

## CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

Councils of Okanagan Valley Will Discuss Development of Water Power

Vernon, Aug. 7.—At the last meeting of the city council a resolution was moved by Ald. Smith and seconded by Ald. Glover, that the mayor be authorized to approach the councils of neighboring municipalities with a view to holding a joint conference to discuss the development of power from Shuswap Falls.

Ald. Smith, although absent from the previous meeting, he thoroughly agreed with all that had been said. He spoke of the great things that had been done in Ontario by using the power from Niagara Falls and he was certain by using the power from Shuswap Falls it would do great things for Vernon. If they wanted Vernon to go ahead and be a success, he must not allow that power to run to waste, but utilize it for electric power, etc. He said the city of Vernon was the first to make them meet all requirements, they find it would cost quite \$1,200, and even afterwards, arrangements would not be of the best, but only of a temporary nature. The city hall staff would still be subject of a new building, which would be a source of annoyance caused by the language and actions of prisoners. They have come to the decision that it is the duty of the council, in justice to the police department, to take proper steps for the erection of a new jail to be built at once as an annex to the new fire hall now in course of construction.

The new building, with up-to-date equipment would cost about \$5,000. Ald. Glover said they all regretted spending the money now; but it would be a waste of public money to expend \$1,200 on the present premises; in two years time it would be inadequate to have a new jail.

The report was adopted.

**NANAIMO ATHLETIC CLUB.**

Nanaimo, Aug. 7.—The members of the Nanaimo Literary and Athletic Association are making a final effort to reach the end of their \$10,000 campaign. With the goal so near in view the members are putting on an extra effort.

The club building is in need of repairs, and in order to make the institution a success \$15,000 is needed. To thoroughly renovate the building, new seats, new appliances and partitions must be made and make it an attractive place for the youth of the city.

**SUPPLIES TO WOUNDS.**

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 8.—Sophie Papp, the 15-year-old candy maker, who was shot by Harry W. Dunphy, a jealous suitor, died in a local hospital yesterday. Dunphy fired three shots into her and she died.

He was arraigned for murder in the police court, and his case was continued for next week.

**STEAMER COLLIDES WITH ICEBERG.**

Row Plates Crumpled for Fifteen Feet and Hold Flooded With Water

New York, Aug. 8.—The steamship Columbia, which was in a collision with an iceberg the latter part of last week, arrived at her dock, and close examination revealed that the damage was as first reported. Her hold was flooded with hundreds of tons of water, her bow plates were crumpled and her bow anchor was torn.

In fact, her port anchor was torn and several persons aboard were suffering from injuries. Among them were Mrs. Elizabeth Ogilvie, an elderly woman, bound for her daughter's home in England. Her leg was broken when she was hurled to the deck.

Capt. Mitchell explained that the vessel was stopped in the fog when he heard the echo of his fog horn from the iceberg. After the impact, he said, water poured into the hold to a depth of nine feet. The pumps were set going and the crew was put to saving the ship from sandbags and other makeshifts.

The passengers and crew were in many instances thrown to the floor. The Murray, the forecastle lookout, was on the vessel's deck. When the ship was hit, he was thrown out by the force of the impact.

Tables in the dining room were swept off the evening meal, and the stewards were sent sprawling. The passengers showed little symptoms of panic and many went to their cabins to get a view of the iceberg. Several of them said it towered more than 100 feet above them, and about a quarter of a mile in length. The fog prevented accurate estimate of its extent, however.

The vessel was then 1,000 miles from shore, but as the pumps were controlling the water in the hold, Capt. Mitchell held his ship on her course without summoning aid. The wireless message word of the collision to the Columbia's sister ship, the Furness, and the message was relayed to Glasgow and called to New York.

## CHINESE CURRENCY REFORM.

Representatives of Syndicate Interested in Loan Submit Proposals.

London, Aug. 8.—The international conference on Chinese currency reform, participated in by representatives of the financial syndicate, which is placing the Chinese loan, was concluded yesterday. It is expected that a report to the bankers interested will be made during the present week, but this will not be made public until the Chinese delegates have returned to Peking and have consulted with their government on points involved.

The report will deal with a specific plan for currency reform submitted by the Chinese of the conference as a basis for the loan.

