

SOVEREIGNTY IN CHURIA THREATENED

Newspapers Fear Japan Russia Will Abandon Open Door Policy

(Times Leased Wire.)—The new Russo-Japanese treaty is growing daily, rather than diminishing in British government circles. This doubt is expressed in certain newspapers, most of which are the London News.

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Comment indicates that the new Russo-Japanese treaty is especially unsatisfactory to the United States. The absorption of Manchuria by Russia and Japan, it is said, will lead to the closing of the door in that province, which will affect the United States commerce, such an extent that dissatisfaction will be inevitable.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

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school, which has been in session for several days, was to end with a battle and target work with the batteries, which was to have been the principal feature of the military drill. The accident occurred shortly after the drill had started.

The official statement does not detail the cause of the accident, but it is generally believed here that a premature explosion was the cause of the tragedy.

The statement issued by the military authorities says that the accident occurred by a breech block explosion in the gun.

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PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE AT NANAIMO

The City Council Endorses Proposal to Lay New Water Main

Nanaimo, July 20.—At the regular meeting of the city council the following report was submitted in reference to the nuisance created by smoke, etc., from the Red Fir Lumber Company's mill: "We, your street committee, beg leave to report as follows: Inasmuch as numerous complaints have been made in regard to burning shavings, sawdust, etc., from the fire at the sawmill being carried all over the north end of the city and being a nuisance, we have to suggest that the company be given two months to install an efficient burner, so as to abate the nuisance complained of."

Ald. Young moved, seconded by Ald. Busby, the report be received and recommendations adopted. The report was accepted and the company was expected to submit a report dealing with the question of lack of water pressure when the convent and Catholic church buildings were destroyed by fire on Monday, July 11th, did not do so, but Ald. Bennett, chairman of the water committee, moved that a six-inch main be laid on Franklin street from Pridmore to Wallace, and a six-inch main on Wentworth street from Milton to Wallace. Ald. Bennett remarked the estimated cost of the work would be \$2,500, and it was proposed to utilize the three and four inch pipes taken up, provided they were in good condition, in other parts of the city.

Mayor Planta remarked as the test of the hydrant at the foot of Franklin street had shown satisfactory results, he would suggest cutting down the work of laying the main on Wentworth street. The only object of doing the work at all was for fire protection and the test of the Franklin hydrant demonstrated this section was amply protected at the present time.

Ald. Shaw stated he did not like to be a stumbling block for progress, but in view of the condition of the city's finances only necessary work should be done at the present time. He did not think it right to use waterworks revenue for other purposes and then treat the waterworks system negligently, but if Franklin street was already well protected from fire, he would ask Ald. Bennett to eliminate the Franklin street clause from his motion.

Ald. Young remarked he was prepared to see the rates increased in order that the city should have good fire protection.

Ald. Bennett remarked he did not feel like cutting down his motion and the work would be part of the new system which it was proposed to install throughout the city.

Ald. Leconte remarked that the Franklin street section, which was well protected now, would be further benefited by the new main on Wentworth street, and he would move an amendment that a six-inch main be laid on Wentworth street from Milton to Wallace, and the 4-inch main on Wallace street be continued from Franklin street to Wentworth.

Ald. Watson was in favor of continuing the 6-inch main along Wentworth and Wallace to Pittsview in place of the 4-inch main proposed by Ald. Leconte.

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DROWNED IN RAPIDS.

Prince Rupert, July 20.—A sad accident occurred at Zanardi rapids a few days ago. William E. Giffey, who was engaged in the work on the bridge being constructed there for the Grand Trunk Pacific, fell from a pier into the swift waters below and was drowned. The unfortunate man was in the act of releasing a rail that had caught on the top of the pier. Losing his balance he fell off his stand. In spite of the fact that the rope was thrown to him from a scow, he did not grasp it, although within reach. It is, therefore, believed he must have struck his head somewhere in the fall, and become dazed. He rose a second time, but although efforts were made to reach him they were without success.

BIG PAYROLL AT CROW'S NEST MINES

Over \$200,000 Distributed for Month—Coal Output Reaches Record Figures

Fernie, July 20.—The amount paid out in wages to the employees of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company on Saturday was \$203,400, the largest amount that has been distributed for some time.

