

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETING AT ALBERNI

Victoria Delegates Will Leave Tomorrow Morning—Interesting Programme Prepared

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The city delegates at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Development League will leave tomorrow morning at nine o'clock by the E. & N. train, and others will join the party at various points. From the end of the line to Alberni the distance will be covered in automobiles and rigs, accommodation being provided for 125. Hotel accommodation has been reserved at Alberni for the Victoria delegates.

A meeting of the executive of the Victoria branch is being held this afternoon to complete the arrangements for the sessions of the League. Colonel E. G. Prior, president, will summarize the work accomplished during the year, and J. J. Shallock, president of the Victoria branch, will speak on the advantages which have been secured through judicious advertising of the capital. There will be several other very interesting speeches.

On Saturday a picnic will be held at Sproat Lake and for Sunday an all-day trip has been arranged on Alberni canal, to Barkley Sound and back.

AVIATOR MISSING

Believed to Have Shot Himself and Then Leaped Into Sea

Marblehead, Mass., July 13.—Lieut. A. L. Pfitzer, an aviator, is believed to have shot himself and then jumped into the sea from a small boat which was found floating and empty. Search for the body is being made.

After an accident to his airship last Saturday Pfitzer remarked: "The game has been beaten." Saturday night the aviator strolled away. When he returned he carried a towel covered with blood. It is now believed he failed in an attempt to end his life. The discolored aviator fired a self-inflicted wound which was the last seen of him. A note was found in the boat reading:

"Who ever finds this boat please return it to the livery stable opposite New Fountain Inn, Marblehead, A. L. Pfitzer."

In the bottom of the boat was an automatic revolver with two cartridges discharged.

THE GERMAN MUDDLE

Berlin, July 13.—The foreign office this afternoon authorized the United Press correspondent here to say that it had not authorized any denial of the contents of a cablegram sent yesterday by the United Press to the American supervisor over German diplomacy in Central and South America. The cause of the conflicting statements of yesterday's press is the presence of Privy Councillor Hanmann, chief of the foreign office press department, and the action of a subordinate, it was explained.

Associated Press dispatches this morning declared that the foreign office had issued a denial of this statement.

HAVE NOT RESIGNED

Ottawa, July 13.—The report from Montreal that Messrs. Modjeska and Fitzmaurice had resigned as members of the Quebec bridge commission, is denied here. There have been differences of opinion as to the resignation of the commissioners, however, and the two named have expressed willingness to drop out.

It is understood that both Messrs. Modjeska and Fitzmaurice have asked to be relieved, but the government may insist upon them carrying out their responsibility.

NEWMARKET RACES

Newmarket, July 13.—The July handicap of 100 sovereigns for three year olds and upwards, distance six furlongs of the Bunbury mile, was won by H. P. Whitney's Perseus. McIntyre was second and Senseless third. Eight horses ran.

A two-year old sales stakes was won by Lawrence Waterbury's Congo. Sandux was second and Sir Knight third. There were ten starters.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Medford, Ore., July 13.—The little town of Phoenix suffers the worst fire in its history when a planing mill and a score of nearby buildings burned. Aid was summoned from Medford and Ashland and fire companies from these cities arrive in time to check the flames which threatened destruction of the town.

KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Berlin, July 13.—Dispatches from the Tyrol in Austro-Hungary report that one person was killed and twenty others injured by an earthquake at the village of Etter to-day.

THE MANITOBA ELECTION

Winnipeg, July 13.—Complete returns from all Manitoba constituencies are now in. The government carried 27 seats and the opposition 14—a gain of one seat for the Liberals.

SIR A. PELLETIER IMPROVES

Quebec, July 13.—Sir Alphonse Pelletier, lieutenant-governor, who is suffering from an attack of paralysis, continues to improve.

KILLED BY CAR

Toronto, July 13.—Arthur Slack, an employee of the Toronto Suburban railway, slipped on the track this morning, was struck by the wheel of the car and instantly killed.

BUILDING ROADS

Toronto, July 13.—Prison labor on Porcupine road appears to be doing well. Two miles have been graded and other three miles cleared.

