



# THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST

## TWO MASKED MEN HOLD UP THE CARIBOO STAGE

### DARING ROBBERS TAKE THE RAIL SACKS

Probably Got Many Thousand Dollars Worth of Registered Letters — William Blakemore Among Passengers

In the grey of dawn this morning the famous old Cariboo stage was "stuck up" by two bandits in a lonely gulch four miles to the south of 150-Mile House, robbed of three mail sacks known to contain a quantity of valuable registered parcels, and then permitted to proceed. The passengers were not molested, and the entire attention of the highwaymen was concentrated upon gaining possession of the postal freight. The robbers, permit themselves to be seen. By his voice, one of the daring duo is thought to be an elderly man. Considerable local knowledge was betrayed in the manner in which the hold-up was planned and executed.

The Cariboo stage was held up and robbed of three mail sacks at a point four miles south of the 150-mile house at 5:30 a.m. today. The hold-up occurred at the foot of the hill, where two men hidden behind trees, demanded in loud tones voices: "Hold on—the mail bags or your life!"

Driver Charles Westoby endeavored to disregard the mandate and proceeded, when the voice shouted again: "These mail bags in two seconds or your life!"

The driver threw one of the mail sacks and for a third time the voice commanded: "None of that. You have three minutes. Throw them in!"

The driver did so. He was then told to go on, and a shot was fired in the air. The driver did not stop, but drove on. It was too dark to see anything.

The mail sacks of mail were from Cottonwood and 150-Mile House. The mail from 150 Mile House contained three registered letters and two packages. The passengers were five in number and included: William Blakemore, Victor John Thompson, J. McKade and Al. Whiteside, of Revelstoke.

The coach was driven through to Georty Felkers, two miles south, and a messenger despatched on horseback to the 150-Mile House, where Constable Yocum, was notified of the discharge of the case within an hour. The bandits evidently had accurate local knowledge. The seized voice of the one indicated a man of mature age. While it isn't possible to estimate definitely the extent of the robbers' spoils it is believed that they were able to get away with four or five thousand dollars.

### Jordan River Power Plan Approved—Premier McBride Accepts Secondary Nomination in Yale

Hon. Price Ellison, the new minister of public works in the government of Premier Richard McBride, was sworn in at 11:30 this morning by His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir, the Premier, Hon. Cotton and Mr. R. G. Tatlow being among the first to extend congratulations.

Small opportunity was afforded the new minister to become acquainted with or receive the congratulations of the officers of his department, as immediately after the swearing in, a special meeting of the executive council was held in the premier's office, when a very considerable amount of important business was transacted, including the passage of an order-in-council enabling the

General Insurance Act in this province, somewhat on the lines of the Manitoba statute in this regard. The matter will obtain consideration.

Hon. Mr. Ellison's stay at the Capital was of brief duration, as he took a route for the Okanagan and Similkameen, where he will at once take charge of the department.

The Premier leaves on his campaigning tour this evening, opening at Revelstoke on Wednesday evening, and the itinerary thereafter being as originally drawn up.

The Liberal of the Island are stated to have far from got out of the woods in respect to the securing of a candidate. Mr. P. W. Patterson and Mr. Purvis having declined to take up the difficult running against Mr. A. E. McPhillips.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—Prosperity has arrived, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of statistics of the United States department of commerce and labor. During September the business of the country and the movement of railway freight cars reached proportions which exceeded those of the same month last year.

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### TURKEY SENDS HER SHIPS TO WALK HEAP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Iron and steel manufacturers have received orders from the Turkish government to submit offers on one of the most notable piles of scrap iron ever put up for sale, nearly one-half of the Ottoman navy as it appeared on paper. On November 11 bids will be received by the Porte for the sale of five battleships. Their construction marks Turkey the third naval power in the world, their destruction at a time when that country ranks near the bottom of the list of naval powers, is a step by the new regime to regain the empire's lost prestige.

The battleships offered for sale are the Atszieh, Mahmudieh, Osmanieh, Orkanieh, and the Hamidieh. The first four were constructed in England in 1884 and 1885 while the Hamidieh was not launched until 1888. The ships are of one type, being 2,400 tons displacement and bearing ten inch armor. They carry six inch guns and have a speed of fourteen knots an hour.