The tonnage from the mines at Coal Creek and Michel has been steadily increasing and in the month of June these two collieries produced 116,447 tons, which is the record in the history of the company.

When the money paid out by the three Collieries companies in Fernie is taken into consideration as well as the amount distributed through the activity in building operations and the payrolls of the other industries, it will readily be seen that the city is enjoying a full share of the general prosperity of the province.

TRAIL INVITES SIR WILFRID. Trail, July 20.—At a meeting for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Boy Scouts in this city held at the city hall, the following permanent officers were elected: Chairman, Mayor Weir; Scoutmaster, Geo. Alexander; secretary, A. R. Babington. A committee consisting of the city clerk and business men and others was also appointed. All boys between the age of 10 and 18 years desirous of joining the organization are requested to hand in their names to the scoutmaster or secretary.

MEDICAL OFFICER. Prince Rupert, July 20.—Dr. J. O. Reddie has been elected medical health officer. There were three applications for the position.

WHALE GERMANIA ARRIVED LAST NIGHT

Will Be Sent to Queen Charlottes to Operate From Rose Harbor Station

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Steam whaler Germania, recently purchased by the Pacific Whaling Company to operate from their northern station at Rose Harbor, Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived last night after a voyage from the west coast. She has been operated in the vicinity of Cape Horn by a Norwegian Company previous to being acquired by the local firm. As soon as she has been overhauled she will be sent to the Queen Charlottes in command of Captain Harry Balcom. The whaling fleet now consists of the Orion, St. Lawrence, Sebastian, William Grant, and the Germania. A great many whales are being caught, and this season promises to be one of the best since the operations of the local company commenced.

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PUBLICITY WORK AT PRINCE RUPERT

Proposal That Board of Trade Employ Expert in Advertising Campaign

Prince Rupert, July 20.—The discussion that took place at the last general meeting of the Publicity Club relative to the absorption of the club by the board and its work continued by a committee of the board, and as to the advisability of the two organizations remaining distinct but employing the same secretary, came before the general meeting of the board of trade upon a letter from Secretary Coyne, of the Publicity Club. Mr. Coyne wrote that as there had been a suggestion made that the board employ an expert in publicity, and as the work of the board of trade would necessarily grow in other directions, he offered his services to the board in conjunction with his present employment as secretary of the Publicity Club.

Secretary Stephens again stated what he had stated at the Publicity Club, that he would heartily support any movement that was meant for progress, and would willingly resign if the board at the time had come for a permanent secretary, as he was heartily in favor of anything that was calculated to be of benefit to Prince Rupert generally.

Chairman Morris said the situation at the present time in this discussion was that there was nothing before the board from the Publicity Club on the subject. He was sure their present secretary was giving good service, and with their new quarters no doubt they were moving along all right. He would recommend, however, that Mr. Coyne's letter be placed on file, so that when the time came the board could go further into the subject. A motion was carried to that effect.

BOY SCOUTS AT TRAIL. Trail, July 20.—At a meeting for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Boy Scouts in this city held at the city hall, the following permanent officers were elected: Chairman, Mayor Weir; Scoutmaster, Geo. Alexander; secretary, A. R. Babington. A committee consisting of the city clerk and business men and others was also appointed. All boys between the age of 10 and 18 years desirous of joining the organization are requested to hand in their names to the scoutmaster or secretary.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

New Westminster, July 20.—The council chamber was crowded Monday night by citizens who were anxious to hear the second installment of the auditor's report. The document, when it was read, contained no very startling statements of an interesting nature, but it had found that in the list of the city's assets there had been left out forty water lots, which made a difference of almost \$400,000. When Mr. Cotsworth made some of his statements there was considerable applause from the audience, and when he finished he was loudly applauded.

MERGER OF VICTORIA CONCERNS COMPLETED

B. C. Sand and Gravel Co. and Victoria Construction Co. Amalgamated

The merging of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Co., Limited, and the Victoria Construction Co., Limited, which will extend the operations formerly carried on by both companies, has just been completed. The amalgamation is known as the Producers' Rock & Gravel Co., Limited, and the directors are F. W. Jones, George W. Mitchell, H. W. E. Canavan, H. B. Thomson, M. P. P. M. B. Carlin and A. E. James.

