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VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Steamship Men Ask Bonus From City for Proposed Line to San Francisco.

Free Milling Rock Rich in Gold Mysteriously Located by German Professor.

Balloon Excursion Across the Gulf—Extensive Timber Limits—Oriental Freight.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 28.—Capt. Smythe and officers of the warship *Borgia* were banqueted at the Hotel Vancouver last night by prominent citizens.

The Hastings Mill Co. are opening up timber limits twenty-five miles long on Campbell river, 135 miles up coast. They will average 80,000 feet to a section.

The steamer *Curt* arrived in Port to-day from Fort Simpson.

Promoters of the marine railway for Vancouver gave assurance to-day that it will be built.

So great is the quantity of freight offered for the Orient that it is difficult to place it. A shipper of 1,000 tons of salmon was compelled to secure space on the *Nippon* Yasen *Kaisha* line as there was no space on the *Empress*.

Property on Hastings street purchased recently for the erection of a building of stone blocks sold for \$800 a front foot.

The military rifle association has changed its name to the Garrison Artillery Association of Vancouver with Col. Wornum as honorary president and Lieut. Elye as president. The annual matches of the association will take place at the Central Park ranges on Saturday next.

Geo. Smith, a sailor from Liverpool, England, was drowned at Boston Bar, B.C., on Saturday last, while working on a gold dredging machine for the Bently Gold Mining Company.

The balloon shipped here to be used in search for Andrea having been abandoned by the French scientist, who has gone to digging gold at Last Chance creek. The balloon has been purchased by German scientists, who have invited city reporters to accompany them in the balloon across the Gulf of Georgia.

Prof. Vertgen returned from the wilds of interior British Columbia to-day having gone in by Stave lake for a German expedition. The professor took himself and his assistants on a wild Indian who had no communication with whites. He reached here to-day with all the specimens of his trip, which are very interesting as to where it has come from.

With respect to the new steamship service in progress of arrangement, between here and San Francisco, it is a fact that the steamer *Manitowish*, said to-day: "Friends in England are extremely anxious to have the British Columbia enterprise when an interest of 8 or 10 per cent. may be reasonably expected on the capital invested. I am giving them an opportunity of investing their money in my enterprise. Vancouver city will be asked to guarantee a profit of 10 per cent. on the line which should they decline it will not stop the enterprise, the fact may make some difference in my plan, but I will not be deterred by the fact that the line will be placed on the route between here and San Francisco, which is a fact that already, before the two other steamers are actually handed over, I have had promises of coal and merchandise sufficient to make me believe the line will pay for its initiation."

Besides the Vancouver and San Francisco line two river steamers are being built at the Lake Bennett yards and arrangements have already been made to start on the line. These boats will be shipped from here. One steamer will run from Bennett to White Horse and the other from White Horse to Dawson.

Capt. Marshall says that in no case will be conflict with Victoria interests. In carrying out his duties he has been greatly encouraged, the business community promising to aid him in any way their services, besides giving him their moral support.

WILLIAM IN PALESTINE. Haifa, Palestine, Oct. 27.—Yesterday Emperor William and Empress Augusta visited Caesarea and the Plain of Sharon. This morning they started for Jaffa.

Jaffa, Palestine, Oct. 27.—Their German imperial majesties arrived here this afternoon at 5 o'clock. They were accompanied by the Vali of Damascus and by the governors of Jaffa and Jerusalem. A multitude of natives came a considerable distance to meet them.

TOLERANT ENGLISHMEN. London, Oct. 27.—The absence of anti-French feeling among Englishmen was demonstrated at the Empire theatre in Birmingham last evening. The orchestra played the Marseillaise, whereupon a great majority of the audience thrapped their hats and cheered loudly, completely drowning the few blases which the music elicited from the minority.

MORPHINE AND A BULLET. Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—Nathaniel Childs, press agent of the Way Down East company died today at the Jefferson hospital. He had swallowed 45 grains of morphine, after which he shot himself in the heart with a bullet. The cause of the tragedy is not known, but it is believed that he was suffering from morphine poisoning.

When Henryk Stenikiewicz, the Polish aviator comes to this country for the second time, which he proposes to do this month, he will make Washington, D. C., his headquarters. He has two friends there, Taddeo Bissolati and Eugenio Galeati, with whom he will visit for several weeks. Judging, daughter of the aviator, who is visiting in this country, was made some 20 years ago.

THE CZAR'S PEACE IDEA.

The Powers Will Send Delegates to Receive the Details of the Scheme.

London, Oct. 28.—It is announced from St. Petersburg that all the powers have now accepted the Czar's invitation to send delegates to the proposed disarmament conference.

Each power will be represented by three delegates and it will be a record diplomatic assembly in point of numbers.

Count Muraviev, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, is going to Havania, where he will confer with the Czar on the outlines of the programme which will be submitted to the delegates. The Russian minister is very optimistic as to the result of the conference.

CANTON FOREIGNERS UNEASY. Too Many Chinese Soldiers Arriving—Shan Empress Submitted to Visiting Physician.

London, Oct. 28.—News received this morning from the Far East has been of a somewhat disquieting nature. It appears that residents of Canton are in a state of alarm at the drafting into that city of large bodies of Chinese troops as a counter move to the recent arrival there of Russian soldiers.

