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THINKS QUATSINO WAS NOT BILL QUANTRELL

Kansas People, However, Say He May Have Been One of His Gang

V. Lane, who was formerly a member of the Fifteenth United States Kansas cavalry, which came into collision with Quantrell's guerillas during the American civil war, now a resident of this city, was much interested in the recent reports from Quatsino to the effect that the late John Sharpe, of Quatsino, was said to be the notorious southern leader.

Mr. Lane sent clippings from the Colonist together with the reproduction of the photograph printed of the dead man to his nephew, V. Lane, who is living at Paola, Kansas, the stamping ground of Quantrell's band, and in a letter in reply, just received, the writer says: "I have received from you copies of the Colonist of November 10, with an article regarding the death of John Sharpe, or William Quantrell. Quantrell's full name was William Clark Quantrell, and he was well known here before the war. He taught school in the western part of the country at what was then known as the village of Stanton. I showed the Colonist containing the article and picture to several who knew Quantrell well, and they all agree that Sharpe and Quantrell were not one and the same person. They say not only does the picture bear no resemblance to Quantrell, but that Sharpe is represented as much taller than Quantrell was. There are no doubt quite a number of men still living who belonged to Quantrell's band and there seems no reason to doubt that John Sharpe was one of them."

Big Bonus for Rice

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—Jimmy Rice, of this city, the well known rowing coach, received a bonus of $500 from Columbia for winning the big eight oared race last season. Rice has signed a three year contract with Columbia.

Gone Into Liquidation

Toronto, Dec. 4.—The Atlantic Soap company of Toronto, has gone into liquidation, at the instance, it is said, of a Montreal house, which is a large creditor.

Boom for Senator Knox

Washington, Dec. 4.—The boom of Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania for the presidency was formally launched at a notable banquet in this city tonight, when the Pennsylvania Republican congressional delegation placed itself on record in favor of the Pennsylvania senator as President Roosevelt's successor.

After Crooked Bankers

New York, Dec. 4.—A special January grand jury was ordered today by Justice Dowling in the supreme court on application of District Attorney Jerome, who declared that there were grave and important matters which he desired to submit to such a body. The district attorney, it is said, proposes to make a thorough investigation of the affairs of the International Trust company, which is controlled by practically the same interests that dominated the suspended Borough Bank of Brooklyn, as well as looking into certain phases of the local banking situation which have developed during the last few weeks.

Ottawa Liberal Candidate.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—At the Liberal convention at the Russell theatre tonight J. B. T. Caron was nominated as the Liberal candidate for the vacancy caused by Mr. Belcourt's elevation to the Senate.

Fiddler's Death Sentence

Regina, Dec. 4.—While no official information has yet been given out by the Department of Justice at Ottawa, it is reported that Fiddler, the Indian sentenced to death by Commissioner Perry, as the result of the commissioner's recent investigation in the north, will not go to the gallows, and that his sentence will be commuted to one of imprisonment for life.

Works Closing Down

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 4.—The Lion rolling mills here have shut down temporarly, throwing 150 men out of work. One hundred and fifty coke ovens at Stone Gap, Va., have shut down, and five hundred men are idle there. The Norton Coal Company has closed down all its ovens, and 60 per cent. of the men have been laid off. The price of coke has been reduced until the operators ar quoted as saying they cannot manufacture it at a profit.

Homeless Wanderers.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—The board of control today decided to house in one of the exhibition buildings some three or four hundred newly arrived Hungarians, who are in a destitute condition. The railways had been asked if they could give the foreigners work, but they replied that they were laying off, not taking on men. The case of the homeless men was laid before the board of control by the House of Industry, and the board finally reached the above decision. They will try to find work for them in city enterprises during the winter months. Forty more Bulgarians are expected from Buffalo.