The gravel pit on Royal Bay, formerly operated by the B. C. Sand & Gravel Co., and the quarry at Albert Head, which has been developed by the Victoria Construction Co., in addition to 560 acres of land on Royal Bay, containing immense deposits of gravel and sand, constitute the chief resources of the new concern. Together with wharves, bunkers and equipment the assets are totalled at \$504,500.

Contracts with the city for the supply of gravel and gravel were held by the two companies, and these will be carried out by the Producers' Rock & Gravel Company. In addition the company has a large outside business and its output for the ensuing year has already been contracted for. The fiscal agents of the company are McPherson & Fullerton, who are handling an issue of \$100,000 of debentures for the extension of its operations.

STEAMER SUVERIC ARRIVES FROM ORIENT Brought Large General Cargo for British Columbia and Puget Sound Ports

Steamer Suveric arrived from the Orient on Tuesday after rather a long voyage from Yokohama. She followed very closely on the heels of the ocean, of the same line, which arrived a week ago. She has a large cargo of which 2,500 tons is for British Columbia ports. This is the steamer which was disabled on her way to Victoria some months ago and which had to be docked and receive extensive repairs. Another steamer was chartered to take her run, but she was dispatched at as early a date as possible, and there was much cargo awaiting her at Manila, Hongkong and other ports in the Orient. Part of her cargo consists of fish for different points on the coast and inland.

U. S. REGULATIONS VEX PASSENGERS

N. Y. K. Line Unable to Stop Over Here

(From Thursday's Daily.) A number of steamers plying between the Orient and Puget Sound make Victoria their first and last port of call, and passengers bound to United States points are obliged to stop here for a few days before continuing their journey. This they are prohibited from doing under the United States immigration regulations.

Yesterday the arrival of the Japanese liner Awa Maru, one of the first-class passenger liners, was much annoyed at the United States immigration regulations.

The Calcutta club house in Hongkong, wished to leave the ship and remain in Victoria long enough to sell rice to the local market, but was prohibited by the United States officers who boarded the steamer at this port that if he did this he would be refused admission into the United States. As he had provided the ocean bound to the great republic he was forced to relinquish his idea of doing business here.

It seems that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamers, which are the only ones which United States immigration officials are not allowed to examine passengers entering that country at this port. Had they been able to do this they could have given Mr. Barrett his passports and he would have been able to remain here.

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VANCOUVER'S NEW CITY SOLICITOR

John G. Hay Selected at Salary of \$6,000 a Year—Department is Reorganized

Vancouver, July 20.—John G. Hay, of the legal firm of Martin, Craig, Bourne & Hay, of this city, has been appointed city solicitor at a salary of \$6,000 per year. The appointment was recommended by the special committee and ratified by the city council. Mr. Hay is to assume his duties about August 1st. He will give his entire time to the city's work and will retain the present staff, consisting of Messrs. Kennedy, Jones and MacDonald.

For months a special committee has been at work in connection with the appointment of a new city solicitor and the reorganization of that department. The firm of Cowan, Macdonald & Parkes having stated that it did not care to carry on the civic work for the future the committee approached W. A. Macdonald, of the firm of Macdonald & Parkes, and for a time it was thought that his services would be secured, but arrangements were not concluded and general applications were then called for. There were several applicants, one from the east, one provincial, and three local. Besides these the committee had under consideration the name of Mr. Hay and also that of a prominent provincial lawyer, neither of whom had made formal applications for the position.

On Friday last the sub-committee decided to make an offer to Mr. Hay and accordingly Mayor Taylor telegraphed to him in Toronto. The reply came, Mr. Hay stating that he would accept the position with a salary of \$6,000 per year and a three-year contract, the present staff to be retained. This was agreeable to the committee and was recommended to the council in a private meeting in the mayor's office.

His appointment was moved at the city council meeting by Ald. Crowe and Heppner and passed unanimously. Mr. John G. Hay was born about twenty