

FROM THE CAPITAL A BIG SALMON FLEET

WITHDRAWAL OF A CHARGE OF CRIMINAL LIBEL ON OFFICIALS.

VICTORIANS TREATED TO AN UNUSUAL ELECTRIC DISPLAY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—The charge of criminal libel brought by the mayor and aldermen against D. Falconer, publisher of a weekly paper called the Outlook, for impugning their honesty and that of the officials, was withdrawn today on Falconer's apologizing.

The Gazette tonight announces the appointment of George Jeeves as overseer of work on the new government house.

The full court has reserved judgment in the case of McKelvey vs. Le Roi.

A Young Men's Liberal Club has been organized in New Westminster. A suit has been entered by a firm of Americans against Hardy Bros. of Chilliwack for possession of a claim at Mount Baker, which was formerly thought to be on the southern side of the boundary line.

It is seldom that lightning in Victoria is sufficiently severe to dazzle the eyes of hundreds, or the thunder so strong as to make buildings tremble with the vibration of the air. Such, however, was the unique experience of Victorians this morning. The storm lasted but a short time. The electrical features of it consisted of but one peal of thunder and one flash of lightning, so close and strong, so utterly foreign to residents of the city, that hundreds did not realize until after a few moments' reflection what it was.

The ground was broken today for the Island section of the Victoria terminal railway and ferry, which is to give Victoria connection by railway ferry with the Great Northern system.

BIRTHDAY BANQUET

BRITISH SOCIETIES IN NEW YORK DINED IN HONOR OF THE DAY. FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY GENERAL BROOKE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—To celebrate the 60th birthday of King Edward VII. members of the various British societies in this city gathered to a banquet at Delmonico's tonight. The affair was held under the auspices of the British Schools and Universities society, an organization composed of graduates from various British institutions of learning.

Among those seated at the 'guests' table were Sir Percy Sanderson, British consul general in this city, General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., Rev. Dr. F. L. Patton, of Princeton University, R. Stewart Wortley, Mr. Cyphen of the London Times and Mr. Stewart of the London Daily Express.

The list of speakers included, besides General Sir Percy Sanderson, the Rev. Dr. D. Parker Morgan and the Rev. F. L. Patton. Before the speech-making commenced letters were read from Field Marshal Earl Roberts, Lord Pauncefoot, General Wolsey and Governor General Milner of South Africa.

Dr. Irwin proposed a toast for Lord Kitchener and read a message from him and then introduced General Brooke.

The toast as formulated by Dr. Irwin was: "General Kitchener and the troops in South Africa, and General E. Chaffee and the troops in the Philippines." General Brooke said in part: "You talk about General Kitchener and his troubles in South Africa. In time the English flag will proclaim freedom over all the territories of South Africa. General Chaffee and our brave generals are fighting the same battle for God and freedom and civilization in the faraway Philippines against almost insurmountable difficulties. This has been the task of the United States army ever since America said to the mother country: 'We love you, but we are grown up and hereafter we will manage our affairs.'"

General Brooke was followed by the Rev. Dr. Parker Morgan, who responded to the toast, "The day we celebrate." The next speaker was the Rev. Dr. Patton, president of Princeton University, who (spoke on "The aims of the modern university," and Samuel L. Clemens was the last speaker.

CRESCUS FAILED.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 9.—Cresceus this afternoon made an attempt to break his record of 2:02 1/4 for a mile trot. The best he could do was 2:07 flat.

EIGHT VESSELS NEEDED TO CARRY BRITISH COLUMBIA OUTPUT.

PEACH TREES FOUND GROWING WILD IN THE OKANAGAN VALLEY.

VICTORIA, Nov. 6.—(Special.)—The dyking commission recently appointed by the government, and consisting of C. Gamble, government engineer, C. E. Hope, Vancouver, and T. S. Higginson, Coquitlam, will meet at Victoria in a few days. They will value the lands on which dyking assessments are overdue and unpaid. The districts affected are Chilliwack, Matsqui, Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and Sumas.

