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THE TOURIST BUSINESS

How many tourists visit Victoria every season? Our estimate is somewhere between 70,000 and 80,000. There cannot be many less, there may be many more.

This is not said merely as a guess. The Canadian Pacific is going to build one of its chalet hotels at Cameron Lake. It is going to construct a trail up Mount Arrowsmith, and will build a cable at the timber line.

Out in the country through which the Canadian Northern will run after passing the head of Cowichan Lake is a wonderful cataract. It is said to be 1,500 feet high.

Who has not heard of Long Beach, that broad expanse of sand upon which the waves of the Pacific beat with tremendous force?

When Buttle's Lake and Strathcona Park are made accessible and hotel accommodation is provided, there will be a wonderful rush of tourists to that part of the Island.

There is a road from Victoria to Jordan River. By and by it will be extended all the way to Nitinat, and probably along the sea for a very large part of the distance.

Fatality at Copper River. CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 1.—Two men were killed and several badly injured today when a section of the Chitina tunnel on the Copper River and North-western railway caved in.

At all the points mentioned there is abundant fishing, and in the season, excellent hunting. Visitors will not be content to make a flying trip in many cases, but they will remain to enjoy the varied attractions surrounding the several stopping places.

What does this mean to the Island and to this city? These people must all be few. This means that around the several hotels and resorts there will be fruit, dairy and truck farms, from which thousands of people will make a living, and this in its turn will contribute to the commercial importance of Victoria and the other cities.

MR. SWALES OF CANADA

We have an exceedingly interesting interview with Mr. F. S. Swales, of London, an architect in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway company in an advisory and critical capacity.

What this gentleman says of the future of the Dominion is of very great interest. He foretells such an influx into Canada as few of us have ever anticipated, and he is clearly convinced that in the immediate future the demands of travel upon the hotel accommodation provided by his company will tax it beyond its present limits.

And now we are asked why the Conservatives did not consent to try reciprocity for a year. If a thing is not good, why try it at all?

Hallfax telegrams to the Toronto Globe say that the damages to the Niobe were not serious. Every one will be glad to hear this and we have no doubt that Commander Macdonald will come out of the inquiry, that is to be made, without blame.

The Montreal Herald (Liberal) says that the naval agreement made at the Imperial Conference brings the Canadian Navy "within a hair's breadth of where the Nationalist leaders used to say they could support it."

Arrested As Spy

BREMEN, Germany, Aug. 7.—An Englishman, said to be an officer in the British yeomanry, was arrested here today, accused of spying on the German fortifications on the North sea coast.

Sawmill Destroyed.

SEDRÖ-WOOLLEY, Wash., Aug. 7.—The Cottshall and Meters sawmill, the largest in Sedro-Woolley, was partly destroyed by fire tonight. The planing mill and the dry kiln were saved, but the main building, the offices and much of the stock were lost.

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WORKING HARD FOR TREATIES

President Taft Takes Unusual Course of Appealing to Public to Use Influence With Senate

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, Md., Aug. 7.—President Taft travelled 400 miles through Maryland and West Virginia today 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 Episcopal Church, but in it the President included the rest of the nation as well.

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

"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.

U. S. STEEL INQUIRY

Mr. Perkins, Formerly Director of Corporation, to Give Evidence—Books and Records Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The house committee of enquiry into the United Steel corporation will assume its investigation tomorrow. George W. Perkins, former partner in J. P. Morgan & company, and a member of the board of directors of the steel corporation, has been summoned to appear.

Richard Trimble, secretary of the steel corporation, also has been summoned to bring records and books relating to the corporation's business. The committee issued subpoenas for Mr. Trimble to produce copies of all records relating to wire pools, rail pools, and the Carnegie steel plate association, formed when Mr. Trimble was with the Carnegie steel company.

POPE PIUS BETTER

Physicians Regard Condition of His Holiness as Satisfactory—Suffers From Gout.

ROME, Aug. 7.—The condition of Pope Pius who today suffered a slight relapse, was satisfactory tonight, according to his physicians. The expressed belief was that a few days would suffice to perfect a recovery.

Canoeists Drowned

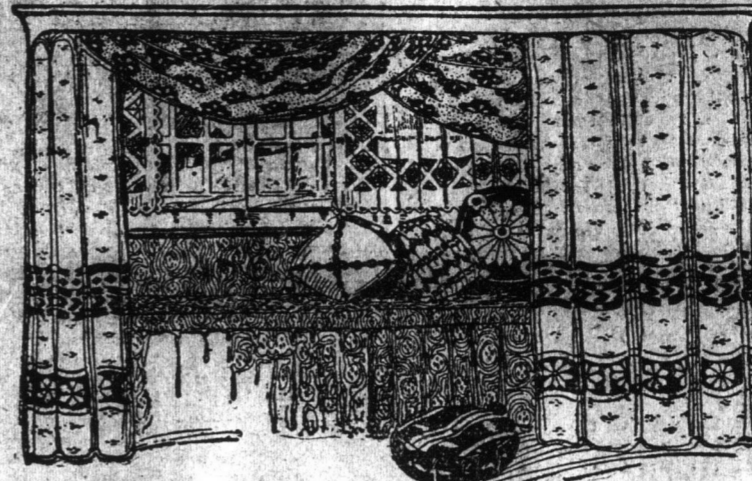
KENORA, Ont., Aug. 7.—Victoria D. Webster, formerly of Aurora, Ont., and T. A. Proctor, were drowned by the upsetting of a canoe near Devil's Gap.

Seventy-Five Chicago Prisoners Left Here

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—One hundred and seventy-five Chicago prisoners left here in a special train tonight for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of the International Typographical Union, which opens there next Saturday.

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MAY BE CALLED BEFORE

Mr. George W. Perkins to Answer Questions Him by Steel Committee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Mr. Perkins, a director of the Steel Corporation, is expected to be called before the House committee on the steel corporation by the steel committee.

Mr. Perkins, though still refusing, he has contempt of Congress. It is believed that he will not be reached.

When matters in Mr. Perkins said that he would be creating a stir to cite him to the House. The chairmen of the House before the House being taken into consideration.

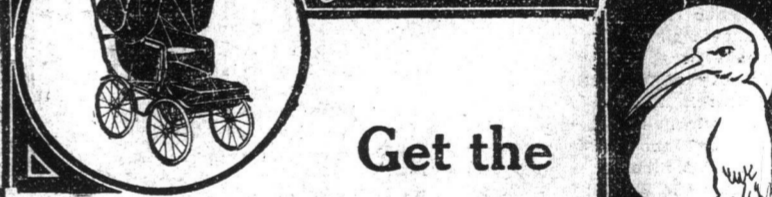
These urgent matters of Moore & Schley (the balance) Mr. Perkins said that he would be creating a stir to cite him to the House.

Mr. Bartlett said to the Tennessee Moore and Schley, Mr. Perkins made a statement, different in various explanations.

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WOMAN PRI

Judge's Order That Along With Some

IOLA, Kans., Aug. 7.—Judge Smeltzer, in causing a woman to don a pair of bloomers yesterday, refused to have a gang, Mrs. Reese today, because they will not allow but the sentence.