## KIDNAPPERS HOLD BOY FOR RANSOM

Threaten to Kill Lad Unless Father Pays \$5,000 in Four Days

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Extra detectives to-day searched for the five-year-old son of Antonio Mareno, who was recently kidnapped by "Black Hand" blackmailers. Police Inspector John Revere declares that the fire in Gault, court last night was undoubtedly caused by the kidnappers as a warning to Mareno, following their demand for a \$5,000 ransom for the boy. Mareno is a poor man, although his deposit of \$1,100 in the bank shows that he is well off compared with his poorer neighbors.

Mareno's troubles began two years ago, when in self-defense he shot and killed Modesto Barona, long suspected by the police of being a leader in the blackmailing outrages. Mareno received a number of threats threatening revenge, the series culminating in the kidnapping of his child last Saturday.

He received another letter last night in which the demand for \$5,000 was renewed, together with a threat of death to the child within four days. The letter says:

"You notified the police, which caused the delay in the agreement between us, and it also caused your son to suffer day and night. He constantly calls for papa and mamma and the rest of the family. Certainly you must be a miserable person to deprive yourself of an intelligent boy. He is very smart for his age. So, you, mister that you are, prefer to abandon your son for money."

"We give you four days' time, and if during those four days you don't send the money you will never see your son again."

"There will be an awful fate for you and your family if you send anyone to tap us, anyone who will betray us to the police when you bring the money. We are taking better care of your boy than he will get at home."

**ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO POISON CHILDREN**

Plot Believed to Have Been the Outcome of Slander Suit—Three Persons in Custody

Pulmon, Mo., Aug. 8.—What county authorities believe to be a plot for the wholesale poisoning of children has been unearthed at Concord, in Galloway county, and as a result two men and a woman were arrested yesterday by order of the prosecuting attorney and brought to Pulmon to be arraigned.

The persons arrested are: L. O. Boyd, a farmer; his wife, Mrs. Anne Boyd, and Jefferson Woods, a horse dealer. The children whose lives were endangered belong to families whose members testified in a slander suit recently brought by Mrs. Boyd against Dr. W. B. Ellis, a prominent physician of Concord.

Mrs. Boyd asked for \$15,000, alleging that Dr. Ellis had defamed her character. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Jefferson Woods was named in the suit.

The first alleged attempt on the lives of the children was made several weeks ago, when a package of chewing gum was found in the yard of Edward McPheeters, a nephew of Judge Robert McPheeters, of Pulmon. Less than a week ago another package of gum was placed near the gate of the McPheeters' home. A three-year-old child of the family was in the act of placing a piece of the gum in his mouth when an elder member of the family interfered and the gum was sent to a chemist, who discovered that it was profusely sprinkled with strychnine. Twice since then packages of gum have been placed near the McPheeters' home, and each of them was found to contain strychnine.

After the second package of gum was found, the McPheeters' home was watched. The placing of gum on the premises of people in the vicinity of Concord has become frequent the last few days, and at least three more families appear to have been included in the poisoning plot. All the gum which has been found has been preserved, and will be examined by a chemist. All the families on whose premises the poisoned gum has been placed have small children.

**FIRE DESTROYS FACTORY.**

Montreal, Aug. 8.—The shaft and door factory, owned by K. A. Bran and Co., at the corner of Craig and De Loraine streets, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss, which is estimated at \$50,000, is partially covered by insurance. It was feared for a time that the flames would spread to the large mill area, as the dwellings adjoining the mill were wooden structures. The Montreal fall is located across the road from the burned structure. Several firemen were overcome by smoke.

## BURGLAR VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Dies From Injuries Sustained While Trying to Destroy De-faulter's Books

New York, Aug. 8.—As a result of the alleged attempt to destroy the records of the Long Dock Mills & Elevator Co. in Jersey City, for the purpose of concealing a shortage of \$2,500 in the accounts of Samuel Brown, the cashier, Brown, and Patrick J. Timmons, an expert accountant, are in jail there under charges of arson, conspiracy, and manslaughter.

The police hold a confession, bearing Brown's signature, telling of his plans for the crime and naming Timmons as an accomplice. Frank Walsh, known as "Lightning," the burglar, who was hired to do the job, died yesterday of burns received in trying to carry out the scheme.

Brown was arrested when he responded for work. His employers told the police that experts had been examining the accounts, and had set yesterday for examining the books. Brown, after a little resistance to the detectives' questioning, told them he had been short since January 1, and that Timmons had worked on the books for three months, trying to cover up his tracks.

