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...giment News—Meetings of Off-

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...from Saturday's Daily.

...ntal orders from Lt.-Col. A. W.

...nding the Fifth Regiment,

...at this morning by Major W.

...Wilson, adjutant, as follows:

...Order (Establishment)—In ac-

...with G. O. 41, April 21st, 1910,

...ents of Canadian militia, the

...mmanding has been pleased to

...the following promotion on the

...al staff: To be sergeant, Medical

...Corporal F. Richardson.

...ges—The following men having

...their discharge are struck

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...date: Corp. S. L. Wilson, Gr. R.

...Gr. W. P. Beaven.

...ed—The following N. C. O.'s and

...suspended in accordance with

...of R. O. No. 11, 1909, para. 1:

...H. Keatinge, Corp. W. H. Ellis,

...A. Cassinave, Gr. R. V. Bag-

...for Duty—The following man

...turned to the district is posted

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...Gr. Robert E. Meredith, Gr.

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...s under: To No. 1 Company, Gr.

...ed, to be acting corporals, Bomb.

...Eden, Gr. E. W. Tride, Gr. J.

...Gr. Dan. Miller; to be acting

...s, Gr. I. Archer, Gr. L. Ostler,

...arnshaw, Gr. W. H. Denison, Gr.

...ughton, Gr. J. Whittle, Gr. T. R.

...Gr. A. Knight.

...Meeting—The regular monthly

...of the officers' mess will be held

...drill hall on Thursday, May 12th,

...p. m. Dress, undress uniform.

...Meeting—The half-yearly

...of the sergeants' mess will be

...drill hall on Thursday, May

...8.30 p. m. Dress, undress uniform.

...EW BUILDINGS NEEDED.

...on, May 4.—In its presentment,

...and jury says a new general hos-

...pneal and an isolation hos-

...are all urgently needed at Nelson.

...present accommodation is en-

...adequate, compared with

...public buildings.

SONGHEES RESERVE QUESTION UP AGAIN

Negotiations Now In Progress Believed to Be More Promising for Settlement Than Any That Have Been Advanced in the Past.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

What all the principals declare are the most promising negotiations yet seen looking to a settlement of the Songhees Reserve question are now in progress; and in official quarters the belief is confidently held that at an early date this long-standing grievance will have been removed and the reserve thrown open for development.

The rehabilitation of Johnson street as one of the leading thoroughfares of the city and the construction of a new traffic bridge at the foot of that thoroughfare and the subdivision of the whole of the reserve into lots and sold to private owners are the main features of the proposed plan of settlement, in brief, is as follows: That the whole of the reserve—about ninety acres in all—be subdivided into lots and sold to private owners at current market prices; fifty per cent of the proceeds to be handed over forthwith to the members of the Songhees tribe and fifty per cent to be held in trust by the Dominion government for the heirs and successors of the tribe. It is estimated that the amount which would be realized from such sale would be at least \$500,000, figuring that the 90 acres would subdivide into 540 lots, and allowing forty per cent for the area which would be consumed in laying out the necessary streets and lanes.

Conferences in Progress.

Conferences are now in progress between representatives of the Dominion and provincial governments and H. D. Helmcken, K. C., representing the Indians, in furtherance of the negotiations, and the utmost confidence is held by all parties that the same will result successfully. Senator Riley, who arrived from Ottawa the other day, had before the local parties interested in the matter the details of the proposed settlement was held with Premier McBride, who expressed hearty concurrence in the suggested arrangement for



WHAT COMET OBSERVERS WILL REALLY SEE!
Star gazers report the presence of an old visitor—Songhees Perennis in the constellation Victoria Occidentalis.

City Is Acting.

Senator Riley, who soon as he ascertained that there was a likelihood of the proposal being accepted by the provincial government and the representative of the Indians, communicated with Mayor Morley and requested that the government be placed in possession at the earliest possible moment of the plans of the streets which would be run through the reserve to make it conform with the scheme of street-making from the city and from Victoria West. His Worship entered into the matter with promptitude, and on notifying the council the city engineer was at once given instructions to proceed with the plans, which are now in course of preparation.

Those familiar with the history of the Songhees reserve and the many attempts which have been made in the past to effect a settlement are of the opinion that the present proposal is possibly the most feasible of any yet outlined. A difficulty that presented itself heretofore in any proposed settlement was that of making such arrangement as would enable those who acquired property from the Indians to get a good title. By the proposed arrangement, however, this difficulty would be overcome, as the surviving members of the tribe would not be making "their heirs and successors" nor violating the terms of the treaty.

History of Reserve.

It will be recalled in this connection that the Songhees tribe of Indians came into possession of the reserve by solemn treaty which was negotiated (Concluded on page 4.)

THIRTEEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMER GOES DOWN
Strikes Rock in Darkness and Sinks in Twenty Feet of Water

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—Thirteen persons were drowned when the river packet City of Sallito sank in twenty feet of water off Glen Rock, 24 miles south of here, in the Mississippi river. The accident occurred late last night. The number of dead was learned this morning when the survivors of the accident were counted.

Only one body, that of Mrs. Isaac Reah, wife of the president of the Tennessee River Packet Company, owners of the vessel, has been recovered.

The dead—Mrs. Isaac Reah, Miss Annie Reah, S. C. Baker, purser of the Sallito; Mrs. Joseph Harris, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Archie Patterson, and her son Archie, 2 years old; Wm. J. Pickett, traveling salesman, St. Louis; Fowler Post, boat clerk for the Sallito; Miss Iona Wall, Nashville, Tenn. The head porter, cabin boy and two roustabouts of the Sallito.

Mrs. Reah is the wife, and Miss Annie Reah the daughter of Isaac Reah, president of the Tennessee River Packet Company, owners of the Sallito. (Concluded on page 4.)

KING GEORGE A CAPABLE OFFICER

AN ACT OF GOOD SEAMANSHIP RECALLED
How the Present Ruler Rescued a Disabled Torpedo Boat During Naval Manoeuvres

(Special to the Times.)

London, May 12.—The Times prints a letter from a naval officer describing a specific act of good seamanship which King George performed while in command of torpedo boat No. 97, where, says the writer, he shared his small cabin and box of sardines with his sole messmate, the gunner.

"During the manoeuvres in 1888," he added, "a small squadron was sent to defend Lough Swilly, and as an attack by the enemy was partly expected, three detached torpedo boats were sent to sea one night to reconnoitre the disabled boat was round a corner and not in sight from the senior officer's ship. Shortly afterward No. 97 returned and reported that she had carried away her only hawser and had failed to tow the disabled boat out of danger. The situation was critical, and immediately preparations were made for rescuing the disabled boat, but the commander of the squadron, who was another try, notwithstanding the fact that he had been up all night, it was decided to give the young sub-lieutenant a chance of winning his spurs, so he was provided with brand new hemp hawser, which he did, and towed him safely into the harbor.

"It was a spart piece of seamanship which would have done credit to an experienced officer, and it was in this sort of work that Prince George then enjoyed. There were no special correspondents of newspapers present and it was well known that the modest sub-lieutenant was a young man who played to the gallery. It being sufficient for him to know that he had done his duty and done it well."

The writer of the letter signs it "Senior Officer, Present," and concludes: "May one add, with due respect, that perhaps His Majesty will make none the worse the King for being such a good sailor."

TAKES STEPS TO SAFEGUARD LIFE

BILL PROVIDING FOR TESTING OF EXPLOSIVES
Minister of Mines Preparing the Measure—Expert Will Come From Woolwich

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 12.—The minister of mines has in preparation a bill which will be submitted at the next session of parliament providing for the examination and testing of all explosives, in order to prevent disasters similar to the one at Hull on Sunday, and on railway construction work during the last few years which have caused an abnormally large loss of life in Canada as compared with other countries. An investigation is now being made by an expert of the department into the legislation in this connection in other countries. It is proposed to give the minister of mines power to regulate the manufacture of explosives and all trafficking therein.

Government inspectors will be appointed to enforce the provisions of the act, and an explosives division of the mines branch will be established. An explosive testing station will also be built where all explosives to be used in Canada are to be subjected to examination by an expert from the British government testing station in Woolwich who will be brought to Canada for six months to assist officials here in respect to the proposed new regulations.

HIGHWAYMEN ROB PASSENGERS

STREET CAR HELD UP IN SOUTH END OF SEATTLE
Robbers Seize Over \$1,500—Take Three Revolvers From One of Victims

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., May 12.—Three men hid up a new "pay-as-you-enter" car on the South Park line in the south end of the city at 1:30 o'clock this morning, lined up the passengers and crew, went through their pockets and escaped with between \$1,500 and \$2,000, E. G. Dery, a saloonman, alone lost \$1,250 in money and jewelry.

The car left Pioneer square at 1:05, the trip passing without incident until the Spokane avenue trestle was reached. There the conductor left the car to the headquarters at a telephone box. As for securing the steps and reached for the bell cord to signal the motorman to go ahead, one of the highwaymen appeared out of the darkness covered the motorman. A second robber swung on the car steps, revolver in hand and covered the conductor. When he had done this he called "all right" and a third man, who was a passenger on the car, rose in his seat and covered the passengers with a six-shooter.

