

MAY ENTER AN APPEAL

R. L. Borden Being Urged to Take Action in Recent Bribery Cases.

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

It is Believed That Such Will Be Arranged for at an Early Date.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—(Special).—R. L. Borden is being urged by his party supporters to enter an appeal against the decision of Justices Townsend and Russell by which, on technically, the two Liberal members for Halifax, were confirmed in their seats before the judges had intimated in court that sufficient evidence of bribery and corruption had been adduced to upset election of both members.

Interprovincial Conference. It is said on good authority that Sir Wilfrid Laurier who is now in Quebec, has given assurance to his friends there that there will be no postponement of the inter-provincial conference. The Quebec government is preparing for a meeting of premiers in Ottawa early in October.

The Pulp Suit. The government of Quebec has retained Honore Gervais, M. P., as counsel in the suit entered by the province against the Grand River Pulp & Lumber Co. for one hundred thousand dollars damages for timber cut on Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, claiming it was taken off territory of the province. The company has a charter and concessions from the government of Newfoundland which also claim jurisdiction. The result of the case will be to settle a long standing boundary dispute between the Dominion and Newfoundland.

A Sugar Refinery Proposal. The department of trade and commerce has been informed by the agent in Jamaica that the sugar planters of the British West Indies are seriously considering a scheme to erect a refinery in Canada, crushing all available sugar crops of the islands. They are inclined to this proposal they say, by the evidence that owing to the combine of Canadian refiners they are not getting the prices for raw sugar which should accrue under the preferential tariff.

Arranging Holdup Rewards. The authorities are trying to arrange for the distribution of the \$11,500 reward offered for the capture of the man who held up the C. P. R. train in British Columbia. Five thousand was offered by the Dominion government, an equal amount by the railway, and \$1,500 by British Columbia. Seven mounted police who participated in the capture cannot accept government rewards, so the British Columbia officers have been pressing for the whole amount. It is probable \$5,000 will be divided among seven mounted police and the remainder among the British Columbia officers.

Empress of Ireland Sails. Quebec, Aug. 9.—The Canadian Pacific royal mail steamer Empress of Ireland sailed from here for Liverpool at 4:10 p. m. today with a large list of passengers.

An Open Verdict. Guelph, Ont., Aug. 9.—The coroner's jury yesterday returned an open verdict in the case of Berdina Swackhammer, of Erin, who was shot and killed by Peter Wilson, a young Scotsman. The evidence adduced showed that the shooting was accidental, and that there was no malice on the part of the accused towards the dead girl or the members of her family.

Fire at Guelph. Guelph, Ont., Aug. 9.—Fire this morning gutted the Cartledge Woolen mills here. The loss is estimated at \$16,000, partly covered by insurance.

Labor Shortage in the West. Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—I visited several fruit ranches and could hardly believe that no more apples could hang on the tree as I saw there," said D. W. Bole, M. P., and president of the Canadian Fruit Co., who has returned from a western trip. Mr. Bole in connection with his business, visited Regina, Calgary, Revelstoke and Nelson.

Nelson has always been looked upon as a mining town, and its progress is supposed to depend on the progress of the mining work. Today this condition of affairs is to a great extent changed. The people have discovered that the land adjacent to the city is most admirably adapted to the growth of all kinds of fruit. Apples, pears and cherries I saw, and small fruits are grown in abundance. The fruit industry will give stability to the city. I anticipate that in time the entire district from Revelstoke to Kootenay Landing will be one vast fruit garden. I took a trip up the Kootenay lakes with a friend, and had an opportunity to see things for myself.

"Is there any difficulty in securing labor to harvest the fruit?" asked the reporter. "Speaking without any specific knowledge of the subject," said Mr. Bole. "It appears to me that cheap labor will be required to make the fruit industry profitable in the face of the competition from other parts of the province and in the state immediately to the south. Already at Nelson there is considerable agitation over the question of Chinese labor."

"I notice that a Nelson paper quotes you as saying that an army of 150,000 men will be required for the harvest and railway construction in the west. Did you find the harvest as great as that?" "That was a misrepresentation, what I said was, that I thought the immigration for the year would be 100,000 and of these there would be required at least 50,000 for the harvest and for railway construction," replied Mr. Bole.

THE POPE ILL.

London, Aug. 9.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Rome says that shortly after his return from the ceremony attending the celebration today of the third anniversary of his coronation the Pope had a severe attack of illness.

NO DIVORCE COURT SKETCHES.

