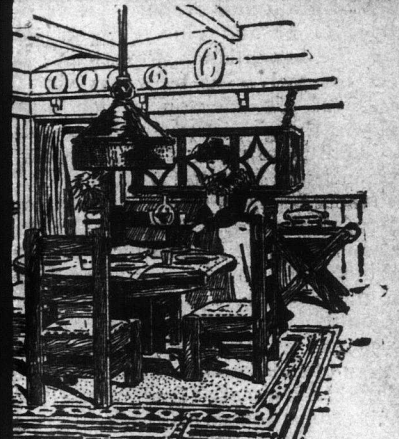


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## MILLEUMPARCULARS CLOSE AT OF PEARY'S HAND DASH

**Explorer Was Accompanied By a Single Eskimo When He Reached the Top of the World**

**OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY RETURNED**

Harry Whitney, Cook's Companion, Falls in First Interview to Back Up Brooklyn Man's Statements

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Indian department still awaits a reply from the city council of Victoria in reference to the Songhees Reserve. Mr. Peary is quite willing to meet all the desires of the city, but claims that it is necessary for the department to secure the reversionary rights of the city before any part of the land can be transferred for railway or other purposes. The moment the city acts the government is ready to do its part.

Collingwood Schreiber arrived back in Ottawa with the same wall that he used on the coast to the effect that "the mountain section of the G.T.P. will never be built, at least until you are grey-headed, unless the contractors are allowed to get in other than white laborers. The interview follows the lines of those given to Coast papers and has little new, though it must be exploited considerably in the east. The Post can state with confidence that the government is not prepared to see that the employment of Asiatics on the mountain section of the G.T.P. Mackenzie King, Minister of Finance, adds a wage scale must prevail, and that there is no possibility of admitting Oriental labor and in pursuance of that policy it is quite possible that a bill will be introduced at the coming session extending the time for the completion of the mountain section.

The mayor of Cobalt has applied to the Dominion Government for federal assistance in meeting the losses sustained by that town last July and during the recent outbreak of typhoid fever. Nothing, however, is likely to be done by the federal authorities, because the fire was not so serious as it is considered a fire which therefore there would be no precedent for action and the typhoid fever epidemic is for provincial not federal consideration.

## MANY GUESTS HAVE CLOSE CALLS

Long Island Hotel Sacrificed to the Contemplated Cessation of the Undiscovered Incendiarist.

Eggenere, Ill., Sept. 13.—In a fire which destroyed the Holm Street Inn here before daylight today, seventy-five guests and twenty employees narrowly escaped. The fire, which the proprietor said was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, started in the basement and worked up through the frame structure so rapidly that the entire floor was ablaze before the guests were given the alarm. While most of the guests were able to leave by the stairways a half dozen, among them two women, leaped from a second-story balcony but were not seriously hurt. The guests lost practically all of their jewelry and clothing. They were cared for in neighboring cottages. The hotel building was valued at \$15,000. A high wind blowing in from the sea carried the sparks to the colony of cottages and the cottages formed bucket brigades to prevent the spread of the flames.

## A Phantom Promise

SACO, Me., Sept. 13.—After three weeks' idleness the 2,200 employees of the York mill thrown out of employment by the strike of 150 weavers, returned to work today at the old rate of wages, the mill management promising to "do something for them as soon as possible."

## THE NEWS OF TODAY

Peary reached the Pole with single Eskimo companion.

Lord Strathcona believes in future of Canadian West.

Mysterious murder of Italian children in Utica, N.Y.

Paul Jacobs will race Marsh or Strubb here.

Dominion awaits Victoria action to end Songhees Reserve question.