Then passengers and crew were lined up and the search began. One man had three loaded revolvers in his pocket. "Fine playthings these, I guess I will need them myself," sarcastically remarked one of the highwaymen.

The search over, one of the robbers stepped into the front vestibule, started the car and ran it to Edmonds, a small station near Argo. There all three jumped off and disappeared in the freight yards. A freight train south bound was being started, and it is supposed the men made their getaway in that manner.

The police and county officials along the Northern Pacific were telephoned to be on the look-out for the robbers. The hold-up occurred within a few blocks of the recent robbery of an Alki Point car in the early morning hours.

SEATTLE STREET CAR COMPANY PAYS TAXES

Attorney-General of State Declares County Has Forfeited Rights to Interest

(Times Leased Wire.)

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SAFE BLOWERS ON WAY TO ONTARIO

Police Throughout Province Ordered to Be on Look Out for Gang

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, May 12.—Some one has "tipped off" proprietors of jewelry stores, managers of banks and merchants in small towns and cities of the province to be on the look out for a gang of safe-blowers who are believed to be on the way to Ontario to make a tour of the smaller places. The result has been that extra police protection has been asked for by banks and jewelers, and already several electricians have left Toronto for small towns and small cities to install electric burglar alarms in buildings. The police throughout the province have been ordered to be on the look out for the gang.

WILL MEET AT PERTH

Cornwall, Ont., May 12.—At the Presbyterian synod of Montreal and Ottawa, which met here yesterday several interesting reports were received and adopted.

Perth was selected as the scene of the next meeting. Dr. Paul J. McInnes, mayor of Cornwall, heartily welcomed the members of the synod. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Rogers, of Winnipeg, spoke in support of the late Dr. Robertson memorial and asked the synod to contribute \$5,000.

CANADIAN INVENTS SMELTING PROCESS

Former Dentist May Receive \$6,000,000 for Patents—Tests Now Being Made

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, May 12.—A big smelting process involving millions of dollars and bringing fame and fortune to a young Canadian inventor has been consummated, and notices went out last night to the shareholders in the company in regard to the meeting for formal ratification of the agreement.

The concern in question is the Island Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd., which has just been incorporated, and for which a charter will be issued this week. The company controls patents on the process invented by Dr. Island, formerly dentist in Toronto. Tests are being made by D. D. Mann, and should these result as favorably as Mann and the shareholders fully expect, he will pay \$6,000,000 for rights for the world.

UNIONISTS MAY ASSIST ASQUITH

POLITICAL TRUCE HAS BEEN EXTENDED
Premier Announces That House of Commons Will Meet Again on June 8th

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith's announcement that the Commons will meet on June 8th gives the ministers a badly needed extension of holidays and accords with the general desire that constitutional controversies should not be resumed earlier than the days of national mourning.

The premier outlined the business to be taken up, namely, the civil list and some unannounced business, including possibly a bill dealing with the coronation oath, which means a further pause in the budget of 1910-11. It is not announced whether it will be introduced with the Lords veto, still undecided with one of the complications perplexing politicians here still.

With several weeks' truce it is hoped something may happen to prevent further dislocation of business by a general election.

The Unionist press offers Premier Asquith the Unionist votes for the time if necessary to overcome the fiercer spirits of the coalition, but whether this accommodation would extend to the budget is doubted.

The Chronicle points out that the government was elected to deal promptly and decisively with the veto question and concluded firmly: "Will the pause lead to peace? That is the question which rests primarily with the majority of the House of Lords and with those who co-operate politically with it."

Parliament paid a tribute to the memory of King Edward yesterday, adopting addresses of condolence and congratulations to the new King. Premier Asquith, in the House of Commons, and the Earl of Grey, in the House of Lords delivered eulogies on Edward the Seventh, and both showed great emotion. The debate was chiefly devoted to reading the national anthems to the royal family.

King George and the Queen Mother received at Marlborough House and Buckingham Palace respectively deputations from the Lords and Commons bearing the resolutions.

Coronation Oath.

London, May 12.—Irish members of Parliament are determined to press the government to bring in a bill modifying the declaration which the King makes on his accession to the throne in regard to the Catholic religion.

Leaders of both parties are understood to favor altering the oath so as to give no offence to Roman Catholics, but the difficulty is to discover a form of words to satisfy Roman Catholics and yet be accepted by Protestants.

The attorney-general has prepared an alteration to the oath, and has submitted it to several Roman Catholics. The Catholics especially take exception to the words which describe the mass as "superstitious and idolatrous" and it is understood that the words suggested instead are: "Contrary to my belief."

OVER HUNDRED PROBABLY DEAD

DISASTER IN MINE IN NORTH OF ENGLAND
Fire Follows Explosion—Gas and Heat Retards the Work of Rescue

(Times Leased Wire.)