The police did not tell Brown upon arresting him that Walsh had died. Instead, they tried to batter down his defence, and failing, one of them finally said:

"Walsh died at 5 o'clock this morning. Brown gripped his chair. His breath came hard and his eyes stared. 'My God,' he gasped, 'I can't have a man's death on my shoulders,' then he told his story."

Brown was arrested near his home in Newark. Intermittently the detectives have been with him all the afternoon, seeking to elicit a confession, but their efforts so far have been unsuccessful.

The safe was found intact, although the police, at first glance, thought its doors had been blown from the hinges. There was evidence to show that gasoline had been used liberally, but no evidence of an explosion. The books, however, were only charred about the edges, although soaked with the oil.

When Walsh was found, with his eyes blown out, he was lying on the floor, burned from his body, he said that he had gone into the office, the door being open, to sleep. He was smoking a cigarette, he said, and fell asleep and he supposed the cigarette set the place afire. At the hospital he was told that he would die of his burns.

"Now," queried a detective, "who was with you? Won't you tell us how it happened?" Walsh shook his head and, frightened on his cot. It was his last act.

**RUSH TO PAY TAXES.**

New Westminster, Aug. 7.—The city treasurer's department has had a strenuous time during the last few days owing to the desire of the taxpayers to take advantage of the one-sixth rebate. The total amount collected up to August 1 was \$185,574. \$37,188 was taken in, and over \$13,000 more was handled on Tuesday with practically the same clerical staff.

The returns for the last day of July were about \$34,000 this year, as against \$12,857 for the corresponding day of last year. About fifteen to twenty thousand dollars have yet to come in, a 10 per cent. rebate being allowed till August 31. As the total collections last year were about \$150,000 including arrears, it shows what a great advance has been made during the year in the prosperity of the community, which can raise readily \$35,000 more in spite of the change in assessment from the double to the single tax system.

**MINING PROPERTY SECURED.**

Nelson, Aug. 7.—That the final payment on the properties concerned in the Toad Mountain Consolidated would be made on August 28, and that E. Nelson, Mr. E. E. formerly general manager of the Athabasca mine, would arrive here this month to make an examination of the various mines, was the statement made by R. S. Lennie, who effected the consolidation of practically the whole of Toad mountain, was acquired by a Vancouver syndicate.

Mr. Lennie had an option on all the properties concerned in the deal, with the exception of those of the Hall Mine Company, previous to the consolidation and on his arrival here will make a thorough examination and report to the syndicate concerning the future development of the property and the most economical methods of treating the ore from the various veins.

He will also examine the mine here the Athabasca and Dundee mines.

**FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS.**

Cowichan Station, Aug. 7.—Under the auspices of the Shawinigan and South Cowichan Farmers' Institute, two meetings were held here. In the afternoon Mr. Carpenter gave a practical demonstration on the laying out of an orchard in the government demonstration orchard, which was planted out on H. V. May's farm last March. In the evening the meeting was addressed by C. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture; Prof. Thatcher, of the Washington state experimental farm; and Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Scott told what the agricultural department had been doing, and said that every district should endeavor to have a good institute. Prof. Thatcher gave an interesting address on soils, explaining how plants got food out of soils, etc. Mr. Carpenter gave a short address on orchard work.

The small attendance at those meetings showed that the benefits of those Farmers' Institutes are not yet fully appreciated by the farmers of this district.

**INJURIES PROVE FATAL.**

Castor, Alta., Aug. 8.—When putting his gun away after shooting, Harry E. Sage, an employee of the C. P. R., stumbled, discharging the weapon, the contents of which entered his forehead. His death occurred after.

## PRESIDENT TAFT ON ARBITRATION TREATIES

Urges People to Use Moral Influence to Have Senate Ratify Agreements

Mountain Lake Park, Md., Aug. 8.—President Taft travelled 400 miles yesterday by special train to appeal to the people of the United States to use their moral influence to have the senate ratify the British and French arbitration treaties and the treaties with Nicaragua and Honduras. His appeal was made direct to the Mountain Lake Park, Chautauqua of the Methodist church, but in it the president included the rest of the nation as well.

"I observe," said the president, "that there is some suggestion that by ratifying this treaty the senate may in some way, abdicate its function of treaty making. I confess myself unable to receive the substance in any such point."

"To have these treaties not ratified by the senate of the United States, or to have any hesitation and discussion of a popular support in respect to them, would halt the movement toward general peace which has made substantial advance in the last ten years."

"I secure the ratification of the treaties, however, appeal must be made to the moral sense of the nation, and while that is not entirely in the keeping of the churches, certainly they may make a powerful influence in the promotion of any effective instrumentality to secure permanent peace."

