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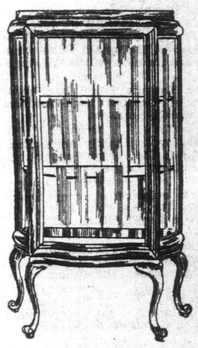

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EXCITEMENT WAS ONLY BLIND

South American Diplomats Believe Bolivia is Making Pretext for War With Peru and Are On Guard

BOLIVIA AIMS AT TERRITORIAL CONQUEST

Successful War With Peru Would Give Bolivia Outlet to Sea Through Moque Gua Province

Washington, Aug. 9.—Is Bolivia making a pretext to bring on a war with Peru?

This question is being asked seriously by South American diplomats who are watching every development in the situation in which Argentina, Bolivia and Peru are directly interested and Chile and Brazil indirectly.

Some of the diplomats profess to think that the excitement in Bolivia over the Argentine award, which was favorable to Peru is really a blind on the part of politicians there to bring about an armed conflict with Peru, nominally to secure a more satisfactory adjustment of the boundaries of the disputed tract but actually aimed at territorial conquest.

Bolivia has no sea coast. A successful war with Peru might give her an outlet to the sea by demanding as an indemnity Moque Gua, province the southernmost in Peru and adjoining the Chilean frontier. In this province is the harbor Ilo, at the mouth of the river of the same name. The harbor is said to be an excellent one and its acquisition by Bolivia would be of great advantage to her. Much depends upon the attitude to be assumed by the Bolivian congress which opened its sessions Saturday. If the Argentina award is accepted that should prevent further trouble, but if, on the other hand, Bolivia refuses to abide by that decision and proceeds to occupy the disputed territory, serious trouble is ahead.

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THE NEWS OF TODAY

Diamond drilling reveals excellent coal on oyster district property.

Revelstoke editor accuses magistrate of altering document.

Rev. Tapscott of Tabernacle rates council for allowing race meet.

Diplomats think Bolivia is making pretext to bring on war with Peru.

Swedish strike spreads.

Negroes in south form tuberculosis league.

Amoy, China, in grip of Bubonic plague.

Foreigners' fight ends fatally in Minnesota town.

Mrs. Rosa Payton, of Chicago, buried in Lake Michigan, where husband was drowned.

Aeroplane at Mineola, L.I., wins in race with motor.

Manuel of Portugal will visit Great Britain in November.

Miners at Springhill mines will strike for more pay and less hours.

Italy will soon complete Canadian commercial treaty.

Lords may baulk passage of the Budget in Upper House.

Brackman & Ker milling and elevator interests readjusted.

Conservative picnic at Sidney a great success.

Bubonic plague at San Francisco.

His Majesty reported a winner on Wall street.

Intense feeling aroused over Haggen case at Revelstoke.

Constable Thompson receives warm welcome home.

Governor Johnson predicts great future for Kamloops.

Murder of Indian woman at Quesnel shows fiendish brutality.

Young son of Percy Dunkerley killed by cave-in of sandbank while at play.

Extensive exploratory development at the Le Roi.

Parole officer investigating applications from convicts at New Westminster.

Cora Smith makes record distance journey to the A.Y.P.E.

Railway building activity in provincial interior.

Mysterious suicide puzzles Kamloops police.

SENSATIONAL SECONDARY CHARGE

Revelstoke Editor Under Committment for Fraud Publicly Accuses Magistrate of Altering Document of the Court

COMMUNITY DIVIDES IN HOSTILE CAMPS

Hearing of the Original Accusation Now Remanded For Kamloops Court—Proceeding For Libel Expected

The case of E. A. Haggen, editor and proprietor of the "Revelstoke Observer," who was arrested about ten days ago on a charge of fraud preferred by a local lumber company in connection with his having solicited and obtained a certain insurance premium—it being now alleged that he was not authorized or empowered to represent the company concerned—gives promise of developing into a cause celebre.

When the matter was last heard of as a feature of Revelstoke court proceedings, the hearing set on the calendar of Judge Forin's business engagements came prematurely to an end owing to the non-attendance of prosecuting counsel, Haggen being released on bail pending a week's adjournment.

It is now learned that the case has been further remanded to Kamloops, as the bond papers have been made out for the County of Yale, wherein the offence is alleged to has been committed.

This circumstance, which has only just come to light, has excited considerable indignation among the friends of the accused at Revelstoke and in the district surrounding, who hotly assert that they were given to understand that the papers were made out for Kootenay County.

