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SUDDEN DEATH OF

MAINLAND PIONEER

Mr. F. X. Richter, Early Settler, in the Similkameen, Dies on Christmas Day—Had Amassed Fortune

An hour after eating his Christmas dinner at St. Joseph's Hospital died unexpectedly of heart failure, Mr. Richter, aged 74, a pioneer of the province, where he had toiled and become wealthy. Mr. Richter came here in 1854, and since that time his interests have been chiefly confined to the upper country. There, as a fruit grower and cattle dealer, he amassed large sums of money. Starting with practically no capital he is reputed at the time of his death to have been a millionaire. The large tracts of land which he gradually acquired in the Kootenai district, he has filled and cultivated, and it would be difficult to point to a single individual who has done more for the development of the province. His early days in the province were fraught with hard work and toilsome journeys. Year in and year out he used to drive cattle over the Hope Mountain to the coast and thence ship them to the Victoria markets. For thirty years he was a regular visitor to this city, and until recently all his business affairs were conducted here. He had visited St. Joseph's to partake of Christmas fare with a few friends, and a tragic feature of his death is that he had arranged to spend the night in the same rooming house at the hotel where he was staying. He had visited St. Joseph's to partake of Christmas fare with a few friends, and a tragic feature of his death is that he had arranged to spend the night in the same rooming house at the hotel where he was staying.

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INDIAN RESERVE PROBLEM

Dominion Government Fails to Effect Settlement With Fort George Tribe

After spending a week at Fort George in conference with the Indians with the object of inducing them to surrender their reserve by sale to the G. T. P. Railway Co., Dr. John McDougall, of the Indian Department, has returned to Ottawa to report failure. Dr. McDougall was empowered by the Ottawa authorities to offer the Indians \$48,000 for the abandonment of their reserve to the railway company. An additional \$100,000 was also offered to provide for the erection of buildings on any new reserve they might select. About half of the tribe only voted affirmatively, these being chiefly the younger members of the tribe, while the veterans and chiefs held out unreasonably against a deal. The entire tribe expressed a willingness to surrender the reserve, but the portion of the reserve, but not the eastern portion, in which is situated the second vote was taken on the arrival of the hunting parties of the tribe, who had been called in, and these were held out unreasonably against a deal. The entire tribe expressed a willingness to surrender the reserve, but the portion of the reserve, but not the eastern portion, in which is situated the second vote was taken on the arrival of the hunting parties of the tribe, who had been called in, and these were held out unreasonably against a deal.

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CLAIMS CREDIT FOR

CLOSING POSTOFFICES

Lord's Day Alliance in British Columbia Directed Department's Attention to Sunday Opening of Lobbies

At the recently held annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance (British Columbia branch) a resolution was passed that the law has been successfully for the prohibition of Sunday baseball games, building operations, concerts, etc., and it is remarked: "These instances and in addition the pledges made by the Attorney General in certain other relations, which was called upon he would give consent to prosecution, indicated that the Lord's Day Act has a standing in this province, theoretically at least."

EXCHANGED GREETINGS

Premier McBride Conveyed Province's Greetings to His Excellency Earl Grey.

On Christmas Eve, British Columbia's first minister, Hon. Richard McBride, conveyed to His Excellency the Governor-General, British Columbia's compliments and good wishes for the festive season in the following message: "Permit me in behalf of the province of British Columbia to extend hearty Christmas greetings to Your Excellency and all as Lady Grey and your family."

WILL BUILD INTO

TANANA DISTRICT

Copper River Railroad to Be Extended to Fairbanks, Commencing Next March—Cost Estimate, \$30,000,000

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Work on the extension of the Copper River and Fairbanks Railroad to Fairbanks in the Tanana district of Alaska will begin at once, it was announced today. The distance from Fairbanks to the terminus of the line is about 100 miles, and it is estimated that the cost of the work will be about \$30,000,000.

PHONE COMPANY

TO HAVE CABLE SHIP

To lay its new paper cable between this city and Vancouver, and for the purpose of making prompt repairs in the future, the British Columbia Telephone Co. has decided upon the construction of a cable ship, which will be built in England. The ship will be a double-deck ship, and it is estimated that the cost of the work will be about \$1,000,000.

MINING DEAL

Option For \$50,000 Given On Half Interest In Alpha Group In Slovan Lake District

NELSON, Dec. 27.—A thirty day option for \$50,000 for their half interest in the Alpha group of mineral claims adjoining the Standard silver-lead mine at Silverton has been given by N. F. McNaught of Silverton and Jas. McNaught of New York to R. W. Wilson of Port Arthur, Ontario. The owners of the remaining interest in the property are John McNaught and the Yukon Mining magnate, and Senator Hanson of North Dakota.

DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Hanna Braden Succumbs To Heart Failure In Street Car

While returning from the James Bay Hotel in downtown Victoria, Mrs. Hanna Braden, wife of Mr. John Braden, a well-known citizen of the city, died suddenly of heart failure while in a street car. She was about 60 years of age, and she had been suffering from heart trouble for some time. She was found by a passerby, and she was taken to the hospital, where she died.

HIS LAST CALL

Actor Frank Worthing Dies Suddenly In Detroit While Preparing to Go On the Stage

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—Just before the curtain of a theatre was drawn tonight, Frank Worthing, leading man for Grace George, was stricken with hemorrhage and died in a few minutes. The house was crowded. Patrons were dismissed and announcement of the death was made. Mr. Worthing was 41 years of age and a native of Scotland. For years he has been afflicted with tuberculosis. He had walked from his hotel, apparently in his usual health.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

Important Meeting Scheduled for This Day Week

The extra-ordinary meeting of the provincial executive is arranged for the morning of the 29th proximo, by which date it is expected that Hon. Francis McLean will have returned from England, and the cabinet be complete when all details of the government programme for the approaching session of the house will be considered. It is not anticipated that the session will approximate the usual length of sessions of parliament in British Columbia.

TO ENCOURAGE SETTLERS

Prior to the meeting of the Provincial Legislature on January 1st, 1911, the Vancouver Island Development League will bring before the executive the desirability of devising some scheme for assisting settlers in the clearing of their lands, and for bringing in such legislation as will provide for settlers when all the pre-

THE VICTORIA COLONIST

MORE DYNAMITE IN LOS ANGELES

City Started by Blowing Up of Part of Plant Of Lewellyn Iron Works—Labor Troubles Blamed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—The city is still much excited over the explosion which partially wrecked the main building of the Lewellyn Iron Works, situated at the corner of Redmond and Main streets, on Sunday morning. A person doubts that the damage was done by dynamite, and it is also generally supposed that the affair was the outcome of the labor dispute involving the metal trades which has continued for some months. The Lewellyn company has been particularly prominent on the employers' side of the controversy, but its officials express the belief that an act of violence—anything to do with the explosion.

FATAL COLLISION

Two Persons Killed and Fifty Injured When Electric Cars Crash Together

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—Two persons were killed and more than fifty hurt, forty seriously, in a street car collision on the inter-city viaduct between here and Kansas City, Kansas, tonight. The dead: O. A. Duke, Kansas City, Kan.; John Harding, colored, Kansas City, Kan. Both cars belonged to the Minnesota avenue line and were headed west. The cars were on the viaduct at the bridge, when near the east end of the bridge, the moving car crashed into the "dead" one. The collision caused every light in the moving car to go out.

SIX DROWNED IN

STEAMSHIP COLLISION

Red Star Liner, Finland Steam Ship, Collide Off the Belgian Coast

ANTWERP, Dec. 27.—The steamships Finland and Baltique were in collision at the mouth of the river Scheldt. The Baltique sank quickly, and six men were drowned. The Finland was rescued by the Finland and the others by a pilot boat. The Finland is now anchored at Antwerp. The Baltique sank immediately. Part of the crew was rescued by the Finland, and the others by a pilot boat. The Finland is now anchored at Antwerp. The Baltique sank immediately.

C.P.R. Train Service

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—The intention of the C.P.R. to establish a direct service between Toronto and Vancouver is shown by the retention of train No. 1 and No. 2 between this city and Vancouver in the winter months. In previous years the trains were operated only between this city and Calgary. This winter they will run through to the coast. As a result, a passenger leaving Toronto will arrive in Winnipeg at 8:30 p.m. and leave at 10:30 p.m. for Toronto, thus giving the advantage of a through train.

SPY STORY DENIED

MANILA, Dec. 27.—The military authorities emphatically deny the report that a Japanese spy, said to have in his possession maps of Corregidor, has been captured.

WATER NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made under Part V of the Water Act, 1909, to obtain a license to use the waters of the Victoria Water District.

(1) The name and address and occupation of the applicant, Arthur Ward, 1111 G. St., Victoria.

(2) The name of the stream, or source (if unnamed, the description is a spring in lot 14, near the northern boundary).

(3) The point of diversion is at the spring.

(4) The quantity of water applied for (in cubic feet per second) 4.52.

(5) The character of the proposed works, cement tank and galvanized iron pipe.

(6) The premises on which the water is to be used (descriptive name). House and buildings in north half of section 10, T. 12 S., R. 12 E., S. 10.

(7) The purpose for which the water is to be used, domestic purposes.

(8) If for irrigation describe the land to be irrigated, giving acreage; not for irrigation.

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November 20, 1910. CHARLES CROWHURST, Agent.

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