Two will die by Phoenix wreck. Light Engine on Branch of C. P. R. Rolls Down Embankment and Crew Will Not Recover.

NELSON, Nov. 1.—A serious accident occurred yesterday on the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R. when a light engine left the track and rolled over an embankment, killing two men and injuring several others.

Water rushes into Pit of Welsh Mine and With One Hundred and Fifty Men Below is Rising

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Three hundred miners were imprisoned this afternoon by water rushing into the Tareget coal pit at Ystalyfera, Glamorganshire. Three bodies have been recovered. One hundred and fifty miners were rescued alive. The others are still held prisoners and the water is rising.

Fatal Fire in Bellingham. BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 1.—Two lives were lost, one woman was fatally injured and a dozen other persons seriously hurt in a fire that destroyed a three-story lodging house here today.

Active Against Rebels. MANAGU, Nicaragua, Nov. 1.—The government has begun active operations against the rebels. The latter have abandoned one of their positions leaving it mined with dynamite. The government forces were forwarded and entered the place cautiously, without incident. The warning probably saved the lives of the army from destruction. Large quantities of dynamite and other destructive machinery were captured.

Twelve Men Killed in Pennsylvania. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 1.—A search lasting throughout the night in the Cambria Steel Company at Franklin, near here, where an explosion occurred last evening, failed to increase the number of fatalities. Twelve men were killed outright, one is dying and three are seriously injured. The state mine department is making an investigation today.

Galician on Trial. TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 1.—Victor Schמושky, a Galician, reached the city Saturday in charge of Provincial Inspector Greer, and was brought before Magistrate Kingsford on the charge of stealing \$3,000 from the Bank of Nova Scotia at Rainy River. Schמושky was arrested at Edwardsburg, Pa., a few weeks ago and made a full confession of the robbery in which he and two others implicated was remanded to Tuesday when he will be taken to Rainy River to stand his trial.

### SKAGWAY STEAMER RATES SLASHED TODAY

Rate War on Southeastern Alaska Run Begins With Sailing of Dolphin From Seattle—Sixty Per Cent Cut

The long threatening rate war on the Southeastern Alaska run was commenced Saturday afternoon when the Alaska Steamship company, the Pacific Coast Steamship company, the Dominion Steamship company, announced that a cut of over sixty per cent of the present rates to and from Skagway will be made on all their liners immediately.

A conference was held in Seattle Friday afternoon when the directors of the companies involved, held a meeting with the result that a rate war will be waged during the winter months until the opening of the summer trade and possibly longer. Among those present were: Charles E. Feabody, general agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship company; Charles E. Ward, general agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship company; and James H. Dawson and Yukon River points and originates in the east.

War Now On. The slashing rates go into force today with the sailing of the Alaska (Continued on Page 2.)

### LITERARY RECORDS BURNT IN FIRE

Manuscript Records and Maps of David Thompson Lost in the Parliament Buildings Blaze

An inestimable loss to historians and book-lovers in Canada was occasioned by the disastrous fire at Toronto on the 1st September which destroyed a considerable portion of the Ontario parliament buildings, including the library, with its treasures of Canadian early days and pioneer nation-builders. The manuscript collection of the Ontario library included works of men who also blazed the west provinces and British Columbia, conspicuous among them being David Thompson, who spent from 1793 to 1812 in surveys of the western prairies, the Rockies and the land of the Great Northwest.

The fire made a clear sweep of all our Canadiana and Americana. Not only David Thompson's but the records of other worthies went up in smoke. The loss there is awful. I received a few days ago from London a catalogue of the Canadiana values of which I was interested in measures so close to my heart that I did not have, while I had hundreds of volumes that were not in that catalogue. And that is but a small portion of our loss. All because a plumber was too lazy or too careless to look after his brazer!