New plans are being prepared by Engineer Waddell to have two floors in the Fraser bridge, one for the railway and the other exclusively for vehicles.

The association controlling all but two or three of the sealing schooners sailing from here will likely meet shortly to arrange the programme for the fleet next season. It is likely that the vessels will leave earlier than usual, some time in mid-December, and will go further south to follow the heels north. As the schooners did not make much of a success on the Japan coast, and as the cost is much higher for outfitting there, it is expected that few if any schooners will go from here to the other side of the ocean this coming season.

The ship Charles Cotesworth, with a cargo of 44,497 cases of salmon, left tonight for Liverpool. She is the fifth of this year's salmon fleet. There are three more loading and another three largest salmon fleet in the history of the industry in the province.

The name of the fireman lost in the disaster to the steamer Goddard on Lake Labarge was John Thompson, of this city.

Considerable interest is being taken in a report received by the department of agriculture from a gentleman at Peachland, in the Okanagan valley, telling of the finding of a grove of wild peach trees near that place. The district has been noted for the last few years for its peaches, but it was not known until lately that they grew wild near there. The grove is a thousand feet above the lake and 2,200 above the sea, the soil being gravelly. The peaches have ripened, and are said to have a splendid flavor. It is thought that they must have been planted by early settlers and have done well in their wild state.

TO GRANBY SMELTER

CONTRACT CLOSED FOR BONANZA AND CASCADE ORE SHIPMENTS.

THE OPERATIONS AND THE PROFITS OF THE GRANBY COMPANY.

GRAND FORKS, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Sam W. Hall, manager of the Bonanza and Cascade mines, St. Thomas mountain, today closed a contract with the Granby smelter for the delivery of a minimum shipment of ten tons of ore daily. He has just completed the new wagon road, seven miles long, from the C. P. R. to St. Thomas mountain. The ore will be hauled out over this road, which will be officially inspected tomorrow by H. C. Killen, inspector of public works, Mr. Killen reached here today from an inspection of the wagon road up the north fork of Kettle river. This work has been completed as far as a point called second rock slide, twenty-five miles above Grand Forks. Later it will be extended to Franklin camp and the north fork cold fields. Mr. Killen stated that the road so far as built meets all official requirements.

Smith Curtis, M.L.A., after visiting the Oro Denoro mine, Summit camp, and Grand Forks, left today for Rossland. During his stay here he was warmly complimented for his attitude on the railway question.

On the two miles northeast of this city, W. Kellam has exposed a vein of ore in a 23-foot incline shaft. The strike is considered important as the mountain has hitherto not been regarded as mineralized.

The lingering scepticism which formerly prevailed in the minds of the Boundary outcrops as to whether the Granby company was treating its ores at a profit has been completely dispelled. The progressive expansion of its mining and smelting enterprises involving enormous expenditure, furnishes convincing proof of the magnitude of the undertaking. While the management has never taken the public into its confidence, Mr. S. H. C. Miner, the president, before his recent departure for the east, announced that the enlarged plants now being installed at Grand Forks and Phoenix were being paid for out of profits. Late Montreal newspapers contain an interview with Jay P. Graves, the general manager, in which the information is supplemented. Mr. Graves stated that the cost of the smelter enlargement and the new mining equipment at Phoenix would be \$200,000 and \$100,000 respectively.

"The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil taken in cases of general debility and loss of appetite is sure to give the best results. It restores health and renews vitality. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The state department is in receipt of a despatch dated October 23 from the United States consul at Panama, reporting that the Liberal forces have captured the town of Tumaco, south of Panama about 500 miles. They took about 500 prisoners and captured five or six cannon, many rifles, a quantity of ammunition and one small ship, the Gauntan.

One thousand eight hundred and eighteen miles of London streets contain water pipes.

CATARRH SUFFERERS READ!

C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had catarrh for several years and would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Remedy, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in 10 minutes. 19. Sold by Goodve Bros.

MRS. DUNSMUIR SUES THE HOCKEY SEASON

THE PREMIER'S MOTHER ASKS HIM FOR SHARES IN THE COMPANY.