London, Aug. 9.—The president of the divorce court today announced that the court had decided that hereafter newspaper artists shall not be allowed to make sketches in court as the practice was embarrassing to unjudicial witnesses, and because it was not in the public interest, pictorially to draw attention to divorce cases.

A VALUABLE PROPERTY.

It looks as if Aspen Grove were going to produce a mine which will be the one of the wonders of the province, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. Mr. J. P. McConnell and Mr. J. M. Miller, who arrived yesterday from the last part of the last state, state that the sample 20 tons of ore from the Golden Sovereign were sent to Tacoma, and the results of the analysis of the ore, which is the finest of the kind ever seen in the province, is showing large silver values.

The property was taken over by Mr. B. P. Inglis and associates for an amount said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and an offer has been made to them of \$1,000,000 for the property. The deal is generally of native silver, is showing large silver values.

There are other good properties in the same vicinity as the Golden Sovereign, and the advent of the Nicola line of the C. P. R. will mean their development. "There is no telling what will be shown," says the way Mr. Miller put it yesterday. The Nickel Plate, which has been holding out for the last year or two, is only 50 miles from Aspen Grove, and the mountain where it is located is visible from that place.

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EXPLAINING MOTIVE FOR THAW'S CRIME

White Sent Evelyn Roses and Note on the Day of the Murder.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—New and important evidence, providing a plausible motive for the killing of Stanford White, has lately come into District Attorney Jerome's possession.

The inking of the facts was conveyed to the district attorney in direct from Florence Ziegfeld, a theatrical manager, who is the husband of Anna Held and who is at present living in Paris. The story is that Mr. White sent a note and a basket of flowers to Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw the afternoon of the shooting, and that the tragedy grew out of the thoughtless mischief of three chorus girls.

Mr. Ziegfeld met one of his New York theatrical friends in a railroad station in Paris a little while ago, and the conversation drifted to the Thaw tragedy. Mr. Ziegfeld expressed surprise that the authorities had not yet got hold of evidence which would go a long way toward clearing up the mystery heretofore cloaking the motive of Thaw.

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"She told me that she accompanied two other members of my old company to pay a farewell visit to Mr. White in the tower of Madison Square Garden the night prior to Mr. White's being shot. It was the principal subject of conversation on deck and at table. Among the passengers was a woman very well known to the amusement-loving New York public, who was a prominent member of the chorus of one of my productions. Naturally we chatted and the Thaw tragedy was touched upon. I found that she knew something which the district attorney would give a great deal to know."

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RAID ON THE SEAL ROOKERIES

Five Japanese Are Killed and Over Twelve More Are Wounded.

STORY TOLD BY AGENT

Believed That Eight or Ten Schooners Were Involved in the Adventure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—A report of the killing of five Japanese fishermen, and the capture of twelve Japanese prisoners on Atsu Island, the westernmost of the Aleutian group, the prisoners having been taken by the revenue cutter McCulloch, commanded by Capt. J. C. Cantwell, was made to the department of commerce today by Edwin W. Sims, solicitor for the department, who is in Alaska to enforce the new law prohibiting all persons not citizens of the United States from fishing in Alaskan waters.

Despatch of Solicitor Sims. The following contains the main features of the despatch of Solicitor Sims: "The fur seal rookeries, St. Paul Island, were raided by crews of Japanese schooners on July 16th and 17th. About 200 seals were killed, but the raiders were eventually repulsed as a result of the courageous action of Chief Agent Lembeck and Assistant Agent Judge at the head of the native guards. Five raiders were killed and 12 captured, two of the latter being badly wounded. Three boats and some small arms also captured by the force protecting the rookeries."

The schooners were first observed on July 16th and were close to shore, easily within the three-mile limit. On this day a boat's crew of six men which had landed at Northwest Point were surprised and captured by Agent Lembeck and native guards without casualty on either side. On the morning of July 17th two native watchmen shot and killed two and wounded one of an armed landing party. Crews of schooners under protection of fog.

Shot Seals in Water. Close to shore most of the day. During this time shot gun firing, which could easily be heard from shore was frequent. It is unknown how many seals were killed in this manner but the number must have been considerable.

"On the evening of the same day, crews of at least three schooners made concerted raids on the rookeries. A raid on Sealard rookeries was repulsed by a native guard after considerable firing. The raid on Northeast Point was particularly successful. Owing to a dense fog, the raiders were not discovered until nearly 200 seals had been killed. It is evident that at least eight or ten schooners believed to be Japanese are sailing in close proximity to the islands. The 12 prisoners were taken on the cutter McCulloch to Kodiak and after hearing from the commander were held for jury trial and taken in charge by marshals."

