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THE SITUATION AT FERNIE.

The fire which laid a great portion of the Crow's Nest Valley in ruin and desolation was a most deplorable affair, but, in respect of loss of human life, proved not so bad as first reports indicated. Considering the terrible suddenness with which the conflagration swept through the country, eating up greedily everything in its path, the wonder is that the death list was not very much larger. It appears that after all the city of Fernie suffered most severely. The progress of the flames has been arrested by natural agencies in time to prevent the complete annihilation of the surrounding towns and settlements. So that, while the resulting distress must be great, there is something to be thankful for. Now that the condition of the people of the ill-fated district is known, it will be the duty of Canadians to do all in their power, within the limits of the resources, to alleviate suffering and to provide for the establishment of the destroyed places upon the old, and we trust upon a safer and more permanent, basis. The inhabitants of Fernie have passed through the fire in a most admirable spirit. They announce that already steps have been taken for the creation of a new city. Governments and municipalities and private individuals may be depended upon to render them all possible assistance in this laudable endeavor. The dead cannot be restored to life nor the anguish of the bereaved lessened by anything within human power, but we can render material assistance; pursuit of duties and the passing of time will eventually heal the wounds of the heart-stricken.

THE ESQUIMALT CO.'S PROPOSALS

The correspondence between the city and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, published in another column, will be read with considerable interest by citizens of Victoria. It is interesting as showing the value the water company places upon its holdings and the rapidity with which its property is increasing in value according to the estimates of the company. It would perhaps be still more interesting if the company had given the public a hint as to the factors in the situation which are responsible for such a steady rise in values. Does this paper inflation bear an inverse ratio to the amount of water collected according to the experience of this year and last?

The company will not undertake to deliver to the city more than ten million gallons per diem. The advocates of its cause claimed a short time ago that the works at Goldstream were capable of collecting and delivering about twenty-five million gallons per diem. Why this shrinkage while every other feature appears to be undergoing a process of rapid expansion?

The company will sell to the city all its works for a price approximating one million six hundred thousand dollars. That we believe is a fair estimate of the total cost under the terms and conditions it imposes in its communication to Mr. Raymur, Water Commissioner. This offer is also interesting as showing how completely mistaken the people are who have all along contended that if the officials of the company were approached in a spirit of humility having a proper relationship to the circumstances of the case a bargain advantageous to the city might easily be consummated.

The company values its property at more than three times the amount expended upon it. That is to say, the "unearned increment" is three times more valuable than the property itself.

The company will not sell its waste water at all,—that is, not wholesale. It prefers to dispose of it, if we will, construct dams, reservoirs and conduits, at three cents per thousand gallons. In that way it would have a perpetual source of revenue which would go a long way to compensate for the prospective loss of the patronage of the tramway company.

There is one satisfactory feature of the correspondence. It finally disposes of the water question as far as direct negotiations with the Esquimalt Water Works Company are concerned. But the city still retains the interest in Goldstream conveyed to it by the Legislature.

A PARTY PICNIC.

The Conservatives of the coast are going to hold a great picnic at the metropolis of Saanich some time during the present month. At this grand gathering, we are told, some of the members of the provincial government will deliver orations. That feature of the gathering will, possibly, be a picnic for the ministers. Whether it will also be a picnic for the rank and file of the party is quite another matter. A few months ago the party was going to have a picnic in the Dominion general elections. The Premier of the province was to be the centre piece on that great occasion as the opponent of the Minister of Inland Revenue in the constituency of Victoria. But apparently something has occurred to necessitate a change in the programme. Possibly Mr. McBride, after surveying the field in general and the situation in Victoria, has concluded that the prospects for picnics are brighter in provincial than they might prove to be in the federal arena. But, whatever the considerations which have influenced his actions, he has decided that a contest against the Minister would be no picnic. He has refused to permit his name to be mentioned as a candidate, and the picnic has degenerated into a prospective inter-communion of honest, loyal political souls at Sidney, Vancouver Island. Doubtless Sir Hibbert Tupper and George Cowan, from Vancouver, Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, from Pier Island, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Flumerfelt, and the editor of the Colonist, from Victoria, will be invited to be present and to participate in the good things, material and intellectual, which will be dispensed on that interesting occasion.

