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OTTAWA MISSION IS SUCCESSFUL

Provincial Ministers on Return From Dominion Capital Express Satisfaction with Results of Visit

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Action Assured in Regard to Asiatic Immigration, Better Terms and Other Provincial Ouestions |

VANCOUVER, Nov. 15 .- Attorneyneral Bowser and Hon. W. R. Ross, incial minister of lands, returned British Columbia today, well sed (and with good reason) as to h they accompanied Premier Mcde to the federal capital. That the ssion has been eminently successthat realization of the long-desired a re-adjustment of financial arngements with the Dominion upon asis more equitable to British Cobia, is near at hand—and that the terests of the Pacific province hencerward are assured more sympathetic sideration and support at Ottawa, the interests of a most important ortion of the Canadian Dominion, may said to epitomize their report on ir home coming.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs McBride left the remier's colleagues at Ottawa, proeding thence to Montreal for a conerence with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and homeward by a leisurely roundabout route, making possible flying visits to New York, New Orleans and San Francisco. They should reach Cictoria en Monday.

Messrs. Bowser and Ross Commed o Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific and the minister of lands will arrive toria tomorrow afternoon. Hon. Bowser will go over on Sunday, ing just now engaged in preparations a transfer of residence. With the ltiplication of official responsibilities idental to governmental preparaons for the January session, and to session itself, he finds that resiat the capital has become es ntial, and he has accordingly taken lease upon the residence on Rocknd avenue of G. H. Barnard, M. P., which he and his family will take ssession immediately, removing from

acouver on Sunday next. Dominion Ministers to Come

Vhile emphasizing the extreme and ariable cordiality of their reception the national capital and the courus solicitude displayed by Premier rden and all his colleagues to make short stay in Ottawa pleasant as as profitable to this provthe just returned ministers give the very gratifying news that all members of the Dominion cabinet tend coming to the Pacific coast durthe new year, to thoroughly familize themselves at first hand with ritish Columbia's conditions and specproblems, and to form a closer and re sympathetic acquaintance with people.

Hon. Mr. Monk, the minister of pubworks, intends taking a special car inging with him all the principal resible officials of his department n. Mr. Hazen will probably spend me little time in this province, while informs himself thoroughly on all itters bearing upon the protection development of the fishing indusnecessity for the extension of reless telegraphic facilities, etc. master General Pelletier, Hon. Dr. the new minister of customs, and Mr. Rogers, head of the impordepartment of the Interior, all much to study in connection with ands from the far west upon their ective services, and are detered that their personal knowledge of related matters shall be such that ir official courses may be consistentand unintermittently in the direcof promoting growth and prosperin this very richly endowed and portant portion of the Canadian

and it was an outstanding and conpicuous feature of the visit of the vincial ministers to note the keen nd active interest in British Columand the sympathetic concern for the special requirements of this vince displayed by Premier Borden nd each of his colleagues-as well as heir very marked desire to learn ore, when added knowledge of preailing conditions here might reason be expected to more completel; them for wise deliberation in matrs of special western import.

Asiatic Question.

Notably was this demand for comrative information evidenced in nnection with the live question of iatic immigration and its necessary striction, the French-Canadian mem ers of the cabinet in particular pressvoluntary requests for fullest parculars of British Columbia's condions and entering thoroughly and pathetically into this question with oth the premier and the attorney gen-Continued on Page 2.)

SNOWDEN'S STORY

His Statement as to Murder of Mr. Committed for Trial.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 15 .- Waton Snowden, charged in court today with the murder of William Urquhart, a wealthy liquor dealer, told a dramatic story after his arrest in Nanaimo to a Vancouver detective.

According to the latter's statement in the court today, where Snowden was committed for trial, the accused described one of the wounds on the murdered man, and even told where he must have been standing at the time he was shot. Snowden then asked for a pencil, and drew a sketch plan showing the interior

Snowden had returned to the scene of the murder some time after it, and had engaged in conversation with the dead man's son, asking him details of the crime. He had also made a statement to a woman of his acquaintance in Nanaimo, where he was arrested, that led her to believe he was the murderer. He will come up for trial at the assizes in January next.