Whitehaven, England, May 12.—Scores of miners were imprisoned and probably many killed to-day following a terrific explosion in the Wellington coal mine. Fire started after the explosion, and it was estimated that 137 miners were caught alive in the burning pits.

Owing to the presence of explosive gases and great heat from the fire, rescuers were unable to reach the entombed men for several hours after the explosion.

Mine officials admitted that the death list probably would be heavy.

Added to the horror of fire is the possibility that some of the miners have been drowned like rats in the farther reaches of the mine which extend for four miles under the bed of the Irish sea.

In the excitement all kinds of rumors were in circulation. One was that some other miners who were entombed were drowned when an explosion permitted the waters to enter the mine.

"The coal pits are the property of the Earl of Lonsdale.

Hope of Rescue Abandoned.

White Haven, Eng., May 12. (Later.)—All hope of rescuing the 137 miners caught in Wellington coal mine has been abandoned. Fire which followed the explosion is raging in the depths of the mine and rescuers, after many efforts to enter the mine, were forced to abandon the attempt.

It is believed that every man in the mine has perished.

It will probably be some days before the fire can be extinguished and the work of rescuing the bodies begun. Relatives of the entombed men are gathered about the entrance to the mine, vainly imploring the officials and the rescuers to go below and bring out their loved ones.

CANADIAN NAVAL DEPARTMENT

J. G. DESBARATS WILL BE DEPUTY HEAD
Alex. Johnson Likely to Be New Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 12.—Arrangements are being completed for the organization of a naval department which will be for the present under the minister of marine and fisheries, according to announcement made in the Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

J. G. Desbarats, the present deputy minister of marine and fisheries, who has given splendid service in that office, will become deputy head of the new naval department which will also include the charge of the hydrographic and geodetic surveys, wireless telegraph and probably several other analogous branches. The department will be entirely separated from the present department of marine and fisheries. There will be a separate purchasing branch, separate staffs and a complete new staff of officials to take Mr. Desbarats' place as deputy minister of marine and fisheries. It is understood Alex. Johnstone, ex-M. P. of Sydney, Cape Breton, will be appointed. Mr. Johnstone was a member of the last parliament and was one of the most popular and ablest of the younger members of the House.

SHOT IN DUEL IN SALOON IN SEATTLE

Real Estate Man is in Custody Charged With the Murder of Manager

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., May 12.—Joe Bonner, manager of the Monte Carlo saloon, died to-day in the city hospital from bullet wounds sustained in a running fight at 3:30 o'clock morning with Wallace A. Bussell, 25 years of age, a real estate man and a relative of C. N. Bussell, a millionaire fieldand owner, is under arrest, charged with having killed Bonner.

Bussell was shot just below the collar bone by a patrolman who captured him in the Monte Carlo saloon following the shooting.

Bonner was shot five times. An hour before he died, he said: "I never knew this man. I never saw him before. I don't know why he should attack me."

The story of the shooting is told by Patrolman Volk, who made the arrest and the saloon porter. A few minutes before Volk saw a young man, rifle in hand running down the alley. He yelled to him to stop, but the man paid no attention and the officer gave chase.

Bussell broke through the rear saloon door before the policeman and began firing as he entered. When Volk arrived Bonner was lying on the floor while Bussell was attempting to escape through the front door.

The porter states that Bussell opened fire as he entered the door and that Bonner, though taken by surprise emptied the magazine of the gun at the intruder before he dropped. All the shots went wild, however.

Bussell refused to say a word about the shooting either to the police or newspaper men.

MUST PAY PENALTY

Walla Walla, Wash., May 12.—Richard Quinn, who shot his wife to death at Everett, will be hanged here next Friday, May 13th.

He will be the 13th victim of the prison gallows.

Governor Hay has refused to interfere with the carrying out of the death sentence.

ARMED EMIGRANTS

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BIG SAWMILL BURNED

Winnipeg, May 12.—The big sawmill at Grandview, owned by T. Burrows, ex-M. P., was destroyed by fire last night.

The loss totals \$25,000. Arrangements had been made to start sawing 10,000,000 feet of lumber next Monday.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN OREGON

Burns, Ore., May 12.—James J. Hill, head of the Great Northern railroad, made the positive statement to-day that the proposed east to west railway across the state of Oregon would be built.

He intimated that the construction work would be started soon.

CAMPAIN AGAINST RABIES

Toronto, May 11.—From reports received by Toronto provincial authorities, made in charge of the joint campaign being waged against rabies, it is feared that Kent county may become a centre of trouble and it may be necessary to centralize special preventive methods in that district.

NEW BUILDINGS NEEDED

May 4.—In its presentment, and jury says a new general hos-