"Why Mr. Flumerfelt?" some one not familiar with the innermost secrets of the party may ask. Is it not known to you, most innocent one, that Mr. Flumerfelt has been finally selected by the managers of the party, provided he will consent, to carry the pure white banner of Conservatism at the next federal election in Victoria? Are you not aware that Mr. McBride had been importuned to take up the running, and, after a minute investigation of his own chances in Victoria and the prospects of the party throughout the country at large, reached the wise conclusion that the times and the seasons were not favorable? Do you not know that Mr. Beckwith, the sacrificial lamb of the bye-election, had been tenderly placed in the balances and had been found wanting in some essential particulars? Do you not recollect that Mr. Barnard, president of the great Conservative party of British Columbia, was only a short time ago hailed as the one man capable of saving the situation, but that Mr. Barnard's motor lamps, burning brightly, having shown him that the road to Ottawa is rough and the travelling likely to be difficult, he also has declined the honor? Have you not heard that, all the acknowledged stalwarts of the party having either funked the issue or been cast aside as not measuring up to the required standard, a "dark horse" hitherto not known to have cherished any particular political affiliations or ambitions, has been selected to take the track, and that Mr. Flumerfelt may have the nomination if he will? Of course it is a great compliment to Mr. Flumerfelt, a stranger to political ways and an unknown man to the great majority of the people of Victoria, to be asked to lead a forlorn hope, to step into a breach which is regarded with dread by veterans and stalwarts who fully realize what the consequences are sure to be. Possibly Mr. Flumerfelt will make his intentions known at the great picnic to be held in Saanich. Upon his decision depends, apparently, the question whether the Minister of Inland Revenue is or is not to have an appearance of opposition at the next Dominion general election.

BACK TO NATURE.

It is a remarkable fact that in Canada, the United States and Great Britain the people are every year becoming more addicted to the habit of "living in tents in the wilderness," to use a figure of speech. There are few wildernesses in Canada worth speaking of, as the abode of desolation is understood by students of the sacred scriptures. There are great stretches of practically uninhabitable territory in the United States and in Canada also, if you go far enough towards the North pole. As for the Islands of Great Britain, which a facetious Yankee dared not traverse too quickly for fear of striding into the "drink," one would think forty millions of people could scarcely be collected there without being brought into daily communication with each other. Be these things as they may, there is a marked tendency in the three countries to "get back to nature." This desire is accomplished in different ways in accordance with the special circumstances of the case. We know something about the movement in British Columbia. The canvas villages along the sea beaches are evidences of it. The popular tendency is not so easily accomplished in Great Britain because of the density of the population. Vacant spaces are not so plentiful there. The consequence is that the country roads and wayside places are so thickly occupied with caravans that legislators have thought it necessary to make regulations for the benefit of the travelling public and to conserve proprietory rights in land. So many people have forsaken their regular habitations, notwithstanding "all modern conveniences," that a bill has been introduced in the House of Lords providing for certain restrictions upon all "movable dwellings."

The measure defines as movable dwellings all tents except those used by the army; canoes, yachts, houseboats and every description of vehicle provided with sleeping accommodations, from the vans of the itinerant showman and peddler to the saloon carriages in which well-to-do Englishmen of roving proclivities go "land-yachting." All owners of vehicles within this category are to be required to register their name, age and sex previous to obtaining certificates and the vehicles are to be officially lettered and numbered.

The bill is not likely to become law immediately, if it ever does. It has encountered vigorous opposition, and, as the Lords have, as usual, taken a recess for shooting season, it has been shelved for the time being. Yet the fact of its having been introduced at all seems to prove that the Gypsies are wise in their generation in adhering to the first principles of healthy existence When a race of people, presumably "the furthest removed in the scale of civilization from a nomadic existence" take to the wilds in thousands, the fact is worthy of more than a passing reference.