CONVICT AGAIN IN PENITENTIARY

Prisoner in Cell at New Westminster After Enjoying Five Days of Liberty

New Westminster, B. C., July 13.—After enjoying five days of liberty, spending the time in the woods, living on berries and wild fruits, and in terror of recapture every minute, W. Ellis, the convict who made a getaway from the British Columbia penitentiary last Thursday, is back in his cell again, having been arrested on the outskirts of Vancouver yesterday evening. Acting Deputy Warden Stewart and Guard Devine escorted the convict back to the penitentiary last night.

PROMPT RELIEF FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Supplies Are Being Rushed to Campbellton, N. B., Scene of Destructive Fire

(Special to the Times.)

St. John, N. B., July 13.—Relief supplies are being rushed into Campbellton, which was wiped out on Monday, from this city and Moncton, as well from all points along the intercolonial railway near the stricken town.

Orders were received by ambulance corps here to-day from Ottawa to send all available tents to Campbellton at once.

The estimated loss to-day is placed at between \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.

GRAND JURY TO HEAR PACKING HOUSE CASES

Chicago, July 13.—A special grand jury to investigate the packing house cases will be called soon, and it is expected that the government will ask indictments on which penitentiary sentences can be asked. District Attorney Sims has returned from his vacation and conferred with special prosecutor Wilkerson to-day.

United States Judge Landis is expected to be in Chicago ready to empanel the special grand jury.

TRAIN DERAILED

Seven Persons Sustain Injuries—Wreck Caused by Broken Rail

Olympia, Wash., July 13.—Seven persons were slightly injured when the Northern Pacific passenger train No. 322 from Gray's Harbor to Tacoma, was derailed three miles west of here at 9 o'clock last night.

Four hundred yards of track was torn up, but the line will probably be cleared for traffic by noon to-day. The smoker, observation and day coach were injured. The wreck was caused by a broken rail.

The derailed were brought here and their wounds dressed at St. Peter's hospital. They continued their trip to Tacoma to-day. Frank J. O'Connell, a passenger, was among the injured. His chest and side were bruised.

OPEN VERDICT

Inquest Throws no Light on Revelstoke Mystery.

Revelstoke, July 13.—The inquest on the death of F. Deuscenza, who was found recently on a hand car on the south track in a dying condition and who was struck by a train, was held by Deputy Coroner Dr. Sutherland. Several witnesses were called. Medical evidence showed that the deceased had been struck on the head with some blunt instrument, but not of necessity by the train. There were other bruises and marks on the body. The jury brought in a verdict that the deceased died by being struck by a train, but that there was no evidence to show how the blow had been caused.

"CHINA FOR CHINESE"

Pasadena, Cal., July 13.—China for the Chinese and death to further foreign territorial and industrial aggression is the slogan of the "New China," according to Rev. Robert J. Burdette, who is in Pasadena for a week here to-day following a five months' tour of the Orient.

Dr. Burdette believes that the period of concession-getting and trade development in China, so far as foreigners are concerned, is drawing rapidly to a close. He predicts that further attempts to widen the foreign selvage along China's border may result in continued uprisings there.

STATE DIVORCE BUREAU

Kansas City Judge's Scheme for Supervision Over Cases.

Kansas City, Mo., July 13.—Declaring that the divorce courts are the result of a "state of anarchy," Judge Thomas J. Seehorn, of the circuit court, advocates a state divorce bureau.

"Such a bureau," said Seehorn, "should have supervision over every divorce case in the state. A vast majority of cases go by default. Men or women wanting divorces can now bring character witnesses to the court, regardless of how disreputable they are, and secure their decrees."

MANY PROSTRATED

Detroit, July 13.—To-day was the big entertainment day for thousands of Elks who are here attending their annual convention. Fully 40,000 Elks marched in the grand parade, while 60 brass bands played.

The day was hot and many marchers were prostrated.