Haggen's paper, the Observer, although the case is strictly sub judice, flatly accuses Magistrate Foster, before whom the preliminary hearing was conducted, of altering a document of court.

As this is an extra-serious charge, under any circumstances, supplementary criminal proceedings are looked for.

Magistrate Foster denies the accusation and states that the change was made at the time the documents were signed, nd that he then particularly directed the attention of Haggen's sureties to the change, which they agreed to.

His Honor Judge Forin accepted this magisterial statement.

No date has been fixed for the trial at Kamloops, although Haggen is stated to have decide for hearing under the Speedy Trials Act.

The case has aroused exceptional feeling at Revelstoke, with both sides to the dispute, and Haggen's friends declare that they will fight it in his behalf to the last extreme.

STILL ON DECK

Naishava, British East Africa, Aug. 9.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit, accompanied by Edmund Heller the zoologist of the Roosevelt expedition; J. Cunningham, the British field naturalist, and Leslie A. Tarlton, of Nairobi, left here this morning for Nyeri, a government station in the northwest of Kenia province.

Major Edgar A. Mears and J. Alden Loring, the other members of the Roosevelt party, will leave here Wednesday for Nairobi where they will make preparations for an ascent of Mount Kenia, an extinct volcano to the north of Nairobi. A second consignment of specimens collected by the expedition will be shipped to the United States on the steamer Admiral, which leaves Mombassa August 16.

MET AWFUL FATE IN ELECTROCUTION

Syracuse Man's Body Flashed Fire for Several Minutes After He Fell Dead.

Syracuse, N.Y., Aug. 9.—Frederick Soeuers came into contact with a wire carrying 60,000 volts of electricity at the substation of the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Co., near this city, this morning. There was a report like that from a gun and a flash of fire from his body as he fell lifeless to the ground from the top of a twenty-foot ladder. Flames shot from the man's body for several minutes before they were extinguished with water. The body was horribly burned. Soeuers was 30 years old and married.

WILL HAVE JOINT TERMINALS

Vancouver, Aug. 9.—L. C. Gilman, assistant to the president of the Great Northern, who is here today for the purpose of arranging False Creek terminal questions with the city announces that negotiations are on foot for joint terminals on False Creek for the Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern, Great Northern, and Northern Pacific.

Scenes at the Conservative Picnic Held at Sidney on Saturday

HON. RICHARD McBRIDE, Premier
Addressing Crowd and Riding in John Arbuthnot's Motor

HAVE AGREED ON BASIS FOR WORK

Defence Conference Gets Down to Business—Sub-Committees Appointed For Naval and Military Questions

EACH DOMINION TO CONSULT ADMIRALTY

London, Aug. 9.—The other day a delegate to the Imperial Defence Conference said: "Things are going the wrong way." Yesterday a delegate said the results were "extremely practical."

It is understood regarding military and naval defence, that a general basis for working has been agreed upon and that a sub-committee of military experts has been appointed under President General Nicholson of the general staff, and that they have been engaged at the war office working out technical details of a general plan agreed to in principle by the Defence Conference. When these are concluded they will be referred to the Conference.

Regarding naval defence, delegates and naval experts from each Dominion will consult directly with the Admiralty. The first of these meetings takes place today, when Canadian delegates will meet McKenna, Fisher and other high Admiralty officials.

Harvest on in West

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Wheat cutting will start in many sections of Manitoba today and will be general throughout the west a week later. Barley and oats cutting is already under way in many districts and the crop is a first-class one, both as regards quantity and quality. The weather has turned fine after the rains of last week and the crops are coming with a rush. Many points report a scarcity of harvest hands.

Japanese noblemen in Korea suggest rational administrative reforms.

BLAMES COUNCIL FOR RACE MEET

Tabernacle Pastor, in Stirring Sermon Declares Victoria Was Made Dumping Ground For United States Outcasts

BENEFITS ACCRUING FORM NO EXCUSE

Rev. F. T. Tapscott, the Baptist tabernacle pastor, preaching last evening on the subject of "Our Civic Righteousness," said that the liquor traffic as a business—outside of the reasonable exceptions provided for in local option law—is essentially evil and lawless, since it "debauches the citizens, desolates homes, corrupts public morals and undermines the security and stability of the state."

Its plea for existence on the ground of revenue, he claimed, was deceitful and misleading, since this traffic dries up legitimate sources of revenue and destroys the forces and capacity which create the revenue, while at the same time imposing an onerous burden of taxation on the community to maintain courts, jails and police.