A New York newspaper, commenting on the proposed action of the British House of Lords, says:

"A law of this character in force here would affect tens of thousands of tent-dwellers in the woods and by the seashore, sportmen in 'portable houses' and the occupants of innumerable houseboats. 'Prairie schooners' and automobiles on tour would alike come within its scope. An Upton Sinclair caravan would be under the necessity of securing a license and the 'back to nature' colonists would be hampered in their freedom.

"Federal regulation of this sort is inconceivable. Its consideration is merely instructive as calling to mind the remarkable vogue of tent life, an odd illustration of which was furnished by the recent erection of a tent on a hotel roof top for the accommodation of guests, and the readiness of citizens to put aside conventionality and go camping or embark on caravan tours."

A LEADER'S TRICKERY.

A leading citizen of Victoria, and, needless to add, a diligent readers of the Times, asks us to publish, for the benefit of honest Conservatives, the following article from the Kootenay Liberal, of Nelson, B. C.:

"Until the closing days of the recent session of parliament at Ottawa, the great majority of Canadians would have emphatically and indignantly resented any suggestion or insinuation that R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, was anything but a thoroughly gentlemanly and honorable man. In common with others we have always respected Mr. Borden, and looked upon him as one above the small trickery and questionable practices of such followers and colleagues of his as George Foster. On the whole, sympathy for Mr. Borden, rather than condemnation, has been the prevailing sentiment during the months of disgraceful fighting that have been dragging out their slow course at the capital. It was recognized that Mr. Borden was not strong enough to hold in check such dominating spirits as Foster, and that it would be unfair to throw any great share of the blame for Foster's course on his shoulders. But (we regret to say it) almost the close of the session witnessed the exhibition of a bit of duplicity on Mr. Borden's part which has gone far towards shattering our confidence in him, and which, we venture to state, will, when it is well known, have the same effect upon many others. In the particular incident to which we now refer, Mr. Borden, and Mr. Borden alone, was responsible. He carried through the play himself, and when he was trapped it was for himself he had to blush. In ordinary life, the part he played would be termed nothing less than dishonorable. But since it occurred in the course of a political fight, it will probably escape under a less approbrious title. It was during the debate on Mr. Fielding's financial statement; and Mr. Borden, in an attempt to prove that the country was staggering under a burden it could not carry, and was almost face to face with bankruptcy, told the House that he would not ask it to accept his own views but would quote from the London Economist. In his own words:

"'In the face of that opinion from an impartial and well-informed source—because the London Economist is recognized as one of the greatest financial authorities in the world. * * * Let me read one or two further paragraphs from the Economist * * * the view that is taken by this great financial journal. * * * This is the comment of a great financial journal.'

"Mr. Borden certainly rubbed it well into the House that he was quoting the opinions of the London Economist. There was no equivocation—no ambiguity: he made the straight statement and repeated it many times in divers forms.

"Then came the denouement. When Mr. Borden had finished reading from the London Economist the dire attack on Canada's finances, which he took such a delight in quoting, Mr. Fielding asked him if he would mind sending over the paper. Mr. Borden blushed, hesitated, and began to explain that what he had been reading was not from the editorial columns of the Economist, but was from a correspondent.

"Mr. Fielding's reply was cutting: 'The honorable gentleman has stated that this is the comment of a great financial journal. He has given the impression that it was the statement of the editor. * * * * He has given the House an article from a correspondent and represented it to be the comment of the London Economist itself.'

"But this is not all. It has since developed that the correspondent was no other than Mr. Edward Farrer, an Ottawa correspondent, who is employed by Mr. Borden's political friends to get out campaign material.

"It is only with a feeling of sincere disappointment that the Liberal recounts the facts in this case. It has always held so high an opinion of Mr. Borden's personal integrity and honesty that this revelation is painful in the extreme. Had Mr. Foster been guilty of such a trick, it would not have provoked more than passing comment. But in the case of Mr. Borden the offence is much graver. Mr. Foster is accustomed to such things and nothing better is expected of him."