The White Plague

Montreal, Dec. 4.—At the annual meeting of the Brehmer Rest, home for consumptives, yesterday afternoon, Ald. Dagenais, chairman of the civic health committee, declared that Montreal was spending $50,000 annually in combating contagious diseases which are less destructive than tuberculosis. The number of tuberculosis cases in the city, he said, is 5,000 annually, with 1,000 deaths, whereas only 1,000 cases of other conatgious diseases are reported for the year. Ald. Dagenais contended that $5,000 should be purely devoted to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, the chief factor in the high death rate.

PERISHED IN WOODS NEAR SPROAT LAKE

Skeleton of Hermit John Feurst Discovered by Timber Cruisers

The bones and some of the effects of John Feurst, who disappeared about eight years ago, were found last week by F. Muller in the woods about half a mile from the shore of Sproat lake, says the Alberni Pioneer News.

Mr. Muller was staking timber when he came upon an old pair of rubber boots and, on stopping to examine them, he saw a human skeleton, partly imbedded in the earth, and with grass and sprigs growing up through the frame work of bones.

About the skeleton were rotted remnants of a suit of clothes, a rusty watch, match box, scissors, tooth brush and two knives.

The discovery was reported on Tuesday to Chief Constable Cox, who went out the next day to inspect it. With what information he had he easily identified the various articles as the property of John Feurst, whom he had once known to be a resident of Alberni.

Deceased was about forty-five years of age and a native of Germany. He came to Alberni about nine years ago and for some time worked for George Smith, C. E., on surveys. He had a noticeably peculiar manner, and to men who knew him well he often talked about the cruelty of womankind and how he had been a victim of it. His experience had been such as to make him long for a world in which the fair sex would not be permitted to form a part. He feared that some he had known in other parts would follow him to Alberni and lure him into marriage just for the purpose of getting his money away from him and having a laugh at him. He felt that he was not possessed of the necessary power of resistance, and that once he was cornered by a feminine charmer he might quietly submit himself to being led straightway to the altar.

While engaged in survey work Feurst came across a spot on the shores of Sproat lake, where he decided to settle, and he took up a homestead. The fact that the ground he staked was covered by water for six months in the year enhanced its value in his eyes. No woman, he thought would follow him there. Being asked by a friend how he expected to live on unproductive land he said he would make a living shooting wolves and collecting the bounty.

In spite of the fact that Feurst believed himself to be much sought after by the ladies he was snot by any means what could be called a handsome man. He had heavy eyebrows and a whisker that almost grew over his nose and into his eyes. On account of his appearance and his choice of residence someone had named him the Sproat Lake Bear.

The isolation which Feurst chose for himself was too much for an already weakened mind, and it was not long till, in his imagination, he could hear women calling to him, and singing to him, from across the lake. He decided to move farther away and, embarking in his canoe, he paddled to a point about eight miles from Smith's landing where he went ashore.

It is supposed that in his search for a more remote and secluded spot he became exhausted or in some way injured himself. A couple of months later his canoe was found where he had left it, but a diligent search failed to reveal any sign of his whereabouts.

Whither he had gone or what had happened to him was amatter of mystery till Mr. Muller made the discovery last week and identification was clearly established.

The bones were buried where they were found. The watch, match box, scissors, knives and toothbrush have been placed among the unclaimed goods at police headquarters.

COMBINED VARSITY CREW CHALLENGED

Melbourne and Adelaide Seek Race With Oxford and Cambridge Oarsmen

London, Dec. 4.—That the aquatic season of 1908 will be epoch-making is generally conceded. Thus early Oxford and Cambridge have been challenged by the Melbourne and Adelaide universities for a combined race, either at Henley or the Olympic regatta. It is impracticable, of course; and, if all one hears is correct, another challenge from Harvard and Yale must needs be similarly declined when it arrives. What with the inter-Varsity race, Henley proper, and the great Olympian gathering later, Light and Dark Blues will have their hands full enough as it is. Should the Australian crew happen to meet either the Oxonians, or Cantabs in open fray, however, everybody would be glad.

Montreal Street Laborers

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The council has accepted the recommendation of the committee to increase the wages of corporation laborers from $1.75 to $2 per day of nine hours in winter and ten hours in summer.