TENNIS TROPHY FOR NORTHWEST PLAYERS

Portland Men Offer Cup for Clubs in the N. P. T. A.—Victoria in It

Portland, Ore., July 13.—Following the return to this city of the Portland tennis cracker who took part in the play at Spokane in the international and inland empire tournaments, it was given out to-day that Messrs. L. M. and C. D. Starr and Capt. J. J. Reynolds, members of the Irvington tennis club, this city, are the donors of a handsome silver trophy to be played for in the open competition in what will be known as the interclub tournaments. This will include eight clubs that are members of the Northwest Pacific Tennis Association, viz., Multnomah, Everett, Wash.; Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.; Seattle and Tacoma. Through the rules are not definitely settled, the regulations affecting the play in general, it is probable that play in each instance shall require two weeks' notice or challenge with the holding club, not less than two men may be entered, plus this requiring five matches in all, four in singles and one in doubles to take the cup from the club, but on the other hand, the donors are members of the Irvington club, that trophy will be given the local organization as the first defender.

It is required that the club holding the greatest number of victories at the end of three years shall be declared the permanent holder of the trophy.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS IN STATES

Postmaster-General Says Officials Are Slow About Sending in Applications

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Because postmasters are slow about asking the establishment of postal banks, the bank advisory board will decide which cities shall have these banks without waiting for requests.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock stated that San Francisco will be one of the cities in which a bank will be established.

"We expected many more requests for postal savings banks than have come in," said Hitchcock. "This, however, is not surprising. Postmasters naturally do not want to incur without more pay, and postal banks would entail much additional labor."

COMMENT ON CANADA'S NEW SHIPPING LAW

English Marine Journals Say Ship-owners' Associations Are Perturbed by Legislation

Liverpool, July 13.—Shipowners' Associations throughout the country are declared by the Liverpool Journal of Commerce to be perturbed over the recent shipping legislation enacted in Canada, dealing with the water carriage of goods.

The new measure, which to a large extent follows on the lines of what is known as the harbor act, applies to ships carrying goods from any port of Canada to any other port of Canada, or from any port in Canada to any port outside of Canada.

The Shipping Gazette points out that if owner of a ship, through negligence, fails to make his ship in all respects seaworthy and properly equipped, neither ship nor owner, agent nor charterer, shall become responsible for loss or damage resulting from errors of navigation or from any latent defect.

TWO FIRES DAMAGE STEAMER ST. NICHOLAS

First Vessel for Vancouver-Antwerp Freight Line is at San Francisco

San Francisco, July 13.—Haggard and worn from overwork, worry and loss of sleep, the crew of the British steamer St. Nicholas, which left San Francisco for Vancouver, came into port and told the story of two fires which destroyed about half of their cargo, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, and badly damaged the boat. The fires occurred June 23rd and June 25th. The first one was of short duration and did but slight damage, but the second lasted for four days and nights. During this time none of the crew of the men slept, but devoted themselves to fighting the flames and carrying merchandise to the decks to be dumped overboard or stored.

The St. Nicholas is the first of the new Antwerp-Vancouver line recently inaugurated by Evans, Coleman & Evans. She is to be followed by the Greystoke Castle and Penrhin Castle.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO WIDOW

Astoria, Ore., July 13.—According to the will of Samuel E. Elmore, wealthy salmon packer at Astoria, who was killed in an automobile accident near Pasadena last month, his wife is the sole legatee of his fortune. The will stipulates that in case the widow remarries she will forfeit the right to three-fourths of the estate to her three daughters. The estate is valued at approximately \$750,000.

X-RAY SPECIALIST DEAD

Philadelphia, July 13.—Dr. Mirkan K. Kassabian, X-ray specialist, is dead as the result of his experiments with the mysterious rays.

Some time ago Dr. Kassabian contracted cancer. It is believed the disease was caused by burns received from the rays. Though the best specialists in the country treated the case, the cancer resulted in Dr. Kassabian's death.