EMPEROR'S SYMPATHY IN AIRSHIP DISASTER

All Germany Behind Count Zeppelin in His Next Venture.

Freiderichshaven, Aug. 6.—The King of Wurtemburg called on Count Zeppelin at his hotel here to-day and conveyed to the aeronaut the personal regret of Emperor William over the destruction yesterday of the count's airship at Echterdingen.

The Emperor telegraphed: "I have heard with the deepest regret of the destruction of your balloon in a storm, and I wish you to know of my cordial sympathy in your misfortune, all the more since I, and all Germany, thought we had every reason to believe we could congratulate you on the glorious realization of your splendid epoch-making achievement. Nevertheless, what you have accomplished must be recognized as of the highest order and this must be a comfort to you in this catastrophe."

In addition to the governmental grant of $125,000 to Count Zeppelin for the construction of another airship, it appears probable that the count will be given even a greater sum for the construction of a new dirigible on the model of the one that was destroyed yesterday and for extensive experiments with new ideas. The national pride has made the work of Count Zeppelin its own and almost every city of the Empire has opened public subscriptions to raise money for the count.

POLICIES REGARDING RAILROADS IDENTICAL

E. H. Harriman Cares Not Whether Bryan or Taft is President.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 6.—A special from Ogden says Edward H. Harriman, who passed through Ogden late yesterday on his way to Oregon, denied that there was any truth in the report that he had or would obtain control of the Gould railroad properties.

"I have, of course, heard the rumors," he said, "but there is nothing in them."

"It is true," he added, "that recently the system which I now control obligated itself to meet certain indebtedness of the Gould properties but personally I was only an incident to the transaction. There is nothing in the report that I am to meet representatives of the Gould railroad holdings in Salt Lake or any other place to discuss the matter."

Talking of the political situation, Mr. Harriman said: "The election of Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan would not in the least affect the railroads of the country because the policies of the Republican and Democratic parties in the prosecution of railroads which violate the law are identical.

FERNIE SUFFERERS ARE BEING RELIEVED

Encouraging Reports From Superintendent Hussey—Brisbane Expresses Sympathy.

(From Thursday's Daily).

Advices received by the government from Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, who is in charge of the work of relief at Fernie and vicinity, indicates that the sufferers are being well provided for. Mr. Hussey has ordered supplies. He says free contributions of supplies continue to arrive daily at Fernie and Cranbrook from all directions. Citizens' relief committees are thoroughly organized at both towns and good order prevails. He has instructed the government agent to proceed with immediate construction of temporary building for offices, court house and lock-up combined, costing about eight hundred dollars. Money contributions will be applied for general relief of distress. Money already contributed is in the hands of a finance committee composed of the managers of the three chartered banks at Fernie.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is in receipt of a telegram expressing the great sympathy of the citizens of Brisbane for the victims of the conflagration in British Columbia.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the council of the board of trade of Victoria will met and deal with the question of aid to Fernie.

PAPER MILLS STILL CLOSED.

Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 6.—P. J. Downey, of the state board of arbitration, has been in this city during the past two days endeavoring to settle the differences between the International Paper Company and the Paper Makers' Union. The paper mills are still closed, and apparently no agreement has been reached. Three mills, employing pulp makers, which did not go on strike, were closed this morning.

OPIUM DEATHS.

Vancouver, Aug. 6.—The bodies of two men, probably tramps, were found to-day on the Eburne road, south of this city, in a small shack. They had probably been dead for three weeks. It is stated they had taken an overdose of opium and died in their sleep.

DRIFT TO DEATH ON ICEFLOE

ERICKSHEN AND TWO COMPANIONS PERISH

Danish Explorers Are Victims in Tragedy of Far Northland.

