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THE COLLIER BRIDGE

Consulting Engineer Pending Examination of Commission

(From Saturday's Daily News, Aug. 31.—Theodore Cooper, who has been the consulting engineer in charge of the huge cantilever bridge at Quebec, Lawrence river at Quebec, the accident that cost of 75 workmen. In a statement to a reporter he reproached not having visited the work years, though ill-health has here, and he has tried to obtain leave from the responsibility position for that reason.

Fall 1907 Season BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, QUILTS, PILLOWS, UMBRELLAS, OILED CLOTHING, LINOLEUMS, RUBBER COATS.

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couage she could muster. The aspect of her hosts was not a little unpromising, for all the men carried huge knives, besides revolvers and sundry other weapons, which were disposed conspicuously.

Through the bad weather Miss Barnicoat caught a chill at this place and was detained for several days. When she was sufficiently recovered she pushed on to Mount Elburz, whose double peaks reach an altitude of over 15,000 feet, but her strength was still inadequate to the task of climbing, and she had to be content with letting the guides make the ascent. In the circumstances she thought it unwise to cross the mountains, for the best known of the passes is infested with murderous brigands; and so the party turned back to Platgorak.

Miss Barnicoat gained much instruction as to the amazing state of lawlessness and backwardness prevailing in Southern Russia. All foreigners agree that the Russian in that part of the empire has no more self-governing capacity than a child.

New View of "Liberty." On the day that the constitution was proclaimed at one town, a soldier exclaimed, "We are free now! I will go and shoot my officer!" which he did. It was his conception of liberty, and will stand as a type of the peasant's reasoning in Southern Russia.

Food, besides being very bad, was very dear; and worse were the table manners of even the "people." Miss Barnicoat vividly described the Russian officers at the restaurants gnawing chicken bones like a larger sort of dog. The quantity of "palm greasing" necessary in all walks of life is a thing to despair over.

Twice, on the South Russian "express" (so-called because it stops a long time at every station), a soldier's coat had to pay "extras" for the "speed of the train"—and without noticeable acceleration of the pace, either. It is much the cheaper way to travel without a ticket; nobody checks you as you enter the train, and by bribing the conductor with something less than the price of a ticket justice is satisfied. Altogether it is a comic country, which Miss Barnicoat cannot recommend to pleasure-seekers.

TWO CENT RAILWAY RATE. Kansas Roads Ordered to File Reply Before September 3rd. Topeka, Kas., Aug. 27.—The state board of railroad commissioners to-day ordered the twelve railroad companies doing business in Kansas to answer the two-cent fare complaint recently filed by Attorney Craton on or before Tuesday, September 3rd. G. F. Craton, attorney for the board, and E. C. Shiner, the secretary, leave Thursday for Omaha, where they will take the testimony of the railroad officials and officers of the Nebraska board concerning the conditions existing in Nebraska for the purpose of showing the conditions of passing travellers. It has a hard, but clean, bed, and food is provided by the village in generous quantity, though the unfamilar palate it is of poor and unwholesome quality. The tea is good, but the black bread and the Circassian cheese make sad eating.

WON CHALLENGE CUP. Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Capt. Duff Stuart, 8th Regiment, Vancouver, was congratulated on all hands this afternoon on his winning the Borden challenge cup, medallion and \$20.

Notice is hereby given to Messrs. N. S. Clarke and Rev. J. W. P. pay unto Messrs. Paul Crammer and Fred Pollock the sum of \$200, being the share of assessment work done on the Paystreak group situated on the S. E. corner of Quatino Sound, Quatino Mining Division, Rupert District, for three years from the 25th day of November, 1903. Dated April 30th, 1907. PAUL CRAMMER, FRED POLLOCK.

ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF RUPERT. Take notice that we, Christen Jacobson, miner, and Francis Joseph Alma Green, timber cruiser, of Quatino, and Leonard Frank, of Alberni, B. C., intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated at Quatino Sound, Rupert District: 1. Commencing at a post planted at the south side of Quatino Silver, alongside of post marked Lot 220, thence south 89 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF RUPERT. Take notice that A. A. Clark, of Victoria, B. C., cruiser, intends to apply for a special timber license over the following described lands: 1. Commencing at a post marked A. A. Clark's N. W. corner post, situated at the southeast corner of section 1, T. S. 40, thence east 40 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 100 chains to place of commencement.

ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF CLAYOQUOT. Take notice that William L. Thompson and Herbert J. Hillier, of Uchele, B. C., intend to apply for a special license over the following described lands: 1. Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles east of N. W. corner of Section 6, Township 4, Range 94, thence east 40 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence north 100 chains to place of commencement.

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THE PROSECUTION OF THE LUMBERMEN

PRELIMINARY HEARING NEXT THURSDAY

Montreal Garment Workers Strike Will Be Settled Shortly—Tour of Journalists.

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 28.—Sidney B. Woods, deputy attorney-general for Alberta, will act as counsel for the crown in the prosecution of members of the executive of the Alberta Retail Lumbermen's Association. James Short, K. C., of Calgary, will be assistant counsel. The preliminary hearing will be held before Inspector Worsley on Sept. 5th.

Montreal, Aug. 28.—The garment workers' strike is thought to be approaching an end. Nine firms are reported to have signed the new agreement with the unions. General Organizers of the Garment Workers' Union, reached the city to-day and expected to leave for Montreal.

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After a journey to the Caucasus, where, accompanied only by two Italian guides, she traversed a dangerous country where no Englishwoman had previously set foot, Miss Constance Barnicoat, the well-known lady traveller, has returned to London.

Miss Barnicoat had intended to add to her mountaineering exploits, but, as she told a Morning Leader representative, illness prevented her doing much climbing. She, therefore, went exploring, and had some interesting experiences.

The little party of three, on crossing the frontier from Vienna, made first for Platgorak, a South Russian watering place which the traveller could scarcely denounce sufficiently. It is a place of no drainage, no sanitation, no accommodation, atrocious food, filthy streets and no security of life or property. Robberies take place nightly, and murders are a popular amusement, notwithstanding the prevailing malaria law.

Leaving this wretched den with thankfulness, Miss Barnicoat proceeded by "troika" to the mountains—a three days' journey. It would have been quicker to walk, but the troika was necessary for the luggage. During this part of the trip she slept (on ground wet with the constant rain) in a tent in the open, but at the end of the three days they reached a Tartar village, and were hospitably entertained at the guest house.

Kindly Tartars. The guest house is a primitive building which all Tartar villagers of any pretensions keep just outside their own doors, where they will take the testimony of passing travellers. It has a hard, but clean, bed, and food is provided by the village in generous quantity, though the unfamilar palate it is of poor and unwholesome quality. The tea is good, but the black bread and the Circassian cheese make sad eating.

Villagers, however, are extremely offended if the guest fails to do justice to the entertainment, and rather than hurt their hospitable feelings Miss Barnicoat tackled the fare with what