CUP SERIES IS THE THIRTEENTH

FACTS AND DATES OF MINTO TROPHY

Royals Defend Honors Saturday in First of Two Game Contest

On Saturday in Queen's park, Westminster, the world's champion lacrosse team of the Royal City will meet Montreal in the first game of the thirteenth Minto cup series. Montreal holds the championship of the National Lacrosse Union. The second game will be played July 23rd, and the total goals of the two games will count. It is the third series the Royals have engaged in in defence of the historic vice-regal silverware since they separated the East from the west when they beat the Montreal Shamrocks in July, 1908, and the eyes of the lacrosse enthusiasts in the entire Dominion are turned toward the city on the Fraser.

Down East the folks seem to think that the Montrealers have a glorious chance to win the cup, but on the coast there are few who fancy the chances of the Easterners. But the games will tell which is right.

The New Westminster team has held the provincial lacrosse honors for five consecutive seasons now, and since 1905 the Salmonbellies have been the champions. In 1904 Vancouver held the championship, but for six years previous to that the Royal City has been the victor. Making eleven championships in thirteen seasons the Salmonbellies have held. With such records it is little wonder that New Westminster is so jealously proud of its lacrosse reputation. New Westminster's record in senior lacrosse is seen by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Champion. 1894-1895: Vancouver; 1896-1897: Victoria; 1898-1899: Vancouver; 1900-1901: Vancouver; 1902-1903: Vancouver; 1904-1905: Vancouver; 1906-1907: Vancouver; 1908-1909: Vancouver; 1910-1911: Vancouver.

Champion, 1894-1895, Vancouver; 1896-1897, Victoria; 1898-1899, Vancouver; 1900-1901, Vancouver; 1902-1903, Vancouver; 1904-1905, Vancouver; 1906-1907, Vancouver; 1908-1909, Vancouver; 1910-1911, Vancouver.

Taking a number of U. S. lighthouse officials on a trip of inspection to Alaskan waters, the U. S. S. Columbine, Commander Richardson, called here and will leave for the North to-day. The officials will inspect at least a dozen new sites for lighthouses which have been recommended to the department by navigators, and within a short time after the return of the vessel to Portland steps will be taken to provide more lights and buoys for Alaska, the waters of which are at present very poorly safeguarded, there being a single lighted mark in contrast with the Canadian coast. The continued complaints of masters, steamship companies and mercantile men regarding the lack of protection to shipping on the Alaskan coast and the large number of marine casualties which have occurred there have awakened the U. S. government to the necessity of providing additional safeguards.

The Columbine is equipped for a long trip, her forward deck being piled high with coal. She is stationed at Portland, but outfit at Seattle and arrived here last night. It is expected she will sail for the North this evening. Formerly a light-house and buoy tender, the stout little steamer has now been placed in service for the U. S. supply and construction department of the marine service.

CRUISER MONTCALM IS DUE AT HONOLULU

Will Remain a Week at Hawaiian Port Before Coming to B. C. Waters

(From Wednesday's Daily.) To-day the French cruiser Montcalm, commanded by Rear-Admiral de Castris, which is due here next month, is expected to arrive at Honolulu and will remain at the Hawaiian port for about a week. The Montcalm has been cruising in the French waters for several weeks, and also stopped at Hongkong, Yokohama and other ports in the Orient.

The Montcalm was completed at the La Seyne shipyards in 1902. She is of 5,617 tons displacement, 443 feet long, and carries 612 men. Her speed record is 21.1 knots, and her armament consists of two seven-and-a-half-inch guns and eight 6.4-inch guns, besides several of smaller calibre. She is also fitted up with two submerged 18-inch torpedoes.

FIGHT PICTURES. Minister of Customs Asked to Prevent their Importation.

A meeting was held Tuesday night at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A., when matters relating to the moral well-being of the city were discussed, and among other things referred to it was decided to appeal to the Minister of Customs to prohibit the importation of moving-picture films representing the fight at Reno. The following resolution was unanimously passed and telegraphed to Ottawa:

"Resolved, that we, a meeting of representative citizens of Victoria, appeal to the Minister of Customs to use his authority for prohibiting the importation of moving-picture films for the purpose of exhibiting the disgraceful scenes enacted at the recent Johnpeter-Jeffries fight at Reno; and that all customs officers be requested to carry such order into effect."