Duma Hesitates.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—The Duma adjourned at a late hour tonight without coming to a vote on the ministerial declaration. Expectations that the Octoberist party would define its principles and programme were disappointed. The speeches of the Octoberist leaders and others were marked by half-hearted criticism of the government's programme, but they reserved judgment in the matter.

Logger Crushed by Tree

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—John Talpash, a logger working in a camp near Port Haney, narrowly escaped being crushed to death by a falling tree yesterday, but was terribly injured and now lies at the Royal Columbia hospital in this city in a serious condition. Palpash was engaged in felling a tree when in some unexplained manner he became caught, and was struck by some of the huge limbs which crushed him to the ground, breaking his left leg and injuring him internally. He was brought to the hospital here as quickly as possible, and has been in a semi-conscious state since the accident.

WHITE PASS RAILWAY TO TAP COPPER MINES

Company Will Build Line Into the White Horse District

Seattle, Dec. 4.—The White horse copper district has developed to such an extent that the White Pass & Yukon railroad will build a branch twelve miles and a half in length with six miles of spurs from the main line below Miles canyon, according to the statement of General Manager A. L. Berdoe, who arrived from the North on the Jefferson yesterday.

"Spurs from the branch line will run to each of the large copper mines," said Mr. Berdoe yesterday. "There are more than a half million tons of copper ore in sight and the development work already done insures the permanency of the district. We have applied to the Canadian parliament for the necessary rights to build the line, and construction work will begin early next spring.

"The scarcity of labor has held the work back this fall, but conditions are getting better, and I believe the branch will be finished by July 31. We have estimated that when the line is finished we shall handle from 300 to 500 tons of ore daily.

"The curtailment of copper production in Montana has done much to turn the attention of prospectors to the copper deposits in the North. Experienced men have been prospecting there, and aside from the mines already developed there is reason to believe that the White Horse and Windy Arm properties will shortly become important factors in the production of copper.

To Build Bunkers

"We shall erect bunkers at Skagway having a capacity of 5,000 tons in the spring. This ore will be shipped to Puget sound smelters. Arrangements will be made to have sufficient boat service to insure the prompt movement of ore no matter how large the industry becomes.

"We do not look for any great boom in the White Horse and Windy Arm camps, but once they are placed on the basis of permanent ore producing points, efforts of prospectors will be stimulated in adjoining districts."

That the White Pass & Yukon purposes ultimately to build from its main line to the White river country is the belief of experienced railroad men. During the last few months the reports from the White river indicate that immense copper deposits have been found and the extension of the road will be only a matter of time. Asked if the plans of his railroad contemplated undertaking this enterprise, Mr. Berdoe said:

To Await Development

"That is a matter for the future. Where it is shown that business is waiting for a railroad to take it, there is no question but that the line will be built. When the new districts are developed sufficiently to warrant expending large sums of money in building railroads the money will be forthcoming.

"The season of 1907 has been fairly satisfactory from a transportation standpoint. One of our steamers, the Bonanza King, was wrecked in June at Rink rapids, which gave us a temporary setback. The tonnage to Dawson this year compared favorably with previous years. More heavy construction material was shipped in, but there was a decrease in the amount of merchandise and staple supplies.

"The Guggenheim development work has proceeded satisfactorily, save that some of their construction material was delayed at the eastern factories. No freight was left over at White Horse at the close of river navigation, except some heavy steel pipe, which will not be required for the Guggenheim work until next summer. All merchandise, perishable and commodity freight was delivered at destination. The winter population of Dawson will be about the same as last winter."

Vancouver Tramway Service

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—The request of Director Gifford of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company that the civic authorities designate the service which was to be given the Cordova street west tram extension was taken up by the board of works yesterday afternoon, and it was decided that the Davie street cars of the main line and the Powell-Pender line should follow the new route. Permission was also given the company to use the eight-inch "T" rail on the Granville street hill.

