter of Lieut. Governor Tweedie, of New Brunswick, has eloped with David McKeown, a young Scotchman who came here a year ago, and for a time acted as the governor's groom. The couple were married at St. Stephen and are believed to be on their way to the Old Country.

OPENING UP NEW COUNTRY ON PRAIRIE

C. P. R. Decides to Resume Construction Work on Moose Jaw-Lacombe Branch.

Winnipeg, June 18.—The C. P. R. has decided to proceed at once with further construction on the Moose Jaw-Lacombe branch. This branch, which will be one of the largest and most important in Western Canada, runs from Moose Jaw on the main line to Lacombe, on the Calgary-Edmonton branch, near Calgary, through a practically new country, and one well known to be of great agricultural value. This branch has already about 30 miles of steel laid out of Moose Jaw, but in the dull times work was stopped, but will now be pushed to completion.

U. S. REFLEMAN FOR OLYMPIC.

Washington, June 18.—The Olympic committee has decided to accept the entries of the American riflemen.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON G. T. P. IN ROCKIES

Frank W. Morse Coming Westwards—Tenders for Building.

Montreal, June 18.—Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad, has left Montreal for western Canada. He has been looking into tenders recently received for the construction of the first hundred miles of the G. T. P. west from Wolf creek, in the Rockies, but prior to his departure no decision was arrived at as to whom the contract should be awarded. Tenders have been invited for another section of 75 miles west of the above mentioned section, and these tenders are to be all in by June 22. It is probable no decision will be announced until after these have been received.

LIBERALS ALL

House Harbor, Que., June 18.—L. A. Theriault, former member for Magdalen islands, in the Quebec legislature, was elected by a majority of 41 over Delaney and 150 over Leslie. All three are Liberals.

PARSON AND POLITICIAN.

Toronto, Ont., June 18.—The Deer Park Presbyterian congregation will ask the Rev. D. C. Hossack, who turned politician to reconsider his resignation.

CARRIED TO DEATH IN UNCONTROLLABLE AUTO

Two Women and Child Drown When Taxicab Plunges Into Hudson.

New York, June 18.—Two women and a child were drowned and two men narrowly escaped death when a taxicab automobile became uncontrollable on West Fifty-sixth street last night and ran down the dock at the foot of the street and into the Hudson river.

The dead are: Miss Adeline Borden, aged 19; Mrs. Jessie Coleman, aged 23; Virginia Knights, aged 8. The driver of the taxicab, John Nolan, fell into the water with the machine. He was able to swim, however, and was rescued.

FIGHT FOLLOWS STRIKE.

Midland, June 18.—Foreigners employed on the new elevator went on strike and endeavored to drive the other men off. Several men were beaten and six strikers were arrested.

OCEAN YACHT RACE.

New York, June 18.—The schooner yacht Esperanza which is racing the yacht from Bermuda to New York for a \$200 cup, passed Scotland lightship this morning. The Zarah has not been sighted.

ROSS RIFLE AT RANGES.

Canteen Regulations to Be Rigidly Enforced at Niagara on the Lake.

Niagara On The Lake, Ont., June 18.—By train, boat and route march troops poured into camp on Tuesday and before "lights out" 5,500 men were comfortably settled for 12 days of hard work. Present indications are that the Ross rifle introduced and used exclusively for the first time at the ranges this year. Owing to recent criticisms emanating from sources the canteen regulations will be rigidly enforced. A special officer will be detailed to make a thorough inspection each day. The Y. M. C. A. has put up a big tent, and will conduct religious services, and provide refreshments, reading room and writing room.

BY LAUDANUM ROUTE.

London, Ont., June 18.—A woman who registered by the name of Mrs. H. Yake, Thamesford, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum and turning on the gas in her room at a hotel here. She had a little 9-year-old child with her at the time. Both will recover.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

Montreal, June 18.—Grand Trunk earnings for the week ending June 14th, decreased by \$123,833. The earnings of the C. P. R. for the same week decreased by \$270,000.

INVADERS GAIN SUCCESS IN MIMIC WARFARE

Fort Guarding New York is Silenced—Fleet Advances on City.

New York, June 18.—"The attack" upon New York city by a supposed foreign enemy which had been so eagerly waited for several days by the regular national guard troops engaged in mimic warfare in the forts, which guard the city and bay was begun in earnest to-day by the first onslaught which brought a partial victory to the invaders who fell upon Fort Hancock at Sandy Hook by land and forced the stronghold to capitulate almost before a shot had been fired. Then with other fortifications effectually silenced the enemy's fleet started up the canal toward the city in the face of a withering fire from Forts Hamilton and Wallisworth. The great ten-inch guns at the forts opened fire while the fleet, was miles away and imaginary storm of imaginary shot went sweeping down the bay. In the vicinity of the forts the din was terrific and even miles away the roar of the great guns could be heard.