Account Incomplete But Describes Fight in Which Husband and Father Was Driven to the Bush

GIMLI, Man., Nov. 1.—At 5 o'clock tonight a Galician farmer came to town with the report that a woman and two children had been killed in a fight at a farm house about six miles north of the town this afternoon. The constable has gone out to the scene of the murder and a report should be learned at present a German who was visiting at a Galician home got into a fight with the Galician and after battering him up badly chased him out of the house. The Galician stayed out in the bush until he saw the German leave and on returning to the house found his wife and two children had been killed. The names of the parties have not been received.

Re-Open Extension Inquiry. NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 1.—The discovery of a hole tampered at ready for a pocket fence carrying a load of shot-gun, a young New Yorker who was visiting here and who was to have left for home this morning, was shot and fatally injured last night. His name could not be obtained. The gun was accidentally discharged and the clerk ended his life. He died. Medical attention he spent in half an hour.

Young New Yorker Killed at Nanaimo. NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 1.—While climbing through a shot-gun fence carrying a load of shot-gun, a young New Yorker who was visiting here and who was to have left for home this morning, was shot and fatally injured last night. His name could not be obtained. The gun was accidentally discharged and the clerk ended his life. He died. Medical attention he spent in half an hour.

Predicts Korean Outbreak General. LONDON, Nov. 1.—The correspondent of the Star at Kobe, Japan, telegraphs that an outbreak in Korea is expected following a widespread unrest caused by the assassination of Prince Ito. He says that Gen. Okubo, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Japan, has abandoned his projected visit to Tokyo and is perfecting plans to deal with the threatened uprising.

Lock Known Here May Face Grave Charge. Carrol Shilling, Who Was at Willows Last Summer, Under Arrest Pending Result of Stabbing of Horse Owner

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Little hope is held out today for the recovery of Robert L. Thomas, the Kentucky lumbard and racing man, who was stabbed yesterday by Carrol Shilling, one of his jockeys, in an altercation said to relate to a contract between Shilling and the rider. Shilling was arrested early today and was later arraigned in court and had pending the outcome of Mr. Thomas' injuries. The jockey, according to the police, admitted the stabbing but declared he acted in self-defense. Shilling asserts that he and his employer went to the stable at Sheepshead Bay to talk over a turf matter at a quiet moment. The jockey says that Thomas drew a revolver and to save himself he stabbed Thomas with several hours later lying on the stable floor. A cot was brought to the stable and the wounded racing man lay all night with physicians and his family in attendance. His condition was such that physicians feared to operate. Thomas was wounded in the stomach.

### SECURITY COMPLETE AND SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT RAILWAY BARGAIN

British Columbia to Have First Mortgage on Canadian Northern Lines, Control Bond Sale and Hold \$500,000 Deposit—Premier Elaborates on Explanation of the Railway Policy as First Enunciated

The agreements between the government of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Railway Company on the one hand and the Kettle River Valley Railway Company on the other, which have just been laid before the public by Premier McBride, summarize the principal conditions on both sides under which the railways dealt with are to be built, subject to the approval of the provincial legislature.

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### POST-MARKS

The first "touch" of winter—the money borrowed to buy fuel with.

Visitor—"He doesn't seem dangerous." Keeper—"Ah, you don't know me, ma'am; he's clean bad. Why he was an actor once and he didn't want his name in print."

Some say that anarchy is only a means to an end but the fellow chiefly implicated often finds it the end itself!

The Boy—"Ere's the eggs you ordered for the pudlin', ma'am." The Cook—"Thank you; just lay them on the table, please." The Boy—"Excuse me, ma'am; I ain't a hen; I'm the grocer's boy."—Sketch.

New Bride—"The expression, 'I love my wife but oh you kid!' was invented by a lunatic in an eastern asylum known as Dr. Dippy's Retreat. There is a penalty against using it in many cities."

Militant suffragettes might take a valuable suggestion from the Kentucky election mob which broke down a public building and stole the ballots.

Lieut. Tibaldos will now go home and be properly spanked.

Judging by the published accounts of Victoria's new detention house it will be a question of taste whether inmates whether they remain five minutes or the full term!

Three of Tibaldos' rebel forces were killed by a shell which was only proper since the revolt was a shell game anyway!

If the Liberal campaign continues as much of a frost as it began there is some hope that the Causeway may be frozen over soon.

"Laugh and grow fat!" is the latest advice from the Eastern States.

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