Violating Immigration Law. VANCOUVER, Nov. 15 .- A Corteski, an Australian who had landed in Canada in defiance of the orders of the local immigration authorities, was sentenced by Magistrate Shaw yesterday to nine months imprisonment. J. outcome of the mission upon H. Macgill, immigration officer, said that it was absolutely necessary to make an example of someone if the orders of the department were to be respected.

Powerful Montreal Syndicate Secures Fanning and Washington Islands for Coaling Depots on Opening of Canal

Fanning and Washington islands have been purchased for \$350,000 by a powerful Canadian and British syndicate headed by C. N. Armstrong, of Montreal. A representative of the Montreal conern was a passenger on the steamer Zealandia from Victoria to meet Father Emmanuel Rougier, who was awaiting his arrival at Honolulu when the R. M. S. Marama, which arrived yesterday, left that port on November 8th. Father Rougier had chartered a schooner to take the agent to inspect the islands. Arrivals by the Marama stated the impression prevailed that it was the intention of the purchasers to establish a nents would be made for a British naval base at Fanning island in view of the early opening of the Panama canal.

Interviewed at Honolulu the vendor, Rev. Father Rougier, who bought the islands at an auction sale held by the Supreme court of the high commissioner for the South Pacific 'at Suva, Fiji islands, in 1907, for \$135,000, said: "It might be the central station of that solong-shadowed 'All-Red line' that would ply in the Pacific after the Panama Canal will be opened.

"The fact that Fanning is already the central station of the British Pacific cable syndicate adds to the value of the island, and in the minds of many it is hard to say who is to be the most complimented, the vendor or the purchaserperhaps both of them."

Canadian Flag

After talking of the facts above Father Rougier added with a smile: "Soon you will see the Canadian flag waving in competition with your stars. "This will be the first Canadian pos session in the Pacific. Nature has done her small but valuable part. Is not Fanning nicknamed the Gem of the

Being asked on what circumstances he thought vessels could find it to their interest and advantage to go to Fanning instead of Honolulu, Father Rougier re-

"If there was only one station. Honolulu, in the center of the Pacific, think of what would happen if for one reason or another war, plague, strikes, etc., should break out. If that station was shut, do you not see the amount of business and trade paralyzed in this part of

the Pacific? "Now, do you not realize that your port is and always will be a difficult port on account of your many regulations concerning aliens, diseases, quarantine and customs? Latin and all yellow races will certainly find it to their advantage very often to avoid Honolulu and to call at a 'free' port like Fanning.

Route Across Pacific "Again, why should vessels going from South America to Hongkong or Japan or vice versa, or from Panama to the Straits, leave the bee-line to come 1,000 miles out of their way to call here. when they could find coal and oil in a

nearer harbor? "Do you not think, too, that men-ofwar, British especially, would prefer coaling in their own territory, in touch with their own cable?

"For these reasons I believe the plan a most probable one, and also a step in the right direction-to maintain and develop the British trade on this

STILL GAINING

Opposition in Nova Scotia Legislature Captures Two Seats Formerly Held by Government Supporters

LIBERALS LOSE IN P. E. ISLAND

Defeat of Premier Palmer and One of His Prominent Supporters Ensures Overturn of Government

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 15 .- The Conservatives captured two seats where byelections were held in Nova Scotia today for the provincial legislature, Digby and Lunenburg.

In Digby, H. H. Marshall, Conserva tive, was elected by a majority of about 500 over A. E. Walt, Liberal. In Lunenburg, C. C. Zwicker, Consegvative, has a majority of nearly 200 over William Duff, Liberal.