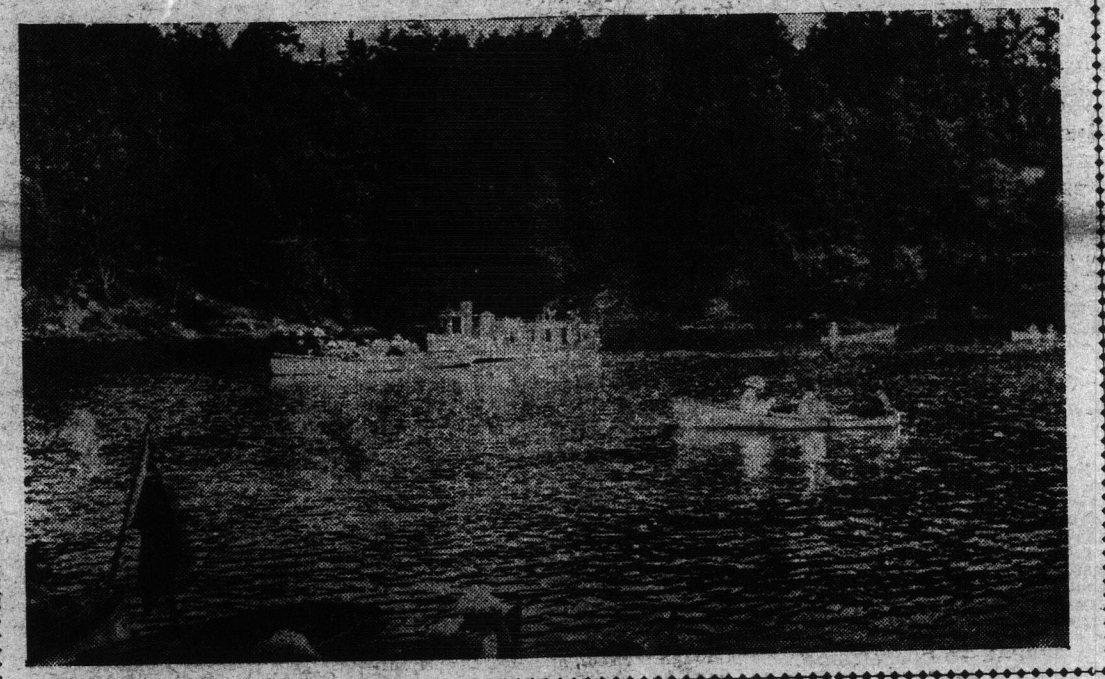
Time for construction of mountain section of G. T. P. likely to be extended.

Canada claims the Pole.

B. C. Electric Co. cannot consider Nanaimo proposals.

Montreal's civic scandal produces startling developments.

## General View of Gorge Course During Final Regatta Saturday



## NO NEW EXTENSIONS FOR B. C. ELECTRIC COMPANY

Pending Large Propositions Make it Impossible to Deal With Nanaimo's Proposals For Tramway Service

Enterprising Nanaimo, which had hoped to enjoy the special advantages accruing where the enterprise of the B. C. Electric Railway Company makes itself prominent, is disappointed for the present at least to be disappointed. It is not adjudged good policy on the part of the electric company to meet the overtures from citizens of the Coal City looking toward the establishment of local and suburban lines for that town.

Had the British Columbia Electric been disposed to regard favorably the suggestions that have been made, not only for the establishment of local lines in Nanaimo, but also of inter-urban lines extending from the Coal City to Wellington and to Ladysmith, agreements would most probably have been reached to grant immunities, water, and other privileges.

The company is now, however, disposed to consider new enterprises at the present moment. Writing to a member of the Evening Post staff, General Manager Spelling explains that "we regret that for the present at least we are unable to enter into this proposition. We have so many large deals now on hand that we cannot branch out any further at the present time."

## PIONEER LUMBERMAN DEAD

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Turlington Walker Harvey, one of Chicago's pioneer lumbermen and largely self-made man, died yesterday in a hospital in Lytleton, N.H. of injuries sustained in a fall six weeks ago while entering a ferry boat at Jersey City. Of late years Mr. Harvey had lived in Seattle, Wash. He was 74 years of age and was born in Silliam, N.Y. Mr. Harvey came to Chicago in 1854 and engaged in the lumber business. In 1899 he built in Michigan the first logging railroad ever constructed to transport logs from the camps to the streams and mills.

## EXPERT WANTS ON THE CITY

Just when Victoria's reduced fire insurance rates will become effective no man knoweth.

As pointed out on several previous occasions, when reference has been made to the subject, the fire underwriters until the improvements made to the Victoria water and fire protection services have been inspected and improved by the underwriters' expert. This gentleman, Mr. Wagner of Portland, has for several weeks past been merely awaiting a telegram from Victoria that all is ready to start for this city, and perform his part of the contract.

The city has not yet notified the underwriters, however, that the system is ready as indeed it is not. The water pumping system cannot be considered complete as yet, and new hydrants have lately been installed, the working of which is not quite to the liking of the civic officials.

As soon as the complete protective system is approved by the city departmental heads, the word "all ready" will be passed to the underwriters, and Expert Wagner will be here to perform his part. In all probability this expert inspection will take place about the end of the present week or the beginning of next week. September 30 is the date set, approximately.