Settled With Creditors.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Alex. W. Grant, the big cheese operator, who was compelled to suspend payment a few days ago on account of the financial stringency, today made arrangements with his creditors for a settlement at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar. Mr. Grant last year did a business of over two million dollars, and has always borne the best of reputations. Much sympathy was expressed with him by his creditors, who were most anxious that he should be given a chance to continue business.

BATTLESHIPS GATHER

Admiral Evans' Flagship, Connecticut, Delayed by Suicide of One of Her Crew

New York, Dec. 4.—The United States battleship Connecticut, the flagship of Admiral Robley D. Evans, will not sail until Thursday morning for the rendezvous of the Pacific fleet at Hampton Roads. The warship was scheduled to leave tomorrow morning, and it is said the postponement was caused by the suicide today of H. D. Piero, a gunner's mate, who shot himself on board ship. The delay will permit of an inquest and burial tomorrow.

The warships Rhode Island, Virginia and Yankton will sail tomorrow for Hampton Roads, as scheduled.

Piero was a Russian, and had been in the American navy for ten years. He had a letter from Russia, which informed him that one of his relatives in Finland had been arrested and condemned to death. Piero brooded over the injustice, and today went to the after part of the battleship, rolled himself in a blanket, placed a pistol to his head and fired.

Royal City Market

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—Work will be started in a few days on the ercetion of the proposed large addition to the city market.

Experts estimate that the value of all the diamonds in the world exceeds $540,000,000, and that more than one-third of the value is owned in the United States.

EMPEROR RECEIVES SECRETARY TAFT

Visitor Entertained at Tzarskoe Selo and by Various Ministers

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—United States Secretary of War Taft was received in audience by Emperor Nicholas at Tsarskoe-Selo today and received from his majesty the frankest expression of Russia's sentiments of sympathy and regard for the United States. The Emperor requested Mr. Taft to convey his greetings to President Roosevelt.

The secretary and party left at an early hour on a special train for Tsarskoe-Selo, where they were met by the state equipage and a number of court officers. The visitors were driven direct to the so-called "Little Palace," the residence of the Emperor, and escorted through the palace with the usual ceremonies.

Secretary Taft was received by his majesty in his private study, and spent nearly one hour in conversation. The Emperor discussed military topics at considerable length. He questioned Mr. Taft concerning his journey over the trans-Siberian railway, and drew a contrast between the present means of communication and the method in vogue through horse sleighs and steamers across the rivers and lakes, when he made his trip across Asia to inaugurate the trans-Siberian line. His majesty showed a keen interest in the problem which the American government has to solve in the Philippine islands, and he asked many queations concerning the new Philippine assembly. The Emperor referred also in a complimentary manner to the work done by the American government on the Isthmus of Panama in its fight against yellow fever.

The party then proceeded to the riding school, where the Zemanovsky regiment, 1,700 strong, and accompanied by a machine-gun battery and several other detachments, was drawn up. The Emperor and Secretary Taft were received with cheers. The Emperor and his guest, accompanied by their respective staffs, walked together through the lines of the regiment and inspected its formation. When this excursion was over the troops passed at the quick step before the reviewing party, and then the host and his guests returned to the palace for luncheon. Secretary Taft was seated at the right of the Emperor, and Brigadier-General Edwards, who meanwhile had been presented to the Emperor, was given a place at the right of Gen. Baron Frederick. During the luncheon, Emperor Nicholas toasted the Zemanovsky regiment and thanked the officers for their loyal service in the recent trying times. He made special reference to this regiment in putting down revolutions. While the Emperor was conversing with his officers after luncheon Secretary Taft chatted with Prince Dolgourouki, the master of ceremonies, who was a friend of Mr. Taft's father when the latter was American Minister to Russia. It was a late hour in the afternoon before the visitors returned to St. Petersburg.

Tonight Secretary Taft and the members of his party were entertained at dinner by Minister of Finance Kokovsoff, War Minister General Rudiger, Lieut.-Gen. Balatzyn, chief of general staff, and the most prominent officials of the foreign office. Covers were laid for 24 guests.