The opposition in the Nova Scotia legislature will now number 13, the government strength being 25. In P. E. Island

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Nov. 15. -The results of two by-elections in this province today ensure the defeat of the Liberal government. In Augustus district. Premier Palmer is beaten by Dr. Dewar, Conservative, by 329 majority. In Belfast district, Prof. Alex McPhail, independent, is victorious over Editor Nash by about 200. Before these elections the parties in the house stood 16 Liberals and 14 Conser-

Patrol by Revenue Cutters WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 .-- To render

assistance to vessels in distress at sea during the season of bad weather, President Taft today expressly ordered the entire Atlantic fleet of revenue cutters to patrol the coast from Maine to Florida, beginning December 1, remaining at sea practically continuously until April 1, 1912. The revenue cutters will be stocked with provisions, water and fuel with which to extend relief. None of them will seek a harbor during the entire five months, except as necessity

C. N. R. Express Wrecked

WINNIPEG, Nov. 15 .- The Canadian Northern express running from Regina to Winnipeg, was wrecked today at cealing depot, and probably arrange- Ladysmith. All the cars left the track, the sleeper being turned over on its side. Several passengers were injured, but none killed.

COURTMARTIAL

ieutenant Lord Alliston Graham is Found Guilty of Causing Suffering Through Stranding of Vessel

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TO REPRIMAND

HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 15 .- Lieut Lord Alliston Graham was today found guilty by a court-martial for causing suffering through the stranding of H.M.C.S. Niobe on July 30 on a dangerous ledge off Cape Sable. He was sentenced to be reprimanded.

Lord Alliston Graham was officer of the watch up to fifteen or twenty minutes of the time when the cruiser went ashore. While the evidence seemed to show an absence of deliberate negligence on the part of accused, it developed the fact that he had not been poachers. This state of affairs would as attentive to duty as he should have

Lieut. Graham's reprimand means nothing more than a black mark for

Immediately upon the conclusion of the first case, that against Lieut. White, navigating officer, was called but was adjourned until tomorrow.

Murdered by Yaquis.

MEICO CITY, Nov. 15 .- Three Americans have been killed in Sonora, as a result of an nprising of the Yaqui Indians, according to a letter received today by El Imparcial from Hermoslilo.

Western Union Pree Delivery

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 .- Officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company announced today that the free delivery limits in which telegrams may be deliv ered without charge will be extended within the next few days to include with a few exceptions, the corporate limits of all cities and towns where independent telegraph offices are estab-

SEIZURE OF EDRIE

Owners of Fishing Schooner Appeal gument of Counsel.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 15 .- Argument in the case of the seizure of the American fishing schooner Edrie was heard today in the provincial appeal court. The confiscation of the vessel for illegal fishing had been ordered by the Admiralty court, and the owners, the Chilopeck Fish Company, of Seattle, appealed.

Counsel for the defendants argued that there was no evidence that the Edrie was fishing within the three-mile limit. The captain of the Rainbow stated only that she was within the limit when the gun ordering her to surrender was fired at 1.10 p. m. on February 27, but she was not taken into custody until she was outside the limit. Even then they admitted that she was only 350 yards within the three-mile limit when sighted.

WILL FORM CABINET

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PEKING, Nov. 16.-(1:35 a. m.)-

Yuan Shi Kai has accepted the pre-

miership and will assume office prob-

ably today (Thursday). Yesterday's

official gazette contained an expression

of thanks from Yuan Shi Kai to the

throne for his appointment, but the

truth is that he did not undertake

the task without receiving guarantees

that he would have practically a free

hand in conducting affairs while he

The new premier received several

foreign ministers yesterday, including

the United States minister at China

Willia Calhoun, who returned here

In conversation with a foreigner,

Yuan Shi Kai said he intended to

form a cabinet immediately and en-

deavor to carry on the government by

nces as possible, allowing the remain-

der to retain their independence for

the time being. It would be his en-

deavor also gradually to win back

Another important development in

the capital was the issuance of an

edict vesterday ordering Wai Liang,

formerly viceroy of Manchuria, to as-

sume command at Jehol, where the

summer residence of the emperor is

situated, in place of Pu Ting, the Tar-

to the belief in certain quarters that

the court may retire to Jehol, leaving

Yuan Shi Kai as chief executive until

the opportunity arises for the court to

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The provincial assembly of Chi Li has