Mr. Tapscott then attacked gambling and especially race track gambling, which he said was at the bottom dishonesty in its most alluring and demoralizing form. Instance after instance could be cited where clerks and shop girls had lost their scanty earnings to the "bookmakers" at the race track. And in this way the door

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WILL COMPLETE TREATY.

Special to The Evening Post.

Rome, Aug. 9.—It is stated that the government, through its ambassador at London, will shortly enter into negotiations having as their object the conclusion of the commercial treaty with Canada.

SPRINGHILL NOW CENTRE OF TROUBLE

U. M. W. Officials Declare Men Will Go Out at Springhill For Better Hours and Adjustment of Wage Scale

NOTHING TO DO WITH GLACE BAY

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 9.—U. M. W. officials returned from Springhill give positive assurance that a strike will be called at the mines there this week. The date set for the men coming out has not been definitely settled, but it is almost certain that work will cease on Tuesday. The strike will not be of a sympathetic character and will have nothing whatever to do with the Glace Bay difficulty. Conditions existing at Springhill are worse than at Glace Bay from the U. M. W. viewpoint. Shorter hours, better wages and better conditions for the miners generally is what will be demanded at Springhill. A meeting of the U. M. W. is called for Tuesday evening at Sydney Mines, when the advisability of calling the men out from the Nova Scotia and coal mines will be considered. It is understood that the gathering will be of a perfunctory character, as it has already been decided by the U. M. W. that a strike will be called at this period.

SPOKANE, Aug. 9.—With a message from President Taft and Mayor N. S. Pratt of Spokane, and numerous responses, the national irrigation congress began its sessions in the armory today. More than two thousand delegates had arrived this morning and many more are expected during the day. Geo. E. Barstow, president of the congress, replied to the address of welcome for congress. Before adjournment the report of the executive committee and the announcement of the standing committees will be made.

ENCOURAGING STRIKE IS MADE

Diamond Drilling Reveals Excellent Coal on Oyster District Property — President Elliott, of N. P., Interested

DEVELOPMENT GOES FORWARD STEADILY

Properties Comprise Five Thousand Acres Available By Grouping of Settlers' Rights —Has Romantic History

That Vancouver Island will shortly be in possession of another important coal mine of, as yet, incalculable extent, the output of which will maintain its quality the higer reputation enjoyed by the island collieries' product in the markets of the coast, is the confident belief of the experts engaged by a group of capatalists who recently have become interested in properties in the Oyster District. One of the prospecting parties sent out by this syndicate, in which it is understood President Elliott, of the Northern Pacific Railway, is a central figure, last week had the good fortune to strike a fine vein at 380 feet from the surface, so placed that shipments by water via Oyster May will be made both economically and conveniently.

When Mr. Cleghorn, the expert in charge of the party making the lucky strike, left the scene of operations, the seam had not yet been penetrated, and boring was being vigorously prosecuted. In the lands on which an option is held by the interested capitalists, there are contained, some 3,000 acres. Further testing of the property by means of diamond drills will continue this week although the lands which explorations are being prosecuted are well within the railway belt, and therefore a closed zone for coal prospecting or the opening of new mines under general conditions, acquirement of the properties is in this special case (as in numerous others) made possible by the grouping of settlers' rights antedating the construction of the railway.

As to the special property now in exploration and upon which so very encouraging indications have rewarded the diamond drills, it is within an area long known to be rich in coal, the history of which has interwoven with it a thrilling romance of two decades ago culminating in what was probably the most celebrated criminal cae in British Columbia history. For it was this property upon which, in some mysterious manner, that arch-adventurer Dr. Gustavus Hamilton Griffin secured an option, and the sale of which to the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, he endeavored to negotiate.

The latter declaring that he had quite enough coal mines and potential coal properties of his own to last himself and his successors for several centuries, and did not in consequence desire to add thereto by purchase, Griffin essayed to break the iron will of the Pacific Coast coal king by sending him a series of fantastic letters, written in an admixture of modern Spanish and very ancient Greek and signed with the Black Hand, promising a sudden and very awful death unless a transaction in the amount of an even million of money were forthwith agreed to.

Mr. Dunsmuir not only turned the matter over to the police but retained as well a corps of the best detectives on the American continent, by whom the authorship of the Black Hand letters—this being the first appearance of Black Handism in Western Canada—was brought home to the dark-skinned doctor.