Secretary Taft was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet given by M. Iswolsky, the foreign minister, which was attended by the leaders of the Russian state. The occasion was marked by the greatest courtesy and mutual hopes that the bonds of friendship between the two countries would be strengthened.

CHINA'S PROSPECT OF DISTURBANCE

Movement to Recover Concessions to Foreigners Grows Formidable

Pekin, Dec. 3.—The position of Yuan Shih Kai, who is the only member of the government committed to the maintenance of the integrity of the Chinese concession agreement with foreigners, is today one of dangerous isolation. He has adopted a strong attitude against the movement in favor of executing the rights of recovery, and he is looking to foreign powers for support and safety.

Nothing can be expected from the government, as it is unable to recede from the concessions granted to Englishmen in Ching Kiang province, on account of the pressure being exerted by Great Britain, and as it is unable to coerce the people, who are rapidly approaching a condition of threatened rebellion.

The throne has been bombarded by memorials from all parts of the Empire, which question the validity of all concessions, and the "Rights of Recovery" movement, particularly in Chine Kiang province is assuming the appearance of warfare for state rights.

SAM LOCK HANGED

Chinaman Who Murdered Thievish Countryman in Cariboo Executed at Kamloops

Kamloops, Dec. 4.—Sam Lock, a Chinaman, was executed this morning in the jail yard. Groaning and very nervous, the aged Chinaman walked to the gallows. The execution was carried out without a hitch.

Sam Lock, who was for years cook for J. B. Hobson, in Cariboo, last April killed a countryman who had stolen his savings. The murderer had been forty years in the country, and up to that time had borne a good reputation.

Provincial Asylum

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—The report from the provincial asylum for the month of November shows that twenty patients were admitted during the month, while fifteen were discharged, four died and one escaped, leaving two less in the institution at the end of the month than there was at the beginning. The total number under treatment is 482.

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CONSERVATIVES ARE PREPARING FOR FRAY

Yukon Territory Adherents of the Party Will Support Straight Candidate

The Conservative party in the Yukon Territory is making energetic preparations for the next Dominion election, and is prepared to support a straight Conservative candidate.

Hon. Richard McBride was elected honorary president of the Young Men's Conservative Association of the Yukon Territory at the initial meeting of that body held in Dawson, November 1. J. G. H. Bergeron, M. P., was elected honorary first vice-president, and Hon. F. W. Haultain, second honorary vice-president. Notification to the above effect has been received by the premier.

The Conservatives in the Yukon are exceedingly strong, and are prepared to support a straight Conservative candidate at the approaching election, standing for the straight Conservative platform.

The following motion supporting the policy of R. L. Borden was adopted upon the motion of W. K. Currie:

That this meeting of Conservatives of the Yukon Territory, hereby endorse the principles of the leader of the Conservative party, Hon. R. L. Borden, K. C., as enunciated in his present campaigning tour of the Dominion, and we take pleasure in renewing our confidence in the leadership of Mr. Borden, and the principles of the Conservative party.

And we further express our hope and assurance that in advocating and incorporating the "public ownership of public utilities," in the platform of the Conservative party—to the extent it has been done—Mr. Borden has shown wise and constructive statesmanship, and has given justification for the confidence which the party has in their leader and in his ability.

And that we would respectfully suggest that a convention of the Conservative party of the Dominion, with delegates from each constituency would if called by Mr. Borden, and the Conservative parliamentary party, strengthen the position of the leaders of the party, both within the party itself, and before the public, and this association pledges itself if such convention is called to give it every support, and if possible to send a delegate or delegates to the same.

And we further hereby express the hope and assurance that the next general election whenever held, will result in the return of the Conservative party, to power, and in the selection of R. L. Borden, Esq., Q. C., as the next prime minister of this great Dominion.

Carried unanimously.

Hon. Richard McBride was congratulated upon the success of his administration, and the following motion carried:

That this meeting of Conservatives of the Yukon hereby congratulate the Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, upon his wise, successful and happy administration of our nearest provincial neighbor.

