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FREE GOLD FOUND AT LAWN POINT

Rich Claims Reported on Northern Part of Vancouver Island—Indications that Spaniards Once Worked Placers

(From Monday's Daily.) The correspondent of the Times at Queen's... This is being searched for at the present time and a rich fortune is expected for the finder of it.

THE PHEASANT SEASON OPENS BIRDS ARE REPORTED TO BE PLENTIFUL

Other Sport Is Good on Vancouver Island at the Present Time. (From Monday's Daily.) The pheasant season opens to-morrow morning and there will be a large number of people going out to the fields and farms to take a shot at the long tailed.

One of the most important things for hunters to remember is that they must ask permission before shooting over another person's property. Nearly all farmers are willing to grant permission if asked, but some of them are looking out for trespassers, the ones who leave the fences down and shoot the chickens and other stock. It has been stated that some of the farmers are laying poison in self protection, but when they do so they must post notices to that effect.

The damp weather has improved the grouse shooting lately. A week ago a very large number went out and some of them got some birds but the rank and file averaged about one to a gun. Yesterday there were a few good bags among them being Camusa, 9; Hewling, 3; both at Seventeen Mile; D. H. John, 10; Lenfesty, 10; F. A. Gowen, 8; Albert Wyde, 16, and Otto Weller and R. Martin also got a good many. Several fine deer came down on the

WILL KEEP DAUGHTER.

Florence, Sept. 30.—Enrico Toselli, who last week married the Countess Montignoso in London, in an interview confirms the reports that it was his intention to make an American tour as a singer, but declined to give any details concerning it.

Rome, Sept. 30.—It is stated that in response to a request for an audience, the Pope has agreed to receive Signora Toselli, the former Countess Montignoso, if she present herself as a commoner and not as a royal personage.

MAN LOST LIFE WHILE HUNTING ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HIS OWN RIFLE

Quebec, Sept. 30.—Another fatal accident to a hunter is reported, the scene of the latest fatality being Isle Aux Coudres, in the county of Charlevoix. According to a report received here the body of a man named Vital Mailloux was found there yesterday.

Contractor Preparing to Build Extension of Canadian Pacific Railway from Regina

Regina, Sask., Sept. 30.—Contractor J. Badley has arrived in the city today with his outfit and men. He will start work immediately on the C. P. R. extension from Regina to Bulyea. The line runs direct north from Regina, and will connect with the Kiriakia branch of the C. P. R.

Message of Sympathy.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Earl Grey has received a letter from Lord Elgin, colonial secretary, concerning the sympathy of the British government in the Quebec bridge disaster, and concludes as follows: "His Majesty's government fully recognize the extent of this calamity in retarding the development of the new trans-continental railway, which, when completed, will form a fresh link in Imperial communications, but they rely with confidence on Canadian enterprise to make good the disaster to so important an undertaking."

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—This week's Canada Gazette contains a royal proclamation, making Thursday, October 31st, a day of general thanksgiving. Another proclamation further adjourns pro forma, the meeting of parliament from September 30th to November 7th.

Monument to Soldiers.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 30.—The spot where Capt. A. P. Hill and nine men of the 8th Infantry fell in the battle of Lundy's Lane, was appropriately marked on Saturday when a huge block of granite was unveiled. Capt. Hill and his men fell in battle on July 25th, 1814. Six years ago skeletons were found and identified as members of the 8th. The Frontier Landmarks Association secured permission from the Canadian government to erect the monument. The United States department of war was officially represented by Capt. Andrew Brewster, a member of the 8th Infantry stationed at Washington.

PLAGUE IN ALGERIA.

Oran, Sept. 30.—There have been four deaths from the plague here and there are twelve cases in the hospital. All of those afflicted are said to be recovering. Investigation has shown that the contagion was brought here by ships from India.

TOLL OF LIVES IN THE SKEENA

SURVIVOR TELLS OF CANOE DISASTER

How Five Were Swept to Destruction—Thrilling Story of the Wreck (From Monday's Daily.) During the season of navigation in the Skeena river this year the swift running waters and merciless cross currents have taken their toll of victims to the number of seventeen. Six of these lost their lives in the Mount Royal disaster, five were drowned in the canoe wreck which happened on the 18th of this month, while the balance, comprised of six slaves, lost their lives at one time or another during the summer which has just passed.