VICTORIA POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A GREEK MURDERER.

VICTORIA, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, widow of the late Hon. R. Dunsmuir, founder of the fortunes of British Columbia's wealthiest family, has entered an action against her son, Hon. James Dunsmuir, premier of British Columbia, which involves a portion of the big estate. Mrs. Dunsmuir asks for the delivery of 4,908 shares in the R. Dunsmuir & Sons company, limited, which controls the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, the Wellington collieries, the Comox and Extension collieries, coasting steamers and an immense amount of other property. She claims that she is entitled to these under an agreement which she entered into with the defendant and her other son, the late Alexander Dunsmuir, in September, 1896. She also wants an account of all dividends and profits upon said shares from January 31st, 1900, and payment of same to her with interest. It is further asked that defendant give a declaration that the shares have been and are now held by him as trustee for the plaintiff, and that he be ordered to the court not to part with the shares. Mother and son have, so rumor says, had many business differences during the past few months. The shares mentioned in the action are believed to be those left by the late Alexander Dunsmuir to his brother, and the action in no way affects the fortune left by Alexander Dunsmuir to his widow and by her to her daughter, Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress.

A shipment of 1,750 cases of salmon has been sent from here to India, the first sent to that part of the world. Other orders have been received from there.

Work has been commenced on another marine railway here. All the dry docks and slips are kept busy with repair work now, and it is contemplated to commence the construction of schooners for the lumber-carrying trade. Bonuses are expected from the provincial and federal governments.

The King's birthday will be kept as a public holiday here. In the evening the lieutenant-governor will give an official dinner.

Police launches are still scouring the Straits in search of Nicholas, who early this morning started to death Tom Notes. The police have learned that Nicholas murdered his wife in Greece, and that he also committed murder in Philadelphia, or rather that is the story among the foreign residents of this city who are engaged in fishing.

RAILWAY COMBINATION. J. J. Hill About to Have Control of the Two Big Roads.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—President James J. Hill will be the dominating influence in a new corporation which is to take in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, says the Evening Post. The plan embraces the retirement of the board of directors of the Burlington, the plan being now practically through, turning over of the Northern Pacific holdings of the Union Pacific. It is believed that the Northern Pacific preferred shares will be retired by issue of a bond, although this is a detail in the new organization of the Hill financial company which remains to be settled.

The Evening Post continues: "It was said today that so much progress had been made in the details of the settlement of the Northern Pacific and Burlington situation that it will not be necessary to hold many more joint conferences."

A large number of the reorganized Straits in search of the Burlington, probably half, will, it is understood, represent the Union Pacific directly, and that company will in any event have a half voting interest in Burlington affairs. There will, of course, be no extension to Salt Lake City to meet Senator Clark's road, or to any other point not fully sanctioned by the Union Pacific representatives in the Burlington's board.

"It is believed further that the agreement includes the transfer of all the Northern Pacific shareholders of Union Pacific interests to the new company to be organized by President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, which will hold the control of that company and the Northern Pacific."

TUMACO CAPTURED. Colombian Rebels Gained an Important Success.

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A FLYING ASSASSIN

CHASE AFTER THE GREEK WHO COMMITTED MURDER IN VICTORIA.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD OVER THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

VICTORIA, Nov. 9.—George Katchules, the partner of Nicholas, the murderer, who is seeking to escape from the police, has told the police that he landed the murderer from his sloop at 4 p.m. yesterday near Port Angeles, and the tug Sadie, on which is a police party, has gone in pursuit.

Katchules sailed the sloop back to left her where she was found drifting full of water by a local pilot. On being taken to identify the sloop, Katchules, who had told of having landed at Sidney on the island, said this statement was false and the facts were that he had landed the murderer at Phoenix. Dunsmuir has given \$5,000 to the relief fund for Extension miners' families.

A. B. McNeill, principal of the north ward school, has bought out the B. C. Supply company in Vancouver, and takes possession on Tuesday.

A public meeting will be held here on Monday night to insist that the vacant seat for Victoria be filled and that the government meet the house at an early date.