After a sensational trial before the late Chief Justice Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, Griffin was convicted, largely on the expert evidence of the great chirographical authority, Professor Hyde of New York, and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the British Columbia penitentiary, a considerable portion of which term was served. Although conducting himself, so far as known, with perfect circumspection during the probation period under his ticket-of-leave. Griffin has latterly turned up again in London in trouble with the police for serious frauds.

After sentence had been passed upon him by the venerable Chief Justice and the courtroom throng had melted away, the janitor in going about the premises preparatory to closing the courthouse, found on the floor of the spectators' gallery a huddled heap of womanhood. It was Griffin's faithful white wife, who had breathlessly followed the pro-

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MARSH WINS FROM ALEX. ROWAN

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 9.—John D. Marsh, the Canadian, who holds the world's professional Marathon record, beat Alex. Rowan, of Nanaimo, B.C., Wm. Stanley, of San Francisco, and R. W. Wilson, Tacoma, in a fifteen mile relay race yesterday afternoon. Marsh was not pressed at any time. He covered the distance in 1.27:17, and finished five-sixths of a mile to the good.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER A PUZZLE

Young Girl Criminally Assaulted and Murdered in New York State While Placing Flowers on Father's Grave

POLICE SUSPECT TRAMPS OF CRIME

Signs Point to a Desperate Struggle—Body Was Buried in Hollow Under Earth and Leaves

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 9.—Leaving her home early on Saturday afternoon, to place flowers on the grave of her father, pretty Anna Schumacher, 17 years old, who resided with her mother at 192 Cady street, this city, was attacked by one or more unknown men, criminally assaulted and after a desperate fight was murdered.

Her body was dragged outside the cemetery to a depression in a lonely spot and covered with a thin layer of earth and leaves. The body was discovered this morning by constables of the town of Greece, who found marks of a struggle in the Schumacher family plot in the cemetery where the flowers placed on the father's grave by the girl were still fresh. They followed the marks and were further aided by the finding of a shell hairpin worn by the girl. A piece of the girl's white dress extending out of the new earth was all the clue the officers needed for the location of the body. The spade with which the murderer or murderers covered up the body of the victim was found nearby. It was flecked with grain, showing that it had been stolen from some nearby farm. It may serve as a possible clue.

It is the theory of the police that the girl was attacked by tramps, or burglars, the vicinity of the cemetery, where the body was found, being a favorite loafing ground for iternant vagabonds and criminals.

THE REMNANT COUNTER

The plans adopted for the new educational institution on Moss street indicate that it will be a pretty Jay School.

Joe Martin at New Orleans has broken the world's record for throwing the baseball; Joe Martin at Shuswap is committed for homocide. You can't be a Joe Martin and keep out of the limelight.

Almost a day has passed without any contribution to revenue by J. Johnson, pugilist, for speeding his benzine buggy.

Now that the Pretender to the Spanish throne has become a member of the Kaiser's family there looms up further opportunities for mischief on the part of the great butter-in.

When Prince Nicholas decided to call himself King of Montenegro the Powers declared they had no objection. It was handier than asking people where and what Montenegro is anyway? Those who knew least probably thought it might be well to draw the color line, but weren't quite sure of their ground and let the matter go.

The Holy Ghost Society of Maine, U.S.A., has information by its Special Greased Wire that the end of the world will arrive September 15, at 10.30 a. m. It will be noted that the attraction is timed not to conflict with the Victoria Fair.

Those Maine Holy Ghosters who declare the end of the world will come September 15 omit to say which end and where it will come from.

The Metropolitan Church Board has passed a law barring the Merry Widow hat. But what's the penalty clause?

Goldbricks are now being sent through the post. Henceforth Reuben Green will be able to buy Confederate States bills without going to town.

Sunday week sees the annual picnic of the Bartenders' League. Let us hope the picnickers will be favored with dry weather.

Why, oh, why, do rural newspapers yearn for names a mile or so in length? The "Enderby Press and Walkers' Weekly" and the "Salmon Arm Observer and Shuswap Lake Recorder" are instances in point.

Can it be possible that Beresford has heard already that the Captain of the Quadra has been seen wearing a sweater when on duty and actually served cold meat to an engineer of the Marine Department? If he finds the facts as stated "Fighting Charlie" will indeed have a sensation to spring on Parliament!

One does not have to be a phrenologist to feel the bumps on Yates street just above Douglas.

The majority of readers probably never heard before of Mourmelon, the place the airship flights are being made from. It sounds like a pickaninny's battle cry.