Man Arrested in San Francisco

Believed to be Wanted by

British Authorities for Mur-

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15 .- Devotion

to two natural children, whom he re-

fused to abandon through years of ad

venture in various parts of the world,

led to the arrest here today of John R

Swann, wearer of the Victoria Cross, be-

lieved to be a fugitive wanted by the

British government for murder commit-

ted in Bloomfontein, South Africa, in

December, 1901. Swann is also accused

by the police here of having killed two

Papers found in Swann's possession

show that John R. Swann was a mem-

ber of the British Royal Marine Artil-

lery, enlisting from Kirkshire, Scotland,

and that after repeated mention for

government he was awarded the Vic

A police circular, printed at Johannes-

gives a description of a man wanted for

fits Swann in the minutest detail, the

most definite marks of identification con-

sisting of tattoo marks on various parts

of the body. A full-rigged ship, describ-

ed in detail as covering the back of the

right hand, did not appear, the hand

showing a recently finished design of

the Union Jack. A microscopic examir

ation made at the bureau of criminal

identification showed that a tattooed

design had been rremoved, and the

place covered with the Union Jack. A

closer examination showed traces of the

outlines of the ship still existing. Other

tattoo marks, described minutely in the

circular, were found on Swann's back

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He pointed out that Commander Stewart of the Rainbow stated that one of the bearings by which they determined the position of the Edrie was taken at a distance of fourteen miles. They did not take angles, though they had a sextant, and a range taker on board. Compass bearings were always unreliable, because there may be a deviation. The hearing will probably occupy about two more days.

Aviator's Fatal Fall

BERLIN, Nov. 15 .- Herr Pletschmar an aviator, fell while making a flight over the Johannisthal field today, and vas killed. His neck was broken.

ON FISHERIES

Suggests Protective Fleet of Gasoline Cruisers to Rid the Coast of Poachers Now Stealing Millions of Dollars

Captain W. H. Dogan, special agent of the London Salvage association, said yesterday that he was surprised to find how little British Columbians seemed to understand the immense extent of the fisheries of this province and the urgency of providing quickly for an efficient fishery patrol to prevent the depletion of the rich fishing grounds by poaching vessels from United States ports. He suggested that a fleet of small gasoline the republic which has been proclaim ressels with two parent vessels, tugboats of the type of the Wiliam Jolliffe or the Lorne, be provided and advice. Several other viceroys have the coastline patrolled in districts, say of 60 miles in length to each vessel, the patrol craft going over the area in which they work three or four times a day and reporting to the vessel engaged on the adjoining area, similarly as the British coast guards meet at the

extremes of their territory. Captain Logan said "It is surprising to me to find in talking to different people on this subject how scant an idea they have of the extent of the fisheries of this province, and of their value. Many seem to think that we have few food fishes, and that the industry does not amount to a great deal. Very fed seem to realize the value of our fisheries. They are far in excess of those of Newfoundland. which furnish employment to so many fishermen, not only exceeding the latter in extent but also in quality of the fish. The fishermen on the eastern coast fish mostly for cod, while here there is one of the finest assort ments of food fish in the world.

"Take a catch made on the basis of five cents per pound-a low pricein view of the fact that a catch of 50, 000 pounds is common, in fact catches to four times that amount have been made by steamers, the gross value of a fishing catch runs from 2,500, and fishing catch runs from \$2,500, and times a year the owners will earn

no small amount. "Two hundred vessels is a low estimate of the number of alien fishing craft which come into British Columbia waters, and the majority of these poach on the British Columbia fishing grounds. It is easy to see, therefore, that many millions of dollars worth of fish are taken each year from British Columbia fishing grounds by these other country. I doubt if there is any other nation which would tolerate it. If the situation was reversed and Canadian fishing boats were poaching on United States fishing grounds do you think for a moment the depredations would long be permitted to remain unchecked?