We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without contrasting, to the great advantage of British Columbia, the administration of British Columbia and its great prosperity, under its Conservative administration, with the cruel, narrow and stifling policy and administration of the Yukon territory, so similar in many respects, under Hon. Clifford Sifton, and the present incapable Hon. Frank Oliver.

And, without casting any reflection, this club would respectfully suggest to the citizens, merchants and government of British Columbia, that the northern part of British Columbia, adjacent to the Yukon contains the promise and prospects of greater mineral possibilities than has yet been developed in the north, and that the encouragement and proper assistance of the same will repay any effort and expense put forth to ensure a speedy realization of the great promise and assurance which is an open secret to old prospectors familiar with that region.

That we also endorse and commend the stand taken by the Hon. R. McBride, and his government, upon the question of oriental immigration, whether the same be Hindus or other British subjects, and we draw the attention of our fellow Canadians, and we wish to impress upon the people and press of Eastern Canada, the fact that having no conception of the great injustice done to the laboring men of the West by this unnatural and unCanadian competition, it behooves the Canadians of the eastern part of Canada to leave the settlement of such peculiar and local causes of unrest and dissatisfaction to the judgment of their fellow Canadians, most deeply interested and concerned in the final solution of the great and far-reaching question of oriental competition with White Canada.

The following motion was carried unanimously:

That this Conservative association hereby places itself upon record as being unalterably opposed to any amalgamation, alliance or combination with any political party or faction, which will cause the Conservatives of the Yukon to lose their identity or necessitate this association adopting any platform or name which will obscure the fact that we are an integral part of the Conservative party.

And we pledge ourselves and bind our members to oppose any such combination or alliance for election purposes as will sink the individuality of this Conservative association, or obscure the fact that we are Conservatives, first, last and all the time.

And while we welcome the support of all Liberals and others so pronouncedly dissatisfied with the Yukon Liberal administration, we feel that by allying ourselves with other parties than the Conservative party of Canada, we are weakening the hands of our only friends at Ottawa, the Conservatives, and that by so doing we are nullifying our work already inaugurated,

And we pledge ourselves to nominate and support in the next federal election an avowed and pledged supporter of the Conservative party in the House of Commons and of its leader, R. L. Borden.

MAROONED MANY DAYS

Wrecked Timber Cruisers Who Had to Make Long Stay on Calvert Island Are Rescued

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Three timber cruisers, whose schooner was wrecked on Calvert island on Oct. 3, and who were unable for fifty-eight days to get away from the island, arrived at Vancouver this afternoon on the steamer Venture.

The men, W. Wylder, S. Burlette and W. Campbell, all of Vancouver, sailing north in a small schooner on a timber cruising expedition, were caught by gales off Smith's inlet. The boat's steering gear was carried away and they drifted toward Calvert island where an anchor was let go, but would not hold.

The schooner was driven ashore in a heavy surf and was totally wrecked on Oct. 3. Fortunately it was a sandy beach, and most of the provisions and ammunition were saved. Ducks, geese and deer being plentiful, the shipwrecked party was in no danger of starvation. Finally, as no help came a punt was made out of lumber sawed from solid logs and the sails of the craft were calked with cotton from the torn sails of the schooner. In this roughly made craft the men put out and intercepted the American steamer Alaskan, which took them on board and carried the party down to a point near Albert Bay, where the punt was launched and they came into port there.

The strangely made craft in which they arrived is being kept as a curiosity at Albert bay. When the Venture called in, the men, who were almost broke and stranded, were given a passage down the coast to Vancouver.

"What's the trouble? You look as if you had lost your last friend." "My wife has just found a place where she can do Christmas shopping and use cleanup house certificates."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Ma—"Johnny got home from school an hour earlier than usual today." Pa—"Why, was he sent away?" Ma—"No, he just wasn't kept in."—Cleveland Leader.

"Hello, Dinny, you look prosperous, got a job now?" "You bet, an' it's a good one!" "What is it?" "Getting early on de bank runs, an' selling in de place in de line."—Life.