A thrilling narrative of the recent loss of the Indian canoe, when three white men and two Indians were swept to destruction, is narrated by J. W. S. Morrison, one of the survivors who arrived in the city on Saturday evening on board the Princess Victoria, having come from Fort Essington on the Princess Beatrice. Mr. Morrison was accompanied by O. H. Dorman, who was also in the boat, and how the lives of these two young men were saved reads like a story from the pages of romance.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE WEST

VANGUARD OF PARTY ARRIVES IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—Seven young Irishmen from Belfast, under appointment to the mission fields of the Presbyterian church in the west, are in the city and forty more are expected to arrive next week. None of these young men have been ordained and none have completed a regular course for the ministry. All have, however, spent more or less time in various schools and colleges of the Old Country, where they have received tuition which fits them for the work.

Some twelve miles had been covered when they reached a part of the river where the current ran eight miles an hour, and is composed of swirling eddies and maelstroms. Here the boat was held head on down the stream up which a high wind was blowing, throwing the water into curling waves which now and then swept over the canoe. One or two waves with more volume than usual, filled the boat and the occupant were immersed up to their necks in the water.

At this point the stream is about 70 yards wide, and the boat had been holding her course in the centre. Mr. Morrison, who relates the story, says that it was a stroke in which even the best swimmer must inevitably be lost, if some fortuitous circumstances did not come to his aid.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—The even tenor of student life at Wesley College this year will be rudely disturbed by the advent of no less than 60 young English theologians, and already the wilder section of the college is in a wild flutter of excitement over the coming of so many eligible preachers, especially as 1908 is leap year. The 60 young men are only a portion of the contingent of ministers who have been brought out during the past few years by Rev. Dr. Woodworth, superintendent of western missions for the Methodist church, from Great Britain to occupy western fields. Each year Dr. Woodworth takes a trip to the Old Country and returns with from 40 to 60 young ministers, all of them specially selected in regard to their qualifications and ability to succeed in the rough work of pioneer preaching in western Canada. The 60 young men who will be in attendance at Wesley this year have put in their two years' probation, and are now coming to college to finish their probation.

HAMMER THROWING.

Matt McGrath Breaks World's Record Held by Nicholson.

Kansas City, Sept. 30.—Matt McGrath, representative of the New York Athletic Club, yesterday broke the world's record for throwing the 16-pound hammer from a nine-foot circle, held by Nicholson, of Scotland, by hurling it 164 feet 3 inches. The former record was 164 feet. The record was made in the opening contest at the public play grounds meet, in competition with Ralph Rose.

TWO CHILDREN CREMATED.

Blandville, Ills., Sept. 29.—Two children were cremated, Mrs. James Goaty was probably fatally burned, and her mother, Mrs. Charles Hungen, was severely burned in a fire which destroyed the Goaty home here.

TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT AT NANAIMO MINES

Bonus Granted to Men Some Months Ago Has Been Made Permanent by Western Fuel Company. (Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Sept. 30.—The two years' working agreement which the Nanaimo miners made on the expiration of the strike two years ago, terminates today.

A new agreement was submitted by the company to the men and voted on Saturday night. It carried by a substantial majority. The agreement goes into effect for two years, and makes the 10 per cent bonus granted by the company a few months ago permanent. It also gives the men free ferry to Protection Island.

BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES

LORD C. BERESFORD WILL BE IN COMMAND

The Fleet Will Include Twenty-Five Battleships and Twenty-Four Cruisers. London, Sept. 30.—Under the supreme command of Lord Charles Beresford, the combined Home, Atlantic and Channel fleets will leave Portland, England, about October 14th for the autumn manoeuvres, which this year are being conducted in the North Sea, and will be somewhat similar to those held in the spring off the coast of Portugal.

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DRUGGISTS' CONVENTION.

John Cochrane Is Back From Meeting Held at Toronto—Business Transacted. John Cochrane returned this morning from the East where he has been attending the sessions of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association as the representative of the B. C. organization. The meeting was held at Toronto early in September, attended by delegates from every province in Canada.

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