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Editor Colonist,
The season's greetings to all householders in British Columbia. They have just finished a new year. My wish is that in showing ourselves for the upbuilding of this adopted Province, they will exhibit the spirit of their fathers, and do honour to them, whose Province for which I trust they will always have a fond remembrance.
G. W. Murray

New Year Greetings to People of British Columbia



PREMIER'S OFFICE

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 22, 1911

I am grateful for the invitation to extend through these columns a New Year's message to the people of British Columbia, and gladly avail myself of it. During the past twelve months the Province has experienced wonderful growth in population, industries and general development. Extensive railway construction and large additions to the merchant marine have been necessary to supply the demands for greater transportation facilities, and in all sides there has been healthy and well sustained progress. For the year 1912 there is a certainty of an increased impetus along all lines that will make for material advancement and in my best wish for a large number of settlers as well as the investment of vast amounts of capital in the further development of our natural resources. With this bright prospect in view we may all wish peace and happiness surrounding us every day and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Richard S. Blaine

MESSAGE FULL OF OPTIMISM

Premier McBride Reviews Progress of Past Twelve Months and Predicts Increased Prosperity

GREAT ADVANCES IN RAILROAD BUILDING

Natural Resources of British Columbia are Being Developed, Bringing Material Gain to Inhabitants

"I look forward confidently to 1912 as the year which, as a matter of fact, opens up the new era for British Columbia in all its fulness—a year of great development, beyond what we had dared to hope or dream of only a few years ago. And yet these things, this rapid evolution toward provincial greatness, are not to be regarded as in any way abnormal. This is an amazingly rich country in which we have the good fortune to live—a country whose quality and variety of natural wealth assure its future. And not only has it this exceedingly rich endowment in natural resources, but it has climate and geographical position as well making this section of the country worthy of the world recognition, commercially, which it is obtaining. I feel that I realize now for the first time how great is the interest evinced throughout the world in this British Columbia of ours. And in speaking thus of the established standing of the province both in London and in Paris, I speak with certainty, from what I myself saw and heard during my trip of last summer to Europe with Attorney-General Bower, in connection with our representation of the province at His Majesty's coronation. We have had a good year in British Columbia during 1911—a year in which the province has forged forward, and which has seen marked advance in the accomplishment of our high destiny. And in 1912 will certainly eclipse the year now just at an end." It was in these words yesterday that Hon. Richard S. Blaine, premier minister of British Columbia, summarized the situation in and for the province, as the volume of another year's progress is completed and a new volume begun.

Last Year's Prophecy
Just one year ago, to a day, the first minister conveyed through these columns a New Year's message of cheer and optimism to the people of British Columbia. In that message he made bold to prophesy great things for the year and period then opening and in this connection said:
"The next four years will witness a great development of British Columbia's population and a larger expenditure in railroad construction and major industrial works than any previous period has witnessed in the history of the province. This prediction is based with confidence upon assured railway construction and the large number of new industrial enterprises already in progress. Railway construction alone during the next few years should provide for a distribution of over fifty million dollars in this province, while there should simultaneously be more than a like amount invested

in industrial enterprises and reproductive public works. The government has spent something like five million dollars on such public works during the past year and plans to spend no less during each of the next four years, or twenty millions within the period altogether."

The premier then proceeded to sketch in outline the several major railway and general industrial enterprises upon the carrying forward of which his optimistic, but by no means extravagant, prediction was based. And with the close of the first year in this period of four, British Columbians are able to look back, and checking the record of the past twelve months' accomplishments—realize how well within the bounds of safe conservatism the premier was in speaking then as he did, and yet how capable of judging the forward movement of provincial events time has proved him to have been.

In giving to British Columbia another New Year's message of cheering and justifiable optimism, the first minister, as then, has taken the trouble to recapitulate and briefly comment upon some of the outstanding features of British Columbia's present progressive and expansive movement, in which the railway construction factor necessarily has first place.

Railroad Construction.

Dealing with the subject of railway construction approximately, there have been during the just ending year, according to the provincial minister of (Continued on page 2.)