Leaving the arbitration treaties before the president asked for the same sort of popular support in the treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua.

"There is no issue before the senate so acute in respect to the cause of peace as the confirmation of these central American treaties. In respect to peace in the long run, and as affecting the world at large, yet in respect of American interests, in respect of peace in this hemisphere, they are not equal in present interest to the confirmation of these Central American treaties."

In making his plea for the Central American conventions, Mr. Taft highly praised former President Roosevelt. He spoke of the tendency of the United States to lend a helping hand to less powerful peoples, and instanced Mr. Roosevelt's intervention in Cuba. That tendency was evidenced also, he said, "by the wonderfully successful intervention by Theodore Roosevelt" against Japan and Russia.

**SUPPOSED SPY IN UNITED STATES ARMY**

Accused is Declared to Be in Employment of the Austrian Government

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—The war department for the first time in many years is perturbed over the case of an alleged spy in the army. Captain James Watson, the army recruiting officer at Indianapolis, Ind., has advised the department that he holds affidavits charging Private George Peters, with being an Austrian spy. The department is considering the charges.

This is the first case to be brought under the law passed at the last session of congress to prevent the disclosure of national defence secrets.

The private of an alleged spy was discovered for his government the composition of the remarkable high explosive, "Dunnite," used in army and navy shells and said to be far superior to the ordinary dynamite.

The affidavit was furnished by Miss Anita Dyer, formerly of Philpot, Ky. The alleged exposure of Peters, who, according to the informant, is Count Windisch, an Austrian spy, was made by Miss Dyer, while trying to obtain his release from the artillery corps through the local recruiting station. Miss Dyer says she and Peters were in the city.

Miss Dyer has turned over to the authorities letters from Peters, which Capt. Watson says are in accordance with the affidavits.

Several days ago Miss Dyer appeared at the local recruiting station and inquired about obtaining the release of Peters from the service. At the time, according to Captain Watson, she said he was her brother, and by her manner attracted suspicion to herself. Last Friday the local police were called into the case by the army officers and Miss Dyer was summoned to headquarters.

At first she refused to answer questions in regard to Peters, but under a rapid fire of questions broke down and said that Peters is an Austrian spy, and that she was his sister.

In the correspondence turned over to the police are a number of letters written to the girl in Kentucky by Peters, and he outlined his plans for obtaining the information desired by his government.

In another, which is said to have been written to Miss Dyer since she came to Indianapolis about three months ago in answer to a letter, he said to give up his dangerous work. Peters said that he was in no peril, as he had a number of aids who would come to his assistance if he needed them.

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## HITCH IN TARIFF REVISION PLAN

U. S. House and Senate Majorities Unable to Agree on Proposed Reductions

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Senator LaFollette and Chairman Underwood, of the House ways and means committee, who have undertaken to reconcile the differences between the senate and the house on the wool and the farmers' free list bills, for the full conference committee, are in an unquestioned deadlock, with the possibility of remaining so, and thus forcing an adjournment of the session without final action on either of these measures.

The tie-up is due to the uncompromising opposition of Mr. LaFollette to the House bill. He has held Mr. Underwood that a reduction of the rates below those fixed by the bill as it passed the senate is an impossibility, and in reply the chairman of the ways and means committee, who had great difficulty in getting an agreement on the rates fixed in his bill, has said that the House will never accept the senate bill.

Mr. LaFollette's contention is that the senate rates constitute a reduction of about three-fourths of the difference between the rates of the Payne-Aldrich law and those of the House bill. That it is impossible to go lower and hold anything like all the progressive Republicans, and that it is better for the Democrats to take half a loaf than to get nothing in the way of tariff bread.

Mr. Underwood did not accept the senate figures, but is canvassing the House to ascertain what increase over the House vote may be possible. He told some of his friends that the House might be persuaded to meet the senate half way, but the progressive leader merely smiled in response to suggestions of this character.

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## COUNTERFEITER CONFESSES.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 8.—George Wilson, a metal worker, 22 years of age, was arrested here by United States Secret Service Operator Harry Moffatt, after confessing to having circulated \$6 gold pieces. Wilson is wealthy and has borne a good reputation. He says that he first began to manufacture spurious coin as an experiment and that he became so enthused by his success that he could not help placing the coins in circulation. The secret service operatives say that he is the most skillful counterfeiter ever captured in this city. The coins made by Wilson have been in circulation here for three months. Several hundred dollars worth were found in his home.