Lack of Knowledge

"It can only be the seeming lack of knowledge of this matter that admits of the people of Canada closing their eyes to this situation. It seems to me that the people of this part of the Dominion are evidently too busy in other directions to give the proper consideration to this valuable asset they have in the fishing grounds of British Columbia. It will only be when British Columbians begin to fish these grounds that they will realize the extent of the loss they have sustained by permitting a continuance of poaching.

"The people of Canada are now considering the forming of a Canadian navy. Fisheries offer the fin (Continued on Page 2.)

ONE MAN ACCEPTED

Six Talesmen Rejected in Yesterday's Grounds of Excuse,

PREMERSHI LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14.-Six talesnen were disqualified and one was ac epted today in the McNamara trial. With one more accepted talesman in the box it will be filled for the second Makes Condition That He Be time, and counsel will exercise peremp-Guaranteed Practically Free tory challenges. Hand in Managing China's

As frequently has happened recently the talesman accepted was subjected to-only brief examination. He is C. A. Hath, a farmer of English birth, who expressed a good deal of respect for institutions and laws.

In Dennis Bennett, a 74-year-old stage driver, formerly of Warrensburg and Glenns Falls, N. Y., it semed likely that another juror had been secured. The defence accepted Bennett after he said "Id apply the golden rule to this Supposed Preparations for case; I'd try to do as I'd like to be done Removal of Imperial Family by, but he tripped up on his beliefs regarding conviction on circumstantial to Jehol-Rebel Leader Deevidences in cases involving the death penalty, and was excused, Judge Bordwell deciding that he probably would not so convict.

Talesman Corcoran's dismissal brought protests from the defence. Corcoran is 68 years old. Attorney Darrow pointed out that Talesman T. H. Elliott, accepted yesterday, is 74 years of age but Judge Bordwell held that physical condition rather than age was to be considered.

"We'll not discuss the matter any further, he said, cutting short Attorney Darrows objection.

MAYOR PLANTA ON CIVIC PROBLEMS

lanaimo's Chief Executive Advocates Government by Commission and Censures Interference with Officials

In the opinion of Mayor Planta, this year's president of the Union of B. C. Municipalities' convention, government by commission has several advantages tar general. This appointment has led over the present system of local administration. Interviewed at the Empress vesterday, the Mayor of Nanaimo was at first disinclined to express any opinions on the subjects up for discussion at this year's convention of tung, has been elected president of its disadvantages, Mayor Planta claimed that, generally speaking, the comis in accordance with the government mission form of administration was preferable to that by council, if only for the fact that it would present the fluencing the provinces later to renew harassing of competent officials by mayors and councillors who did not possess that technical knowledge and experience that could alone justify crit-

"At present," he said, "our councils are constituted largely of men inexperienced in municipal work and entirely deficient in technical knowledge. They, nevertheless, undertake to direct their engineers and other expert officials in work they are not themselves conversant with. As a consequence, there is constant waste of public money. In Nanaimo, for instance, I am open to confess, that on more than one occasion, results have shown that our expenditure has not always been judicious. To every municipality, cases will recur to the memory where money could have been saved and better work done had the council acted on the advice of officials, instead of opposing it: The mayor and council often handicap the engineer and other men in charge of public work by insisting on the work being done in a manner contrary to that which a practical man would advise. Further confusion is caused by one council cancelling work which the preceding council has undertaken."

Government by Experts

"I believe that government by com mission would mean government by experts. At present, most of our councillors realize they are handicapped by lack of technical knowledge. I think that the commission form of municipal administration would attract a more in dependent and better qualified type of men, who would be specially equipped for their responsibilities and work. The people would elect the commissioners, who would be paid good salaries for their services. As paid officers, they would be liable to recall by the people It would be up to the electors to choose bravery in the dispatches to the home the men best equipped for such administrative responsibilities, men of known probity, and independent position, and men of repute, as engineers, lawyers burg, also found among Swann's effects, architects, or other experts with experience that would qualify them to act as murder, and offers £1,000 for his arrest. supervisors and directors of public The description, according to the police, works.