The First Story. New York, Aug. 8.—A special despatch to the Herald from Dutch Harbor Alaska, says: "Five Japanese were shot and killed on the island of St. Paul of the Pribilof group by order of the agent of the department of commerce and labor on July 17th, as the result of a raid by four Japanese schooners on the seal rookeries. The revenue cutter McCulloch reached here today from St. Paul with 12 prisoners, two seriously wounded, who were turned over to Deputy Marshal Barnum."

The raiders were discovered lying near Northwest Point St. Paul by native lookouts of the North American Commercial company, which leases the seal privilege from the government. Word was telephoned from the patrol station near the rookery, for which the raiders were aiming, and the special agent, Lembeck, the department of commerce on duty in the Pribilof islands arrived on the spot as the Japanese reached shore. He

Ordered the Boat Crew to Surrender which they did. On climbing the promontory at the end of the cape overlooking one of the larger rookeries, a schooner was seen close in shore. Looking straight down over the side the patrol saw a dozen or more Japanese skinning a great number of seals, which had been slaughtered indiscriminately. The raiders refused to surrender until Lembeck reached the scene, and tried to make off with their booty in small boats, several of which were drawn up on shore.

The agent then ordered his guard of natives to open fire on Japanese offered no resistance, being without firearms.

Three of the raiders fell dead on the beach, a fourth was seen to be thrown overboard from one of the boats that escaped, and a fifth boat drifted ashore later in another boat. The men had killed more than 200 seals, many of them coveys. Those who escaped carried away about 120 skins. The raid is believed to have been a concerted effort by the Japanese, who have been hanging

Around the islands for months and giving the revenue cutter much trouble.

The Tokwa Maru, a schooner was overhauled by the cutter Perry on July 5th of the new volcanic island, which rose near Bogoslof, 40 miles from here last March. She was crowded with Japanese, but no seal skins were found aboard. The suspicions of Capt. Woodruff, of the Perry, were aroused and a search was made on July 16th and 17th, but a dense fog set in and lasted until the Perry returned here on July 16th.

The McCulloch reached the island on July 20th, and took charge of the prisoners besides the Tokwa Maru. Japanese were found fishing and trading with natives in the island of Atsu, the westernmost of the Aleutian

Islands. The raid is the most serious that has occurred in the history of the rookeries. The last attempt to raid the island was made about ten years ago by a schooner flying the Mexican flag, she was intercepted by a cutter sent out for the purpose, and many prisoners were taken. After the raid these were allowed to return to their vessels as the guard was considered insufficient to control so many.

Prisoners buried their own dead on the beach. In trying to return to the seal islands with Agent Lembeck on July 22nd the Perry broke her cylinder pump a mile from shore and put her course on the mainland. This leaves the patrol short of vessels and the islands unguarded.

The prisoners left on July 25th, on the monthly mail steamer for Valdez, where the court of the second judicial district in which the seal islands lie, sits in August. The charge will probably be piracy.

When the Carmencita incident and the report of the attempted raid by Capt. McClean in August, 1904, at Copper Islands reached Washington, the court of the second judicial district was prophetic. It said: "The machine gun to the Pribilof Islands for the use of the Aleut guard under Special Agent Lembeck. The machine gun was not sent, but the application for arms resulted in a good supply of rifles being secretly shipped to the seal islands. A Washington correspondent writing at the time of the shipment of arms said: 'The department has contemplated arming its staff with a small machine gun, but this has not been done. It is believed, however, that a good supply of rifles has been secretly shipped to the islands, and any poacher landing hereafter, will meet with a warm reception.'

Some American buyers on the Fraser river are paying 32 cents for salmon. This is the highest price yet reached. One boat was authorized to offer 37 1/2 cents if necessary.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings for the week are \$2,812,247; 1905, \$1,664,262; 1904, \$1,366,780. The clearings for the present week are \$76,000 more than any previous week of the season.

Forest Fires. A big forest fire scared residents of Port Moody last night. They turned out to fight the flames to save the town. Between Vancouver and Burnet two logging camps were burned out. Giles and Condon had logs destroyed to a total damage of \$18,000.

French Novels in Library. Whether the French novels on the shelves of the Carnegie Library are too French or not was the subject of a not uninteresting discussion at the monthly meeting of the board of library commissioners.