NAMES CABINET FOR REPUBLIC

Sun Yat Sen's Tentative Nominations Are Reported—Correspondents Interview Yuan Shi Kai

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The cabinet of the republic of China has been tentatively selected as follows, according to cable advices received tonight by representatives of the Chinese Six Companies, from the provisional government at Nanking:
Premier—General Li Yuan Heng.
Department of War—Wong Hing.
Interior—Tong Fay Leong.
Navy—Admiral Sah Chen Hing.
Foreign Affairs—Wu Ting Fang.
Colonial—Fung Chi Yue.
Finance—Chin Chin Fao.
Agriculture—Chung Chin.
Communications—Wong Chung Yue.
Education—Yee.
Attorney-General—Sow Gow Yin.
Chief Adviser—Chung Tai Yue.
Assistant Advisers—Wong Moo, Ah Fung See.

Yuan Stands Firm.
PEKING, Dec. 30.—Yuan Shi Kai received several foreign correspondents this evening, in the Wai Wu, public building, where he has both his offices and residence. The approaches were heavily guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets. Tenants cleared the grounds surrounding the building. The premier, who is believed to be constantly in danger of assassination, and therefore, takes every precaution, is a very heavy set man between 50 and 60 years of age. He appeared unusually large in several winter robes. Yuan Shi Kai gave it to be understood that he wanted a true referendum on the question of a republic; he was opposed to haste because of the danger that

the Shanghai convention would not be representative.

Replying to a question as to whether the Shanghai demands would be met, he said the matter was for the decision of the Imperial clan. In order to carry on the administration, he declared that money will be needed and the princes had not come forward sufficiently in that direction. He added that if the rebels advanced the Imperial troops would engage them.

There will be another meeting at the palace tomorrow of the Empress Dowager, the Premier and the Imperial princes. The question for their consideration is that of abdication or disorganizing their riches. Yuan Shi Kai refuses to abide by the agreement entered into by Shan Shao, his own representative, and Wu Ting Fang, the republican representative. He has sent several telegrams to Shanghai, approving only the continuation of the armistice.

TRAIN WRECKED BY BROKEN RAIL

Six Dead and Thirteen Injured on Great Northern Express—Cars are Thrown Over an Embankment

SHARON, N. D., Dec. 30.—Train No. 3 on the Great Northern railroad, the "Oregon," was wrecked about 4 miles west of Finley today with a loss of six known dead and thirteen injured. The wreck was due to a broken rail. The train left St. Paul at 3:25 o'clock this morning, bound for Seattle. On the train, in his private car, was J. M. Gruber, general manager of the Great Northern Railway, who escaped unhurt. His car went off the track, but remained upright. Tonight the Great Northern officials report the dead as follows: (Continued on page 2.)

PEACE DINNER WELL POLICED

Many City Officers and Secret Service Men on Hand to See That No Disturbance Occurs—Poor Arrangements Made

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—With the Waldorf-Astoria humming with suppressed excitement and guarded within and without by a force of a hundred or more police officers, detectives and secret service men, the preliminaries to the peace banquet tonight savored almost as highly of the sensational as did the events of the week of turbulence among the promoters of the function.

There was trouble before the arrival of President Taft, the guest of honor, who reached here at 6 o'clock from Philadelphia, and was driven directly to the hotel. Through some misunderstanding, the dinner cards had not been delivered, and the president, on reaching the Waldorf, was ushered into a private room and had to wait more than an hour while the committee tried to untangle the scheme and arrange for the seating of more than 1400 guests. Before the difficulty had been adjusted, both the management and the guests became perceptibly angered.

Echoes of dissension which had marked preparations for the dinner were still heard as the diners were assembling. The detachment from Washington was a disappointment in size, as none of the foreign ambassadors and diplomats who had accepted invitations came. It was explained that there had been an almost universal withdrawal of acceptances by those guests, some of the delegations arriving today, one being by telegraph. The discussion of the purpose of the dinner, whether it definitely was to endorse the pending arbitration treaties, also was revived with the declaration

by Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, that he had intended staying away when told that the endorsement of the treaties was to be "side-tracked," but had decided to come when advised by the committee "that the purpose of the dinner had not been changed." Further contribution to the discussion also was made by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, about whose attitude towards the function the controversy centered. In his letter declining the invitation, Colonel Roosevelt reiterated his declaration that it seemed to him "worse than foolish—in short, utterly hypocritical—to support these treaties."