M. B. JACKSON FOR MARQUETTE.

Winnipeg, June 18.—M. B. Jackson, lawyer of Hamilton, who spent several weeks in Victoria recently, was unanimously selected by the Liberals of Marquette last night to oppose Dr. Roche, M. P.

ROUTE OF STEAMERS TO PRINCE RUPERT

Ports at Which Camosun Calls on Her Way to Northern Townsite.

Prince Rupert, June 14.—While the general public generally believe that Prince Rupert is some 500 miles up the Northern coast from Vancouver, very little is known about the exact route of the water highway travelled by the S. S. Camosun, which plies between Vancouver and the Northern terminus of the waterway after leaving Vancouver on Thursday evening the Camosun makes a continual run through narrow channels, fringed with innumerable islands, for a distance of some 250 miles from Vancouver, when she stops at Alert Bay, at which place there is an Indian village and a cannery. The next stop is at Hardy Bay, which is a small fishing settlement about 275 miles north of Vancouver. The next stop is at Namu, where there is a sawmill and a cannery operated by Robert Draine. The next stop is at Swanson Bay, about 420 miles from Vancouver, where there is a sawmill as well as a pulp mill. The next port is at Hartley Bay, where there is an Indian village and a sawmill. This port is about 470 miles from Vancouver. The next port of call is Clarkston cannery, about 625 miles from Vancouver, and about 25 miles further up the coast, a short way up the mouth of the Skeena river is Port Essington, where much activity is at present. Prince Rupert, the present objective point of the Camosun at the present time is about 575 miles from Vancouver.

WHITE KNIGHT WINS ASCOT GOLD CUP

London, June 18.—The race for the Gold Cup was run at Ascot to-day. W. R. Windham's The White Knight was first; L. de Rothschild's Radium ran into second place, and Wm. G. Singer's Torpoint was third. Six horses started. Richard Croker decided not to run his filly Rhodora because of her defeat yesterday.

BANDITS FORCE ITALIANS TO DISGORGE WAGES

Daring Robbery Carried Out on Siding of West Shore Railroad.

Fort Plain, N. Y., June 18.—Ten Italian laborers who lived in a car on a siding of the West Shore railroad were held up by armed robbers last night and forced to hand over some \$500 which they had received in wages yesterday. One of the Italians who resisted the tumult in the car and sought to frighten the robbers away was overpowered, bound, gagged and his pockets rifled. The robbers escaped with their booty, leaving no clue.

The bandits forced an entrance at midnight, and when the Italians awoke they found themselves covered with four revolvers in the hands of two men, while another man, armed with a knife ordered them to come forward one by one and turn over all their money to him. One of the Italians rebelled, and in a few moments lay dying with a knife wound half way through his body. From that time to the end the task of the robbers was easy.

NEWINGTON WILL GO ON MEXICAN SERVICE

Deal to Operate Steamer as Fruit Carrier Has Been Completed.

A message has been received from Capt. P. Shadforth, now in San Francisco, saying that he had completed an agreement with the San Blas Fruit Growing Company, which will mean the placing of E. J. Fader's steamer Newington, now at Westminster, in commission between San Diego, Port San Pedro and San Blas as a fruit-carrier. As previously announced it is intended to make some alterations to the Newington which will make her a first-class fruit carrier, turbine ventilation being installed and a considerable amount of housing cleared away to give more cargo space. She will carry bananas from San Blas to a California port, making two trips a month and will take general freight south-bound. It is reported that Capt. Shadforth will tow the old sailing schooner Nellie Thurston down the coast, and will place her in commission as a general freight carrier.

The steamer Newington is an iron vessel built in 1897 at Hull. She is 115 feet in length, has a beam of 22 feet and a depth of 11.5 feet. Her gross tonnage is 133 and her net tonnage 61 tons. She has engines developing 38, normal, horse-power and a single screw. Under a year ago she was brought out from Hull, England, for Elijah J. Fader, New Westminster, and registered there, being operated for some time as a steam-trawler.

WHEN ROYAL CITY WILL PLAY SHAMROCKS

B. C. Lacrosse Club Suggests Dates for Minto Cup Contest.

New Westminster, June 17.—At a meeting of the executive of the New Westminster lacrosse club last evening in H. Ryall's office, it was decided to ask the Shamrock club of Montreal for games on the two last Tuesdays in July, the 21st and 28th, in the Minto cup competition.

The competition calls for two wins out of three games, and the locals take the view that it is necessary to decide upon dates for two games now, because if one team takes two straight there will be no need for the third if the Easterners agree to the suggestion the team will leave here about the 8th or 9th of July.