The Victoria Yacht club have drawn designs for six new racing yachts for next season. They are miniature models of Columbia and Shamrock, 24 feet long, 15 feet water line, 5.10 feet beam, 4 feet draught, with 328 square feet of sail and 10,000 pounds of lead keel. They will cost \$350 each. They will probably be built on Turpe's ways from designs by C. D. More, editor of the Rudder, of New York. Captain Boulder is to be captain of the class.

A CRUISER FOR TURKEY.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9.—The work of laying keel blocks for the construction of a new fighting cruiser for the Turkish government has been begun at Cramps. The cruiser is to be completed in 18 months. The new war vessel will go up alongside the cruiser Colorado, which the firm is building for the United States government.

PHOENIX ENTHUSIASTS ARE PREPARING FOR RE-ORGANIZATION.

SUCCESSFUL TEST OF THE NEW SYSTEM OF FIRE PROTECTION.

PHOENIX, B. C., Nov. 7.—Smith Curtis, M. L. A., was a visitor in town this week. He expressed himself as being very much pleased with the progress that the town had made this summer, and predicted a great future for it.

A. J. McMillan, managing director, accompanied by J. W. Astley, M.E., arrived at the Snowshoe mine on Tuesday.

A meeting of the Hockey enthusiasts will be held next Tuesday evening in the Morrison-Anderson hall. The club had a very successful season last year, the first of its organization, and this year with the material in town, it should certainly come out on top.

Three of last season's team are available, namely, Ewing, Monk and McArthur, besides which there are a number of new players in town. The sentiment here is in favor of the revival of the old league, dividing the clubs into groups according to their proximity to one another, for example, in the Boundary a group could be formed of Grand Forks, Greenwood and Phoenix, home and home games to be played, a majority of goals in the two matches to count. Thus each team would get two games on home ground. The winner in this group could play the winner of a group composed of Rossland, Nelson and Sandon either home and home games or a sudden death game on neutral ice, for the championship of the league. A scheme like this would materially aid in the reduction of travelling expenses and tend to make the league a stronger one in point of membership. It would have to be organized on the principles of the Ontario Hockey Association, and have an executive committee, to hear and decide all protests, draw up schedules and in fact take complete charge of the sport. This would be the only successful way of running the popular winter pastime of Canada, in Southern British Columbia. It is to be hoped that steps will soon be taken in this regard.

A successful test was made last Sunday of the fire protection system here under the direction of Fire Chief Hemenway. Mayor Rumberger and the city councilmen present were very much pleased with the test and now feel certain that Phoenix has an up-to-date fire protection. All necessary data in regard to the system has been forwarded to Mr. C. R. Gilbert, secretary of the Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters and it is expected that the town will soon be specially rated.

The Hunter-Kendrick Company, Ltd., are now busily engaged in moving from their old location on Old Ironsides avenue and Second street, to the new store in the Bank block. When completely settled they will have the finest store in the Boundary country.

All the merchants report trade as being fairly good and that monthly accounts are being met very promptly.

A MORGAN STORY.

Statement That He Has Acquired Steamship Lines Denied.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The Sunday Special, on the authority of its New York correspondent, will announce tomorrow that J. P. Morgan has acquired the White Star line and that he has secured a contract to purchase the Dominion line.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—In its issue of tomorrow the Herald will quote J. P. Morgan as denying absolutely the report from London that he has acquired the White Star and Dominion lines.

FOG CLEARED UP. Vessels Arriving Report Damages by Collision.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The fog has lifted and numerous vessels damaged in collisions have been arriving at various ports. No serious fatalities are reported.

The British steamer Middleton, from Buenos Ayres October 15 for Hamburg, and the British steamer Cotian, which arrived at London October 21 from Palermo, have been in collision off the Goodwin sands. Both vessels sustained much damage. The Middleton is full of water.

CHINA AND RUSSIA THE ROCKLAND GROUP

DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AS TO MANCHURIA.