Copenhagen, Aug. 6.—Mylius Erickshen, the Danish explorer, has met his death in the Far North. According to information just received in a telegram to the president of the Denmark-Greenland expedition, Erickshen and two of his companion who sailed on June 24th, 1906, to the unexplored regions of the northeastern coast of Greenland, perished in a snowstorm.

The three men were on an expedition over the ice when disaster overtook them. The exploring party had mapped out large tracts of unknown land and charted the entire northeastern coast of Greenland.

Erickshen and his companions were on an ice floe when they were overtaken by the snowstorm. The floe drifted out to sea. The provisions of the explorers soon became exhausted and they drifted for some days, growing weaker and weaker, when the floe was finally driven back to the land, the three men did not have sufficent strength to return to the station. They must have perished on the shore.

The Esquimaux who brought in the news of the disaster arrived at the station in a dying condition, and succumbed immediately after making his report.

EIGHT HUNDRED CASUALTIES IN TABRIZ

Thirty-five Days of Continuous Fighting—Bombs and Shrapnel Used.

Tabriz, Aug. 6.—There have now been thirty-five days fighting in the streets of Tabriz, and the casualties, due chiefly to bombs thrown from mortars and shrapnel, are estimated at 800. Many of the finer residences of the city and hundreds of shops in the bazaars have been looted. The losses in this direction are being placed at more than $1,000,000.

American missionaries in the city have been exposed to stray bullets. Although they have had some narrow escapes none have been injured.

DEMOCRATS AND CHEAP FARES.

Western Passenger Association Refuses to Grant Special Rate to Bryan Nomination.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 6.—The Western Passenger Association has refused to grant a special rate for the Bryan notification on August 12th. Secretary Whitten, of the Lincoln Commercial Club, who received the ultimatum of the association to-ray, has wired Chairman Mack, of the Democratic national committee, and other leading Democrats, urging them to protest against the decision. Special rates were granted for the Taft notification, Secretary Whitten declares.

"JOHN D." DISPLAYS GOOD PRESENCE OF MIND

Quick Action on Part of Millionaire Averts Disaster.

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—A man, said by bystanders to have been John D. Rockefeller, by quick action last night possibly saved himself and an automobile load of friends from what might have been a serious and fatal accident. At the Cleveland & Pittsburg railway crossing the automobile was stopped. While thus standing a train approached and the gates were lowered. One gate fell across the machine and would have hit one of the occupants had not the man supposed to be Mr. Rockefeller caught the guard and ordered the chauffeur to go ahead quickly. The crossing watchman became active and raised the gate. The automobile cleared the track only a few seconds ahead of the passing train.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME.

You are sure to be attacked with cramps, indigestion and diarrhoea. Keep Nerviline handy—it gives ease at once. No summer medicine better for young or old than Polson's Nerviline. Try it.

IN CHAMBERS.

Application Made in Star vs. White Case.

(From Thursday's Daily).

In chambers yesterday afternoon an application was made by C. V. Bodwell, K. C., before the chief justice in the Star vs. White mining case. Mr. Bodwell sought a stay of proceedings at the mine pending the disposal of the appeal before the supreme court of Canada.

The chief justice, however, owing to the fact that he had been the trial judge in the original hearing and as his decision had been reversed by the full court it would not be his place to deal with the application. He advised taking an application to one of the judges who sat on the full court.

—A permit was issued this morning to D. R. Boucher for the erection of a house on Fernwood road to cost $1,800.

BRITISH CONSUL HAS WIDE TERRITORY

Alaska Now Included in Domain of James Laidlaw of Portland.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 6.—British Consul James Laidlaw has been officially notified that from now on Alaska will form part of his consular district. With that addition he will have jursdiction over a greater area of the United States than any other consul appointed by King Edward or the late Queen Victoria.

Before Alaska was added Consul Laidlaw's territory embraced Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Consul Laidlaw has appointed Colonel L. R. Stewart Weatherley of Nome, Alaska, as vice-consul and the latter will open office in a northern mining camp.