The native soldiers are very turbulent and coupled with the anti-foreigner riots at Canton their advent has caused great uneasiness among the foreigners, who number about 150.

In connection with the summoning of a French doctor to examine the Empress of China the Saturday Review says it sees in this a ruse on the part of the Empress Dowager, and adds that it would have been an easy matter to paint out a sickly youth of 25 on the European physician, as the Empress is scarcely visible to foreigners.

The New Brunswick majority for prohibition will have to be reduced by 1,485, the people of St. John city having voted both there and in the constituency of St. John city and county. As the question on which they were voting was one of principle and not one of electing a member, it has been decided that the double vote will not be allowed.

Inquiries as to the fate of Inspector Moodie and party of the Mounted Police, who left Edmonton for Klonkine by the Peace River route, were received here to-day. The department has every reason to believe that Inspector Moodie is now in Dawson. Only yesterday a report was received from him dated August 30. He was then at the junction of the Peace and Liard rivers, all the party being well.

Mr. Blair has gone to New York to place an order for palace cars for the intercontinental.

The Hamilton promoters of the nickel steel works of Canada were here to-day, to urge the government to place an export duty on nickel ore and matte.

The Royal Society of Canada presented a farewell address to Lord and Lady Aberdeen to-day.

Capt. Van Strabensiepe, R.A., has been appointed professor of history at the Royal Military College. Lieut. H. S. Logan, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been appointed professor of tactics and reconnaissance.

The officers of the Westminster company of the Second battalion of the Buffs, having duly qualified, the following promotions are gazetted to-day: To be Major, John Connell Whyte, to be Lieutenant, Alexander Henderson; to be Lieutenant, George M. Dockrill.

IMMIGRANT TRAFFIC. The Railroads Forming a Great Pool for Regulation.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—No tangible results were achieved at to-day's conference in this city of committees of the Western Passenger Association and representatives of the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Southern Pacific railways in regard to the immigration law situation.

The main object of the meeting was to unite all roads interested in the transportation of immigrants from the Atlantic coast to Canada. The Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Northern Pacific, in one grand combination, the business to be divided among the various roads by the immigration law.

Prior to the inauguration of the Klonkine rate war the Canadian Pacific was a member of the clearing house but upon the outbreak of that trouble it dropped out, and has since been in a very anomalous relations between Western roads and the Canadian Pacific it is now proposed to admit it to membership again.

The failure of the conference thus far to secure tangible results is attributed to the neglect of the meeting to attend and Great Northern roads to attend. They have promised to be represented at to-morrow's conference.

HE KIDDED KELLY. Omaha's Fighting Minnie Entertained a New York Club for Fourteen Hard Rounds.

New York, Oct. 28.—Oscar Gardner, "the Omaha Kid," knocked out Sammy Kelly, of this city, in the fourteenth round of what was to have been a twenty-five round fight at 116 pounds before the Lennox Athletic Club to-night.

Gardner proved himself to be Kelly's superior by hard hitting and bulldog tenacity. Kelly was undoubtedly the better ring general but it was a case of a boxer against a fighter and the latter won.

Kelly's knowledge of ring tactics was apparent all the time, but while Gardner probably understands the fine points of the game as well as Sammy, his peculiar style impressed onlookers as if he were giving an exhibition of buffoonery. He left himself wide open and drew Kelly's leads, only to counter them with jab, chin blows and right swings which played havoc with Kelly's natty appearance.

When Kelly was taken to his corner after being counted out by his opponent on his left side and said he thought some of his ribs were broken.

ILLINOIS COAL RIOTS. The Mine Owners Have Turned From Process of Law to Arbitration.

Springfield, Oct. 29.—The injunction case against E. Canill and twenty-five other miners of the Virden coal district, brought by the Chicago-Virden Coal Co., to-day dismissed in the Circuit court at the instance of the complainant.

A temporarily restraining order was issued, good until December 1, when the case will be heard.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Beauties of New Franchise Illustrated in St. John Deputy Minister's Fruitless Suit.

Minister of Railways Goes Abroad for Rolling Stock—The Prohibition Vote.

Westminster Officers Receive Their Promotion—Royal Military College Appointments.

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Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Major Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, has lost his suit against the Citizen. He took offence at a heading over a paragraph which he felt was meant to injure his daughter, but which the content clearly showed referred to a domestic servant. The Citizen explained that there was no reference to the daughter of the deputy minister's daughter and that the editor who wrote the heading was a comparative stranger in Ottawa and did not even know that such a personage existed.

Out of a million and a quarter voters the majority in East Wellington is 517.

A rumor that Hon. William Hartly is to resign is again current.

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Coroner's Jury Return an Open Verdict Not Fixing Responsibility.

Carlinville, Ill., Oct. 27.—The coroner's jury, which has been in session four days holding an inquest on the bodies of nine of the victims of the riot at Virden, October 22, between miners and guards of the Chicago-Virden Coal Company, rendered a verdict this evening.

The verdict in each instance was that the deceased came to his death by gunshot wound inflicted by weapons in the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

The coroner's jury returned its recommendations were made to the grand jury.

The Grand Jury will convene November 9th in special session to investigate causes of the riot and indict the guilty parties.

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