Complaint regarding some of the French books in the library, from the point of view of morality, was made a year or two ago, with the result that several handsomely bound volumes were consigned to the furnace. But the suggestiveness of a few of those which escaped the former indignity is now brought into question, and that at the instance, it is said, of a lady member of the Alliance Francaise.

The name of the complainant at last night's meeting was withheld, and the titles of the novels objected to were not given, but the board nevertheless discussed the question at some length. Then came the difficulty of selecting a revising official. It was pointed out that a parist might be found who would object to such standard English as the works of Smollet and Fielding, and passages from Shakespeare might not be thought by all to be fit selections for good family reading.

Finally the matter was referred for investigation to a committee consisting of Prof. Odium, chairman of the board, and Commissioner J. H. MacGill. They will sit up at nights during the remainder of the summer making the investigation.

POPES ANNIVERSARY. Rome, Aug. 9.—There was a brilliant celebration in theistine chapel of the Vatican today of the third anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius X. Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, celebrated mass in the presence of the pontiff, the cardinals, bishops, diplomats and members of the nobility.

MARRINE TELEPHONE. Berlin, Aug. 9.—Experiments were begun today at Lake Constance with a new marine telephone constructed under Prof. Pupin's system. The cable is about seven miles long and reaches to a maximum depth of 820 feet. It was laid by the Siemens Halske company for the Bavarian Warsteenberg and Swiss telephone companies.

EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT. Maddened Horse Grabs Jockey by Throat and Injures Him. Brighton, Eng., Aug. 9.—Just prior to the decision in the race for the Worthing plate today, Marigold IV, ridden by Jockey Brady, reared up and knocked Jockey Madden, who was riding Centre, out of the saddle. The horse then reared on his knees, caught hold of Madden's throat and shook him like a rat, despite the efforts of Brady, who belabored the horse over the head. Eventually the enraged animal was beaten off. Madden's throat was badly lacerated, and he was bleeding freely when released.

NOT COMMITTED TO STAND TRIAL

Misapprehension in the Decision in Princess Victoria Case is Corrected.

RESTS WITH ATTORNEY-GEN.

Magistrate Holds Evidence Was Not Sufficient to Warrant Conviction.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 9.—Some of the newspaper reports are not exactly accurate in their statement of the result of the proceedings before the magistrate this morning in the Princess Victoria case. Captain Griffin is not committed for trial. The magistrate held that the evidence was not sufficient to warrant a conviction and therefore, he would not commit. He said, however, that he would act under section 001 of the criminal code and direct Captain Griffin to give bail to appear and plead in case the attorney general should think it necessary to prefer an indictment. This means that Captain Griffin will not have to stand his trial unless the attorney general takes the matter up and presents an indictment on behalf of the crown. If an indictment should be filed and a true bill found Captain Griffin could elect to take a speedy trial without a jury if he chooses.

House Burglarized. The house of Arthur Jones on Beach avenue was entered yesterday and diamonds and jewelry to the value of \$249 stolen. Mrs. Jones was absent for about two hours and left the key under a doormat. On returning she found the door in the side door and the jewelry gone. No trace of the thief has yet been found.

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A MORAL REFORM WAVE IN VANCOUVER

Clearing Out All the Disorderly Houses--Se'mon Pack on the Fraser River.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 8.—(Special).—Chief of Police Chisholm is taking steps to carry out the orders of the police commissioners to clean out the disorderly houses of the city. He will not move against the women but against the owners of the houses who will be given ten days' notice to order the women to vacate, and failing to do that they will be prosecuted under the vagrancy act.

The Salmon Pack on the Fraser river up to date amounts approximately to 160,000 cases. Unless there is a very heavy run before the season closes the pack will be much smaller than four years ago, when it was 327,000 cases.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, vice-president of the C. P. R. is expected in Vancouver tomorrow on a business trip.

King Edward to Receive Indians. A special wire received here today from London announces that King Edward will receive the three British Columbia chiefs at Buckingham Palace on Monday.

Bush Fires. In surrounding districts are doing great harm. A large one near Squamish has burnt up about 25,000 cords of timber today. It has destroyed some buildings. A gang of 45 men is kept steadily fighting it. Chief Carlisle also ordered a party to fight a big fire near Hastings yesterday. It is under control today.

CARDINAL ROMPOLLA ILL.

Rome, Aug. 8.—It is reported that the health of Cardinal Rimpolla, who was papal secretary of state, has broken down, and there is little hope of his recovery.

THEODORE ROUSTAN DEAD.