No stone will be left unturned to have the team in the best possible shape and practices will be held every evening up to the day of departure. A scheme is on foot to have home games with the best men in both the Maple Leaf and Vancouver teams, which will help to get the local twice in condition as well as afford good lacrosse for the spectators.

The team will play fourteen members of the intermediates some day next week.

HEARTLESS ACT OF FISHERMEN

LET RUDDERLESS SLOOP DRIFT TOWARDS SEA

Capt. Bernays Arrives in Portland After Terribly Trying Time.

Portland, June 18.—Haggard and worn, with eyelids heavy, and faces wan, Captain L. A. Bernays and his crew, of Mate Hancock and B. Wilson, all of Vancouver, arrived up this morning, after fourteen days terrible experiences. Capt. Bernays displays a head of hair plentifully sprinkled with gray, it was all black he says when he left Vancouver.

Several times the little crew gave up hope. Contrary to the expressed belief that only good weather existed off the coast since they started from Neah Bay, they complain of every kind of adversity.

Capt. Bernays says the Guiding Star actually reached Astoria on Sunday night late, and being unrecognized, he started toward Portland at 2 a. m. Immediately afterwards a fisherman's smack tore off his rudder, which clung to the fish net. Instead of returning the rudder, he says the fisherman cruelly "threw it overboard."

"We were helpless," said Capt. Bernays, "but those fishermen simply sat there and laughed at us. It was the most heartless act I ever saw. We at once began to drift to sea. And we knew if we could not get an emergency rudder constructed in time we would go over the bar where nothing could save us. Fortunately we had some extra oars. We worked like Trojans and won just in time."

The Guiding Star's narrowest escape was from Port Angeles to Neah Bay from heavy seas. Several close shaves were also experienced from collisions on the Sound.

CEREMONY OF SPLENDOR

Archbishop McEvoy is Formally Installed in Toronto.

Toronto, June 18.—Accompanied by the splendor with which the Church of Rome invests its ceremonial, the new archbishop of Toronto, Right Rev. Fergus Patrick McEvoy, D. D., was yesterday formally installed in St. Michael's cathedral. The service was of great magnificence, in view of the fact that the Papal Alegate in Canada, Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, D. D., came up from Ottawa to take part in the ceremony. Long before the hour the ceremony was announced to commence, St. Michael's cathedral was crowded.

BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE.

Plague Carrying Away Chinese in Province of Hainan Like Flies.

Hongkong, June 18.—The boycott against the Japanese is still strongly maintained. The government has prohibited meetings at restaurants called to discuss the question of self-government and similar subjects.

A missionary arriving from the province of Hainan states that the people are dying off from plague like flies. The scourge is abating in Hongkong.

I. O. F. ELECTIONS.

Toronto, June 18.—The supreme court of the I. O. F. yesterday elected the following officers: S. C. P. Elliott, G. Stevenson, P. S. R. Clark; S. S. R. Mathison; S. T. Harry Collins, Harry Collins was opposed for the office of supreme treasurer, a position which he has held for fifteen years, by five aspirants. He was elected after two ballots.

MATORALTY RECOUNT.

New York, June 18.—In the majority election contest the recounting of all the ballots cast in the Bronx and Manhattan boroughs was completed to-day. In 52 precincts counted to-day, W. R. Hearst made a net gain of 15. His total net gain for 113 precincts is 337. The recounting of ballots cast in the 430 precincts of Brooklyn was begun to-day.

FROM ALTAR TO POLICE CELL.

Toronto, June 18.—From the altar to the cell in thirty-six hours was the step taken by Mrs. Albert Saunders. She had been a domestic servant in Stratford and had stolen a gold watch from her mistress before her wedding.

GERMANY AND GOLD IMPORTS.

Berlin, June 18.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced to-day from 4 1/2 to 4 per cent. This it is believed will further stimulate gold imports.

SUMMONS OF DEATH.

Chatham, Ont., June 18.—Alex. Grover, aged 65, committed suicide yesterday because he was summoned to appear in the police court.

INVESTIGATION WAS PREJUDICED

COL. GORDEAU ACCUSES COMMISSIONER FYSHE

Says Charges Against Marine Department Are Without Foundation.

Ottawa, June 18.—In the marine department inquiry before Judge Casbells to-day, Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister, declared that Civil Service Commissioner Fyshe had acted in the most boorish manner in conducting his investigation into the departmental books, ignoring the official and the explanations. When asked by Accountant Owen to cease mutilating the departmental files, by tearing out pages of original documents, Mr. Fyshe had replied he did not care a— for the minister or any of his officials.

Col. Gourdeau says Mr. Fyshe had shown a blind prejudice from the start against the department and had made the most reckless statements and charges. The witness explained several items referred to by Mr. Fyshe in the charges in which he declared the latter could have easily found out if he had not been so dogmatic, that the charges of irregularities contained in the civil service report were without foundation.