HOURS OF SPRINKLING

City Engineer Issues Orders Calculated to Conserve the Water Supply.

Angus Smith, city engineer—who is now also in charge of the water department—has given notice that the hours for sprinkling until further notification shall be from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Any consumer violating the regulation will be fined the usual penalty.

Mr. Smith was asked by the Times Wednesday if the order was a result of a fear of a possible shortage of water. He replied in the negative, and explained that the regulation was due solely to the fact that the pumps were working now to their fullest capacity, and therefore it would be necessary to restrict the use of water in the manner indicated.

THOMAS LAWLER DEAD

Toronto, July 13.—Thomas Lawler, Supreme treasurer of the Independent Order of Foresters, died this morning, aged 67 years. He was a native of the province of Quebec.

MR. MARPOLE HERE

Over on Departmental Business—Sorry That He Cannot Attend Alberni Convention

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Mr. Marpole, Pacific executive of the C. P. R., spent the day in the city, returning to Vancouver this afternoon. He came over on some departmental business and had a conference with J. Marsh, the local representative of the American Securities Company, which has acquired large timber interests at Cowichan lake.

Mr. Marpole regretted that he was unable to make the trip to Alberni with the members of the Vancouver Island Development League for the annual convention at that point, but said that the E. & N. Railway Company, which is so largely interested in the rebuilding of Vancouver Island, would be represented by H. E. Beasley, superintendent.

The work of building the branch line to Alberni had been impeded somewhat owing to the shortage of labor. Eight hundred men are now employed and the work is being rushed with all the expedition possible.

The ready-made farms on French Creek have been occupied by five British colonies under the auspices of the Salvation Army. These farms will be inspected by the delegates to the Development League convention at Alberni.

MORE SAFEGUARDS FOR COAST OF ALASKA

U. S. S. Columbine Calls Here, Northbound, With Officials on Inspection Tour

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Seventeen days out from Yokohama, the Bank liner Oceano, Capt. Davies, arrived last night after an uneventful voyage and after landing one Chinese passenger and discharging one hundred tons of cargo, left at 1 a. m. to-day for Vancouver.

The Oceano brought a cargo totaling 5,200 tons, which includes 4,500 cases of tea, 6,000 bales of hemp and general Oriental merchandise. On arrival at the wharf the immigration officials revealed a single Chinese in concealment without foundation and, when the steamship's crew was lined up on deck under observation, neither hold, bunker or any other likely hiding-place revealed a single Celestial.

The Chinese who landed here paid the \$500 head-tax.

SPEEDY WORK IN TRACK-LAYING

Two and a Quarter Miles Laid in Six and Half Hours—Progress on G. T. P.

Two and a quarter miles in six hours and a half is the record Dan Dempsey made with his track-laying gang on Monday, and railroad men say that is going some for this mountain section, says the Prince Rupert Journal of July 6th. Dan Dempsey is the head foreman at the end of steel on the Grand Trunk Pacific. He is in charge of the Pioneer, known to do all in its power to get the track-laying machine in fact Dan is one of the inventors of the machine. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism. It will keep 50 or 60 men busy in front and as many more behind spiking down the rails.

The track-laying train is made up of an engine with two flat cars of rails ahead and the track-laying machine in front. Behind the engine are cars of ties and wood and general supplies. On each side of the train are box trawlers hung just below the edge of the floor of the flat cars. The trawlers on the left side run from the front of the Pioneer to the end of the flat cars carrying rails. The trams are pulled by steam from the engine. They are simply rollers which carry the rails up to the front of the pioneer.

As the end of the rail shoots out two men clamp on angle-iron. The rail is suspended from either of the two cranes—one for each side—and lowered into place. Temporary steel rods hold the rails in position until the train has passed, when the spiking gang arrives. On the right side of the train the trough-like tram runs back to the cars with the ties. These ties are fed in and are pushed along with the trawlers. They shoot out of the tram some distance ahead of the pioneer. A man grabs each tie as it comes out and drops it in place. When one considers that frequently half a mile of track is laid an hour and that there are 3200 ties to the mile, it means stepping lively.