"It would not be so bad if members of the council would be advised by their executive officers, and follow that advice. Instead of this, they loften tie their officials' hands, and then blame hem for their own mistakes."

Mayor Planta said that he claimed no expert knowledge himself, and in any ase he would not presume to say any thing about Victoria. But in his own city of Nanaimo, they had recently nade a serious mistake involving heavy additional expenditure, by insisting on a uniform street grading, which in one place alone had meant cutting through four feet of solid rock unnecessarily.

MADE BY TURKS

Italian Troops Called Upon to Meet Two Assaults on Their Position-Both Are Easily Repulsed

WAR VESSEL SHELLS ARAB FORT

Rumors That Porte Wishes to Treat for Peace in View of Failure Attending on Military Operations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 .- The state department has heard from Turkey or Italy nothing that would suggest an extension of the good offices of the United States to terminate the present war since the notification from the Italian government of the annexation of Tripoli, That notification was accompanied by an intimation that the good offices of one of the signatory powers of the Hague convention would be welcomed. As it was conditioned upon the acceptance as a fact of the annexation of Tripoli, the state department did not feel free to move in the matter, for any such overtures by the United States to Turkey would fall within the category of intervention, which the state department has positively refused to undertake.

Despatches received from Tripoli at the Italian embassy today say that a battalion of Turks attacked the Italian troops yesterday, but was repulsed, eaving five dead on the field. The Italians reported two wounded. A second assault was repulsed by the Italian troops without loss of life.

Today the Italian man-of-war Bardo shelled Fort Alfora, on the western coast. At Benghazi, Derna and Tobriuk, where new troops have arrived, the situation is reported as unchanged.

Leoning Towards Peace

LONDON, Nov. 14.-A special dispatch from Athens says several Constantinople telegrams received there affirm that the Porte is disposed to treat with Italy with a view to peace. It is now beginning to be admitted in Constantinople that Turkish troops and their allies, the Arabs in Tripoli, the province's municipal legislators. despite desperate attacks, have been Though claiming to be fully alive to everywhere repulsed with heavy losses and that prolonged resistance is use

Bank Embezzler Pardoned

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 .- President Taft pardoned today Clarence W. Robnett, former bookkeeper and clerk in the Lewiston National bank, of Lewiston. Idaho, convicted of embezzling the bank's funds, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. He has not served any of the sentence. Through Robnett's voluntary confession, the government was enabled, it is said, to convict William F. Kettenbach, former president, and George H. Kettler, former cashier of the bank. The prosecuting attorney recommended Robnett's par-

RAILWAY REGULATION

SPOKANE, Nov. 15 .- "The interstate commerce commission has performed good service in its efforts to prevent discriminations in railroad rates. The effect of this and the usefulness of the commission has been decided by the new court of commerce," stated Senator Miles Poindexter today. "There is no need for a court of commerce; there are too many courts already. The new court should be abolished, and what appeals are allowed from the commission should be direct to the Supreme court of the United States, and on the facts the finding of the interstate commerce

commission should be final. "It is an absurdity of government to allow and encourage the development of national commerce under certain conditions, to allow those conditions to become fixed by custom and inaction for a generation, and then to throw the business of the country into a turmoil by destructive litigation in the name of the government to be followed by attempts on the part of the courts to reason out a new system.

"The remedy against private monopolies is by prevention, rather than by belated, uncertain and influential attack upon them after they have been long stablished. No private monopoly can exist without special government favors Remove these discriminations-rebates, special rates, exemptions from taxation, extortionate private tariffs; private control of natural resources and private monopolies will cease to exist by natural causes."

"It will not be necessary to unsettle the business of the country, in order to destroy them, and on the other hand, all the litigation that can be conducted will be perfectly futile to break up monopolies so long as these special discriminations are employed.

"The Sherman law should be strengthened and made more definite, and power should be given to the president to enforce its well defined provisions without any appeal to the courts, by preventing its infractions in the first instance, with reasonable opportunities to everyone aggrieved by the government's progressive action to appeal to the courts."