President Taft, in contrast to conditions attending his visit here a fortnight ago, was plentifully guarded tonight. Besides a half-dozen Pennsylvania railroad detectives and an equal number of secret service men, who escorted him from the train, a committee from the dinner management met Mr. Taft, and a procession of motor cars (Continued on page 2.)

THREE ARRESTS AT LOS ANGELES

Tveitmore, Johannsen and Munsey Charged by Grand Jury with Complicity in Dynamiting Conspiracy

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Three labor leaders of national prominence were indicted and arrested here today in the government's first roundup of men alleged to be connected with the dynamiting conspiracy which the federal grand jury began investigating here and in Indianapolis recently after the McNamara brothers made their confession on Dec. 1. The men taken into custody were Olat Tveitmore, secretary-treasurer of the California state building trades council and head of the anti-Asiatic league, A. Johannsen, organizer of the state building trades, and J. Munsey,

head of the Salt Lake City trade union of the international association of bridge and structural iron workers, of which John J. McNamara, now serving a term in San Quentin prison, was secretary and treasurer at the time of his confession. They are charged with having conspired to transport nitrolycerine from one state to another.

E. A. Clancy, formerly business manager of the structural iron workers' union in San Francisco, was charged with the same offense in the same indictment, but has not yet been taken into custody.

In addition to these four, five other men were named in the indictment—Ortle McManigal, who was special agent in gathering evidence, the two McNamara brothers, and David Kaplan and one Schmidt, the alleged confederates of James E. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building.

Tveitmore, Johannsen and Munsey obtained bail in the sum of \$5,000 late this afternoon, having been prisoners in the United States offices for five hours. Lecompte Davis, one of the McNamara defense attorneys, Mrs. Job Harriman, wife of another of the attorneys who represented the McNamaras, and John Murray, who formerly edited a labor union paper here, and who was a farmer near Los Angeles, acted as bondsmen. Edward A. Regan, deputy United States attorney, approved the bonds and agreed with Attorney Job Harriman, who represented the accused men, that the arraignment should not take place before Tuesday, January 2.

A. C. McCormick, United States district attorney, declared positively that the government's investigation into the alleged national dynamite conspiracy was by no means ended, and he also intimated that besides continuing the investigation into the illegal transportation of explosives, the grand jury

might take up alleged misuse of the mails to further the ends of the alleged conspirators.

The investigation which resulted in the return of the conspiracy indictment today was begun December 7, two days after the McNamara brothers were sentenced. Since then the grand jury has examined a large number of witnesses, many of importance in union labor circles, and practically all of whom, except Paul Scharrenberg of San Francisco, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, have been excused. Scharrenberg, however, is expected to be called as a witness when the grand jury meets again next Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—E. A. Clancy, formerly business agent for the structural workers in this city, who was indicted by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles today for alleged connection with dynamiting outrages, is critically ill at his home in this city. Because of his precarious condition it is probable that his arrest will not take place immediately. Clancy is suffering from heart trouble, and physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

Clancy, at his residence tonight, was visited by United States Marshal Elliott and served with a warrant. As he is very ill, Clancy was allowed to remain at his home on custody of Deputy United States Marshal Warner. Clancy said that he will be able tomorrow to give the \$5,000 bond required.

Local Option Contests
TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Several local option contests will take place in Ontario on Monday. There are today 412 municipalities "dry" in this province, and in 386 liquor is sold. Of the 70 contests on Monday 15 are on repeal of the law.



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, OTTAWA

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Dear Sir On this Christmas day I gladly comply with your request to send you a New Year message from myself to former residents of Ontario now residing in British Columbia. To all such good men & good citizens I wish very many returns of this festive & holiday season. I greet them as good men and good citizens with every confidence in the propriety and accuracy of my description, and I have no doubt but they will, by their daily lives and conduct, showing that they appreciate the blessings of British institutions and British freedom, that they value the traditions which cling around and have become part and parcel of our national existence as British subjects, and that with earnest thankfulness for the divine favour which has been vouchsafed to the Canadian people, with an unflinching hand, they propose to stand by the continuity and permanence of British institutions on the continent of North America, and to be ready and anxious to take whatever part may be allotted to them in the great work of the strengthening and concentration of the British Empire everywhere. Nor have I any doubt Mr. Editor that alongside and in full sympathy with them will march their British Columbian brethren.
Yours very truly
J. P. White