ANOTHER OF CHICAGO'S GRUESOME CRIMES

Dismembered Body of a Boy is Found in Stock-Yard.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—A gruesome murder mystery that promises to be one of the most baffling that the police have had to deal with in some time was developed to-day by the discovery of the dismembered body of a boy in what is known as Mud lake, in the stockyards district. The finding of the lower limbs, severed at the hips and at the knee, yesterday morning, was followed yesterday afternoon by the discovery of the torso, which had drifted some distance. The legs were wrapped in a newspaper and part of a shirt bearing the initial "C," and at first were supposed to be those of a young woman. The torso, from which the arms had also been hacked, disclosed that the victim was a boy.

Late last night the name of a collar-maker of Athens, Greece, was deciphered on one of the collars.

The United States district attorney's office was brought into the case also last night when Greek Consul Nicholas Soloponlos declared that he believed that the boy was murdered in revenge for testimony given in the Padrone trials which were instituted several months ago. All efforts to identfy the body have brought no result.

RESIGNATION OF TURKISH MINISTRY

Said Pasha Does Not Hold Reins Long After Eruption.

Constantinople, Aug. 6.—Said Pasha, the grand vizier, and the newly formed ministry have resigned. The Sultan has accepted their resignations, and last night invited Jammedelin Affendi, the Sheik, Ulislam, and Dial Pasha, to form a new cabinet.

The newspapers assert that Mehmid Ali Bey, minister to the United States, has been relieved of his functions.

AMERICAN PILGRIMS IN ROME.

Rome, Aug. 6.—The Pope to-day received the American pilgrims who left New York the middle of last month under the direction of Right Rev. Jas. H. Macgean and Rev. J. J. McGrane, of Brooklyn. Mr. McGrane presented the Pope with a building in New York valued at $50,000, which is to be given to the Italian Salesian Fathers for the establishment of a college. Subsequently the Pontiff received the 200 pilgrims who were presented by Archbishop Farley. The Pope made a brief address, after which he imparted the Apostolic blessing.

MATINEE IN AID OF FERNIE SUFFERERS

Proceeds of To-morrow Afternoon's Show at New Grand to Be Given to Charity.

The proceeds of to-morrow afternoon's show at the New Grand theatre will be given to the fund in aid of the Fernie fire sufferers. Manager Jamieson made announcement to this effect last evening on instructions from his principals, Considine & Sullivan, of Seattle. Mr. Jamieson's instructions were to give the proceeds of one matinee during the week for this purpose, and he selected to-morrow afternoon as the one. The excellent programme that has been pleasing such large crowds this week will be presented, so that those who attend the New Grand to-morrow afternoon will not only have the satisfaction of having contributed to a worthy fund, but they will also be afforded a good afternoon's enjoyment.

General admission will be 15 cents, and box seats may be secured by parties at 25 cents each.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Discount Rate Still Remains at 2½ Per Cent.—Weekly Statement.

London, Aug. 6.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 2½ per cent.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £1,429,000; circulation, increase, £336,000; bullion, decrease, £1,062,953; other securities, decrease, £324,000; other deposits, decrease, £684,000; public deposits, decrease, £602,000; notes reserve, decrease, £1,475,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liability this week is 48.60 per cent. Last week it was 50.12 per cent.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Newby took place this afternoon from the residence, 516 Rithet street at 2:30 o'clock and later from Christ Church cathedr

Local News

(From Thursday's Daily).

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Clarissa Fraser, wife of A. J. Fraser, took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at Sooke. Interment took place at the Sooke cemetery.

—The funeral of Mrs. Shade took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 828 Caledonia avenue, and at 2:30 o'clock from the Reformed Episcopal church.

—The adjourned annual general meeting of the Victoria Musical Society will be held, by the kind permission of the proprietors, in the drawing room of the Driard hotel, this evening at 8.30. All members are requested to attend.

—W. W. Northcott, purchasing agent, is calling for tenders for the erection of two fire halls, one of which is to be built on Kingston street and the other at the corner of Douglas and Dunedin streets.