## TWO MEN MAROONED ON BARREN ISLAND

Prospectors Live for Two Months on Clams, Young Gulls and Seaweeds

Valdez, Alaska, Aug. 8.—Attracted by signals of distress from Bardwell Island, a barren rock near the entrance to Resurrection Bay, the steamship Bertha on August 2 sent a small boat to the island and took off two ragged and starving men, Charles Alexander and Alvin Anderson, who had been on the island for two months, and who must have perished but for the Bertha.

The men sailed from Kodiak on May 11 in a dory on a prospecting voyage. About June 1 a storm upset their craft off Bardwell Island, and all their provisions and outfit were lost in the sea. They managed to get ashore, with practically nothing but their clothing. The next day the tide washed ashore the boat, sadly battered and with all but one of the rowlocks gone. The oars also drifted to the island.

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## WILL RAISE HOTEL LICENSE FEES

Notice Given by Roseland Commissioners—Laws to Be Strictly Enforced

Roseland, Aug. 7.—The next six months will see a radical change in the hotel and saloon business in Roseland. The license commissioners are going to take a hand in seeing that there is a strict enforcement of the law, both as to fire escapes, rooming accommodation and sanitary conveniences.

It is realized by the commissioners that there are far too many hotels and saloons in Roseland. Of course, all the latter will be closed within three years, in accordance with the terms of the new license law, but there are too many places enjoying bar privileges masquerading under the head of a hotel, with a license of \$300 per year, when they should be paying \$400, which is the saloon license.

At the last meeting of the license commissioners, a resolution was passed providing that all license holders are to be notified that, within three months they must reconstruct their hotels to conform with the requirements of every section of the license law and the provincial fire escape law. The resolution also contains the intimation to all license holders that the fees will be raised in January next.

Early notice enables each owner and license holder to determine whether he will make the necessary alterations or drop his license.

**METHODIST PASTOR DEAD.**

Kaslo, Aug. 7.—A telegram received here announces the death of Rev. Joseph Wesley Winslow. The late Mr. Winslow was 51 years of age and had been for many years pastor of the Methodist church here. The trouble that carried him off manifested itself last summer, and he went to Vancouver for treatment, and, acting on advice received from his medical adviser in that city, he went to Tranquille in the hope that the dry atmosphere condition that prevails there would effect a cure of what was believed to be indigestion. He died of pneumonia, but the Kamloops doctors said he had no tuberculosis. His case grew worse and surgery was resorted to, affording some relief, but giving no promise of a complete recovery, and leaving the interior he went to Vancouver, where he remained until the end. He is survived by a wife, three daughters and one son.

**MEN ANXIOUS TO ARBITRATE.**

New York, Aug. 8.—Because of the absence of rioting in the Brooklyn street car strike, the company announced its intention to-day of operating 125 cars manned by non-union men. The strikers are anxious to bring about an arbitration of their demands and grievances, while the company persists there is nothing to arbitrate and that most of the men's demands will be granted.

**DIES SUDDENLY.**

Glen's Falls, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Coleman Carnegie of Pittsburgh, nephew of Andrew Carnegie, died yesterday at the home of Samuel Jenkins, an Adirondacks guide, at Patten's Mills. He was 51 years old.

With his mother and sister he had been on an outing at Racquette Lake, and he had left that day on a fishing trip with the guide. He contracted pneumonia and died before help could be summoned.

**COMMONS REJECTS VOTE OF CENSURE**

Motion Introduced by the Opposition Leader Defeated by 365 to 246

London, Aug. 8.—A vote of censure of the government for having obtained from the King a pledge to create, if necessary, sufficient peers to pass the veto bill, was rejected by the House of Commons yesterday by a majority of 365 to 246. The motion was introduced by A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, and its defeat is regarded as having failed to improve the Unionist cause.

The defeat of the motion of censure charges against the government was that Premier Asquith had taken advantage of the King's inexperience to bring about an abuse of the royal prerogative by securing the guarantee before the last general election.

Premier Asquith easily disposed of this charge by showing that the ministers had pursued an entirely proper constitutional course. The result was that after the premier's speech the debate on the Unionist side virtually collapsed.

Frederick E. Smith and others of the "Die Hards" made brave attempts to fan the flame against the government, but were compelled to fall back on the well worn arguments that the members of the government were being driven by their task master, the opposition, and that their whole object was to secure the easy passage