BOTH REPORT RUSSIA AS TRYING TO GRAB SOLID ADVANTAGES.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 9.—Steamer Victoria, of the Dodwell line, arrived from the Orient this evening. She brings the terms of the new Manchurian agreement as published by Japanese papers as follows: (1) That Russia is to enjoy the exclusive title to all mining and railway privileges in Manchuria. (2) That all the Chinese troops in Manchuria are to be placed under Russian command. (3) That two years after peace and good order have been restored Russia will withdraw one half of her forces, and three years after that date the remainder, and (4) That the Shan Kwan and New Chwang railway shall be restored to China on condition that it is never used for the conveyance of British troops.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The Moscow correspondent applies what he alleges is a complete translation of the full text of the Manchurian convention by Russia.

The convention stipulates for the gradual withdrawal of the Russian forces within three years, "provided no other rebellion occurs and the powers do not interfere." The number and stations of Chinese garrisons must be settled in concert with the Russian military authorities and Russian assent must be obtained for any railway construction in southern Manchuria.

"No mention is made in the text sent by the grand council to the southern viceroys of mining, commercial or other exclusive privileges," says the correspondent, "and the viceroys believe the convention contains other clauses which the grand council is not willing to disclose."

PEKIN, Nov. 9.—The foreign ministers this afternoon went in a body, wearing plain mourning, to the late Li Hung Chang's yamen and presented their condolences, according to Chinese custom. Chinese soldiers lined the streets near the yamen, and the great crowds which gathered in the streets and about the yamen were perfectly orderly. All the city officials received the ministers in the outer court. The coffin was in a spacious inner court, temporarily roofed. It rested on the altar behind a screen and had over it a royal pall conferred by the emperor's command, an honor heretofore bestowed only on members of the Imperial family. Many Buddhist priests were in attendance.

There were rows of tables bearing offerings of food, amounting to several tons, and piles of paper money. Candles and incense were burned about the coffin.

Li Hung Chang's two sons stood near the casket attired in sackcloth. Before the screen was a cushion, where the Chinese callers made prostrations. The ministers, however, stepped forward singly and bowed low. The dean of the diplomatic corps read an address of sympathy, to which the oldest son of the deceased statesman replied in Chinese, the youngest son interpreting his words into English.

The scene about the yamen was animated and picturesque. Hundreds of officials were present in their robes of office. Mounted retainers are arriving daily from all parts of the province.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Minister Wu Ting Fang has received from Pekin an official notification of the death of Li Hung Chang. It is said at the Chinese legation that Minister Wu has not been informed of his reported relief as Chinese minister at Washington.

As already stated, the minister would not be surprised at such news. It is felt here that the appointment of Wang Wen Chao to take the place of Li Hung Chang as the throne's adviser in China's foreign affairs would be beneficial to Minister Wu's interests.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 9.—An official despatch from Charkovsk says that seven Tungus leaders and three thousand men have surrendered. Of these thirteen hundred have been enrolled as Chinese police and the rest have been dismissed. "Throughout Northern Manchuria," continues the despatch, "things are so far settled that further conflict with the Tungus will be left to the Chinese police, the Russian troops being employed only should the police be unable to cope with the insurgents or should Russian assistance be asked."

A CRAZY MAYOR. Offered Cole Younger a Place on the Police Force.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 9.—A. A. Eames, mayor of Minneapolis, today tendered Cole Younger, the notorious bandit recently released from the Minnesota state prison after 25 years of a life sentence, a position as captain on the local police force. Cole took the matter up with his friends in St. Paul, where he is now engaged as clerk in a grocery store. He emphatically stated that he did not wish to do anything that would not be just to the position that would carry with it the least bit of notoriety. Upon the advice of his friends he decided to refuse the offer.

MANY IMMIGRANTS. Nearly Fifty Thousand Came Into the Northwest Last Year.

OTTAWA, Nov. 9.—Full immigration returns for the year ending June 30th last show that 49,162 settlers were located in the Northwest. Of these 31,162 came by ocean ports and the balance, 18,000, from all over the United States. This is far in excess of any former year. All newcomers are reported by the agents to be doing well.

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