Paris, Aug. 8.—Theodore Rousthan, who was French minister at Washington, previous to the elevation of the legation to the rank of an embassy, died today.

SCALED MOUNT BAKER.

Bellingham, Aug. 8.—Sir Mazama at 1 o'clock yesterday succeeded in reaching the summit of Mount Baker. They report steam and boiling water issuing from numerous cracks near the crater, and a newly formed vent of large dimensions near the top. The feat was most perilous, accomplished by going over a route followed on previous ascent to a point within 300 feet of the summit, then crossing a crevasse by ropes placed there the day before, yearling toward the southeast of the mountain, and completing the climb. At times it was necessary to tunnel through ice walls of crevasses in order to make progress.

A NEW ISLAND IN THE NORTH

An Extraordinary Discovery Reported by Officer of U.S. Steamer Perry.

VICINITY OF DUTCH HARBOR

Tomato Blight in Washington--General News of the Pacific Coast.

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—(Special).—Captain Truebridge, of the steamer Northwestern, brings from the north a photograph taken by an officer of the revenue cutter Perry of a newly-formed island, which lies about fifty miles off Dutch Harbor, directly between Bogoslof Islands, commonly known as Castle and Fire Air lands. It made its first appearance during June, and is now 900 feet high. Its length could not be ascertained as the Perry could not get close enough to make an accurate measurement. Clouds of steam arose from its summit, and it is surrounded by boiling water.

A Tomato Blight. Tacoma, Aug. 9.—Reports received by State Horticultural Commissioner Huntly indicate a tomato blight which covers a wide area in the irrigated districts of Eastern Washington.

Still a Mystery. Santa Monica, Cal., Aug. 9.—All efforts to throw light upon the identity of the fashionably dressed woman whose decomposed remains were found in a lonely spot in Temescal Canyon, two miles from this resort, yesterday, have been without result. The body had lain in the brush probably a month and was so badly decomposed that an identification from features or form was impossible. A bullet hole in her left temple was plainly discernible, and on the right of the head well forward, was a great ragged hole where the missile had torn its way out. The absence of any weapons makes the theory of suicide untenable.

Wife Murderer Hanged. San Quentin, Cal., Aug. 9.—(Special).—On the gallows of the state prison here today W. H. Trebilcock was hanged for the murder of his wife in Grand Valley, March 14, 1905.

Insurance Companies to Pay. San Francisco, Aug. 9.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Canmore life insurance company today, a resolution was passed agreeing to pay policyholders who lost property in the great fire of August 4, 1905, \$100,000 per dollar. The losses of the company in the conflagration aggregate \$1,000,000.

Committed Suicide. Walla Walla, Aug. 9.—Ed. Blom, convicted from Spokane who was serving a five year term at the state prison here today for burglary, committed suicide today by throwing himself from the upper tier of cells to the pavement.

ARRESTS IN MOSCOW.

Moscow, Aug. 9.—The resumption of work here was completely today, but arrests of agitators and chiefs of workmen's organizations continue. Many of the more active of the workmen have been expelled from the city.

HOSTILITIES RENEWED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—The morning papers report that the limited persons have been killed or wounded during renewed fighting between Tartars and Armenians in the Shusha district of Caucasus.

POACHING INCIDENT.

Tokio, Aug. 9.—The Japanese government does not yet possess any details of the Aleutian seal poachers' incident, and it is understood that the government is receiving with regret and the hope is expressed that no unpleasant complications will develop.

PURCHASING SILVER.

For First Time in Thirteen Years U.S. Government Issues an Order. Washington, Aug. 9.—For the first time in thirteen years the United States government today announced its purpose to purchase silver for coinage purposes. Tenders are invited at the office of the director of the mint here on Wednesday the 15th inst. and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice for delivery at the Philadelphia, New Orleans or Denver mints, settlement to be on the New York basis of bullion guaranteed 990 fine. The treasury reserves the right to reject all tenders or accept such part of any tender as may suit its convenience. It is understood that anticipating that its reappearance as a purchaser might temporarily disturb the market, the treasury has obtained considerable amount for future delivery, so that it is in a position to drop out of the market for several months if desirable. The average requirements of the treasury throughout the year probably will not exceed one hundred thousand ounces per month and will be the policy of the department while keeping a reasonable amount in hand so as to distribute its purchases throughout the year that its demands will be uniform and not an element of uncertainty in the market.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE ON BRITISH PERIODICALS

Matter is Now Receiving the Attention of the Imperial Government.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—In his annual report for the year ending March 13, the postmaster