## CENTRAL FAIR OPENED TODAY

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Canada Central fair opened this morning. There was no speech-making. Lord Charles Herford, who was to have opened the fair, sent a letter of regret to Mayor Hopewell in which he said that he found it impossible to come to the capital on account of his engagements in the southern States. Concluding the letter says: "I shall have to go back to England and do what I can to secure for us an all-powerful navy. Nothing can exceed the loyalty, patriotism and general feeling that I have observed among Canadians for the Old Country. Canada is, anyway, determined that the Empire shall remain intact."

## UNION PACIFIC'S NEW GOVERNMENT

New York, Sept. 13.—William Rockefeller and Jacob H. Schiff were elected directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company, succeeding Henry H. Rogers, and Edward H. Harriman. They were also appointed members of the executive committee. The board of directors elected, Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Executive committee to succeed Mr. Harriman. The membership of the executive was increased from five to six members. The directors appointed a committee consisting of Arthur H. Hays Sulzberger, Charles A. Pasbody and Henry C. Fink, to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. Harriman.

## RAILWAY BOARD RESUMES

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Railway Board resumed its sittings this morning, thirty cases being down for hearing, including that of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, left over from last spring and concerning the lumber tariff.

## CONDENSED STRATHCONA THE RACE POOLS FAVORS WEST

General Manager of Imperial Bank Emphatic in Protest Against Gambling on the Ponies

High Commissioner Has Confidence in the Future of Canada's Pacific Slope and Sea Ports

WILL NOT RESIGN HIS HIGH OFFICE

Wheat Belt Will Extend Northward and Grain May Be Shipped to Europe From This Coast

"The Imperial Bank is a great believer in British Columbia," said Mr. D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, who is visiting the city, in an Evening Post representative this afternoon. "I am disappointed, however, to find so little of the trade of the Yukon coming to this province. Practically all goes to the United States. It seems to me that only better transportation facilities or lower tariffs are required to bring this very important trade to Victoria and Vancouver, which would have a great effect on the growth and prosperity of these cities."

In reply to a question as to the general effects of the bumper crop, Mr. Wilkie said: "The farmers of the Northwest will receive in the neighborhood of \$150,000,000 for their crops this year. This will help British Columbia to a large extent, as the farmers will be prepared to buy a great deal of lumber and other by-products. The money that the farmers receive will principally be invested in the improvement of their own properties, in paying for any land or pre-emptions not already paid for; in buying new land; in paying for or buying more farms, and in many other cases probably also in buying pianos or other household luxuries."

"It will not be spent on horse-racing," Mr. Wilkie continued, "and in that connection I wish to say that the horse racing as it has been carried on in Victoria and Vancouver is a most damnable thing. It is most demoralizing, especially in its effect on young men, and it will be a great misfortune if the gambling spirit as encouraged at the race track cannot be curbed in this province."

"I notice great improvements all through the prairie provinces and British Columbia. The only thing that the future has to do is to be still more enterprising and not let the Americans get ahead of them."

"Canada has quite recovered from the financial depression of three years ago. The Imperial Bank is continually opening new branches throughout western Canada."

## SEVEN LIVES LOST IN STORM-SWEPT LA PAZ

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 13.—A special from La Paz, Lower California, says: "La Paz—the oldest settlement of the Californias—has been swept by a destructive storm in the night. Seven lives are known to have been lost and the shore is strewn with wrecks from ships and boats in the roadstead. In many places the water was four feet deep in the streets."

"Great suffering exists, especially among the poorer people, the majority of whom have lost everything they had. From the country districts the news comes slowly indicating that the devastation is great."

"It was without warning that the storm burst accompanied by torrents of rain which deluged the streets and nearby hills from which the floods came down. The boats along shore and anchored in the bay were torn from their moorings and most of them battered to pieces."

## SHOT BY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

London, Ont., Sept. 13.—Harvey Scott, 75 years old, was shot and killed by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wesley Scott, this morning. Mrs. Scott says she could not stand any longer threats and tortures which had been inflicted upon her. Police have gone to the scene of the murder.

## PLEAS IN SELF-DEFENCE

Gloucester, Sept. 13.—Jos. Nash, wanted on a charge of murdering Max Passerini, has been arrested. He is said to have admitted the slaying, but claims he did it in self-defence. During a fight Nash says he saw Passerini put his hand in his pocket as if to draw a revolver or knife and he accordingly used his knife first.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—The White Star Dominion liner Dominion, from Montreal for Liverpool, reported 50 miles west of Imbrosahill at six p.m. Sunday, and is due in Liverpool this afternoon.

Regina's Public Schools Closed For the Safety of the Little Folks.