—Gladstone Gilbert, the eldest son of Mr. Justin Gilbert, 325 Douglas street, died yesterday afternoon at the family residence. He was born in this city and was 12 years of age. The death was not unexpected as the lad had been ill for some weeks. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

—There was no magistrate at the police court this morning and W. W. Northcott, J. P., was called upon to act. He fined three drunks various amounts, according to their record. A man was fined for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk, while the hearing of a charge of being an inmate of a disorderly house was remanded until to-morrow.

—The returns from the city library shows that during July 3,426 books were taken out by card holders. This represented an average of 133 for each of the 25 days. During the month 69 new cards were issued. Over 3,000 cards have been used up during the two and a half years, ending the 1st of July, while the highest number of books which were issued in a single day has been 239.

—The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for July: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, San Francisco papers; Mrs. B. W. Pearse, Illustrated London News; Mrs. H. D. Heimcken, magazines and Daily Graphics; Mrs. H. K. Prior, Seattle papers; Mrs. Knott, clothing; Miss Simpson, clothing and boots; Messrs. Copas & Young (grocers), watermelons; Standard Stationery Co., magazines; Hibben & Co., magazines; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Jas. Morrison, reading matter; Times and Colonist daily, and Western Clarion.

—Chief Watson has presented his monthly report to the fire wardens. It shows that the total fire loss during July was $300, that there were nine drills of the brigade, including a test of hose, engines, chemical engines and equipment; that all the hydrants on being inspected were found to be working satisfactorily and that there are now 7,000 feet of good hose ready for use at all times. At the fires 2,600 feet of hose were laid and 28 chemical tanks emptied. During the month 58 permits to burn rubbish were issued, as well as 41 notices to clean roofs and five to clean up premises. The engines, John Grant and Deluge, are reported to be in good condition for service. The chief recommends also that tenders be called for the necessary valves for the salt water high pressure system.

MARTYR TO HEAT.

Excessive Humidity and High Temperature Causes Great Suffering in New York.

New York, Aug. 6.—Excessive humidity, combined with a high temperature, caused a great deal of suffering in the crowded districts of New York Tuesday night and yesterday. Ten prostrations and one death from heat were recorded before 10.30 a. m. The Rev. Ward Neil, for 25 years pastor of the Protestant Episcopal church of Steward, was the martyr in East 109th street. He had suffered considerably from the heat for several days and was taken suddenly worse yesterday morning, and died before a doctor could be summoned. He was formerly assistant rector of St. Phillips church at Garrison, N. Y.

ACTION AGAINST PREMIER SCOTT

Regina, Sask., Aug. 6.—In the Regina civil action for twenty-five thousand dollars taken out by Mr. Laird to-day against the Regina Leader, information under the criminal code was laid against Premier Scott, as a result of graft charges. A constable left for the west to serve Mr. Scott. It is also proposed to take civil action against the premier and criminal action against the Leader at a later date.

CLAIMS $20,000,000.

Chicago Widow Wants Big Scottish Estate—Will Devote Funds to Occult Researches.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Claiming Lady Catherine Laird's vast estate in Kincardineshire, in the north of Scotland, which, she says, gives her twenty million dollars by the terms of her mother's will, Mrs. Jessie Smiley, a Chicago widow, Tuesday night announced she would spend most of it developing occult researches.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ILL

Rome, Aug. 6.—Cardinal Gibbons has been taken ill at Castel Gandolfo with intestinal trouble. He was driven into Rome and has been obliged to take to his bed. His temperature is at present 101. The cardinal arrived here from New York on July 30th, and had an audience with the Pope August 1st. He went to the Villa of the American college on August 2nd.

OTTAWA'S G. T. P. HOTEL.

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—Wm. Wainwright announces that the two million Grand Trunk Pacific hotel and station will start as soon as the government gives the title deeds to the site.

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Langley and Freema
and Ballinger. Miss
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Lewis, of Seattle, w
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Chas. A. Barnes, b
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