At the present time the track is out as far as the trestle over Bone-vard creek, about 22 miles from Prince Rupert. The work is considerably delayed by lack of material. Until the completion of the Zanardi Rapids bridge all the material has to be taken from the Rupert yards on a scow ferry to a slip this side of Inverness. On account of the tides only one load of material can be put on and unloaded each day.

Zanardi bridge has given a great deal of trouble but the concrete structure will be finished this week ready for the steel work. The span between the shore abutments is 100 feet. There are three spans built to withstand the drift of water which pours through with the rise and fall of the tides. Mr. Young, of the Canada Bridge Co., has charge of the superstructure and the drift material on the ground ready to start as soon as the concrete is finished. His camp is now about completed and by the end of August the big bridge should be ready for trains.

In the meantime the track-laying will proceed as far as material can be taken to the front. No ballasting will be done until the track reaches the gravel pit 50 miles up the line. This will be some weeks yet, but an effort will be made to have the first hundred miles ballasted before the frost of next winter. For a new road the bed is in excellent shape and with 80 lb. rails heavy trains can be taken over it at a good speed without danger.

ENGLISH TEAM FOR DAVIS CUP MATCHES

Preliminary Games for the Trophy Will Have to Be Played in Australia

London, July 13.—The English Lawn Tennis Association probably will accept the invitation of the Australian association to play the preliminary games for the Davis cup in Australia. The committee of the association met to-day to decide the question, but as it had not yet received acceptance from the members of the team which it was proposed to send, the meeting was adjourned until the 15th.

The American committee has not yet decided whether to send a team to Australia to compete in the preliminaries for the Davis cup matches, but hopes to be able to do so. The situation is somewhat complicated. Australia asked England and the United States to play the preliminaries in Australia. England refused to do this and asked the American association to play them in England. The American association agreed to the proposal but afterwards stated that it was not sure of being able to send a team to compete. The cup is held in Australia.

SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL STOWAWAYS

Reported Presence of Concealed Chinese on Oceano Without Foundation

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PRINCE GEORGE GONE UP FOR BUNKER COAL

New G. T. P. Steamship Expected Back From Boat Harbor Tonight to Be Docked

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Upon arriving last night after her long trip from the Tyne the new G. T. P. steamship Prince George did not enter Esquimalt harbor as expected, but after being boarded by Capt. G. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. service, R. Newman, the designer, and Capt. G. Robertson, who will take command of her, proceeded to Boat Harbor to take on bunker coal.

The government would do all in its power to facilitate the commission's work.

MARINE NOTES

After a very short delay, caused by the fracture of a casting in the high-pressure cylinder of the starboard engine, the G. T. P. steamship Prince Rupert got away from Union Tuesday afternoon after Prince Rupert, making excellent time. The mishap will not prevent her maintaining her schedule next week.

After coaling at San Diego the steam whaler Germania, recently purchased by the Pacific Whaling Company, is on her way north and is expected to arrive during the next few days.

After changing her registry from New Zealand to Nova Scotia the Great steamship Cuzco, Capt. Norris, has left her anchorage of the outer wharf and proceeded to the west coast of South America.

Bringing a fairly large number of passengers, including 100 steers, for this port, R. M. S. Empress of China left Yokohama on the 5th inst.



ELEVEN KILLED IN COLLISION

OVER THREE SCORE OTHERS ARE INJURED

Accident Occurs on Suburban Near Melbourne During Dense Fog

(Times Leased Wire.) Melbourne, Australia, July 13.—A collision of the state line suburban crowded with passengers on the track in this city this morning resulted in the death of eleven persons and the injury of over three score others.

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RIOTERS AND POLICE IN SERIOUS DISORDERS IN CITIES IN

Troops Are Being Rushed to Cities Where Strikes Have Been Declared

(Times Leased Wire.) San Sebastian, Spain, July 13.—Rioters in which rioters and police were engaged in serious disorders in cities in Spain.

Although despatches from these cities are somewhat conflicting, authorities here believe that the situation is on the eve of the greatest in its history.

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