Col. Gourdeau was on the stand most of the day and made a frank and full explanation of all the items called into question. He said he had ascertained there were absolutely no irregularities and no sign of graft that he knew of.

WORLD FROM CANAL ZONE.

Commissioner Secretary Says Inter-Ocean Highway Will Be Finished in 5 Years.

New York, June 18.—Joseph B. Bishop, secretary of the Isthmian canal commission, said here yesterday on board the Panama steamship Esperanza from Colon. He will go to Washington to make a report on conditions in the canal zone. Mr. Bishop said the work is now progressing so rapidly that the men on the commission assert that the canal will be ready for ocean to ocean transportation at the end of five years.

TO UPSET POWER BY-LAW.

London, Ont., June 18.—Henry Smith, a contractor, has begun an action to upset the power by-law.

TWO MEN DROWN IN KLONDIKE RIVER

Fall Off Barge at Bear Creek Dredge and Are Swept Away.

Dawson, May 31.—The first drowning accident of the season was recorded yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when two men employed on the Bear creek dredge met their death in the Klondike. Their names were Oscar Danielson and Elizard Sans Torre, and both were expert river men, the former a native of Sweden and the latter a French Canadian.

The men were employed about the dredge in attending to the lines and looking after the "dead men" to which the cables were attached, seeing that no drift wood collected where it would be in the way, and having other similar duties. Sans Torre had been with the company two years and Danielson was still in his first.

At the time of the accident they were in a scow to the rear of the dredge, where they could not be seen, and how they came to be thrown in the water will never be known. The first intimation of the tragedy was when one of the winchmen saw them in the current, drifting down stream, and making a desperate effort to save themselves.

The dredge was immediately brought to a standstill and the alarm given, but before any assistance could be rendered they had sunk out of sight and only a ripple marked the spot where they had disappeared. Upon investigation the scow from which they had evidently fallen it was found to be moored alongside the dredge, right side up, and the only way in which the accident can be accounted for is that in sculling the scow about they lost their balance and fell overboard.

Both the men were strong swimmers and made no outcry when they hit the water, or if they did it was not heard. Sans Torre in passing tried to grasp a line that would have saved him, but missed it by a few inches. The current at that point is very strong and the water is high and it would be an unusually strong swimmer who could save himself in the icy element, handicapped with a suit of clothing and heavy boots.

Little hope is held out of the bodies being recovered, unless they should drift into an eddy or their clothing catch upon a snag. Both were young men and as far as known unmarried.

NAVIGATION OPENS ON YUKON RIVER

Little Freight is Carried Owing to Low State of Water.

Seattle, June 18.—The latest in many years, the first boats of the Yukon River fleet left White Horse for points on the lower river yesterday and to-day. Three boats are heavily loaded with passengers, relieving the congestion at that place which occasioned much suffering. The vessels are carrying little freight owing to the unusual low state of the water.

A special cablegram from Nome says the steamship Victoria, the first boat of the fleet to reach Nome this year, sailed for Seattle to-day with more than \$300,000 in gold. The Victoria also carried a large consignment of mail from Nome and interior points.

FRUIT CROPS INJURED.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 18.—There was a heavy frost on Monday night, and from reports coming in from the surrounding country it is feared all vegetables were badly injured, especially in the low lands. Many bean fields will be a complete loss, and strawberries are also much damaged. In and about the city the damage was slight.

VICTORIAN READS PAPER.

Quebec, June 18.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild opened here yesterday morning with delegates in attendance from Halifax to Victoria. An interesting address was delivered by President Beckett, of Hamilton, while a paper on cost of doing business during a year was read by Mr. Wollaston, of Victoria.

FROM PAUPER TO MILLIONAIRE.

Leamington, Ont., June 18.—Joseph Etchison, 65 years old, an Englishman who has been for some time an inmate of the house of refuge here, has fallen heir, by the death of an uncle, to an estate in Manchester claimed to be worth about a million dollars. He has left for England.

THAW LUNACY CASE.

New York, June 18.—Arguments on the removal of Harry K. Thaw from the criminal insane asylum at Matteawan to a private institution which were to have been heard by Justice Dowling to-day were adjourned until to-morrow morning.

UNION IS SLOGAN.

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JOHN PERCY, F. A. PAULINE.

TO LONDON.

ral Bowser Wants to be a Trip Also.

eral Bowser is arrang- to London next year. He e an appeal from the Su- decision on the Immigra- tion by him last ses- as declared by the courts. Itual. He will also, it self several other appeals sitting of the Privy Coun- of Indian reserves and ary interests by agree- the Dominion and the be included. Similarly the water rights in the will also come up.

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