

PRaise FROM HIS MAJESTY

Spirit Shown by Queens Own Rifles is Hopeful Augury for Future of Imperial Army

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—His Excellency, the governor general received today the following telegram from the King: "I have had the pleasure of receiving today at Balmoral a representative detachment of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and of hearing of their successful work at the maneuvers. The spirit thus shown by the Dominion is a good augury of the future of the Imperial Army."

MAY BUY S. & O.

Rumor Current That Mr. J. Hill May Acquire Access to Okanagan Thus

A report is in circulation through the Okanagan district where it appears to find very general acceptance, to the effect that Mr. J. Hill has acquired, or is on the point of acquiring, the Shuswap and Okanagan valleys, extending from Slocan Junction to Okanagan Landing. The rumor rests upon the fact that the lease of the river in question to the C. P. R. expires very soon, opportunity being thus afforded for the Great Northern owners to make a bid for the purchase. It is stated that Mr. Hill succeeds in getting the S. & O. It is his intention to place modern steamboats on Okanagan Lake, run his line as far as Penticton, and make a strong effort for the traffic of the Okanagan district.

FEARED FIFTEEN PEOPLE PERISHED

Launch From Bellingham Containing Pleasure Seekers is Missing Since Sunday—Vessels Sent on Search

BELLINGHAM, Sept. 13.—Fifteen people comprising a launch party which left the waterway Sunday morning to spend the day at Cypress, 15 miles south of here, it is feared, are drowned. Shortly after they left a gale arose from the north and continued with increasing velocity. Incoming shipping men fail to report the craft and vessels have been dispatched to search for the party. Nothing so far has been heard of the launch.

To Build Road to Caves

An assurance has been given by the Dominion government that next year will see the construction of a wide and thoroughly first class wagon road from the Glacier House to the famous mountain caves at Cougar mountain, the road being designed to be by way of Avalanche mountain. It will present no very difficult grades and will be about seven miles in length. The surrounding points of interest in the "Caves of Cheops," upwards of one hundred visitors come through them during the month of August. It is expected that a Swiss chalet with every facility for the accommodation of visitors will be established at the caves next season.

Can Now Plead Insanity

WINNIPEG, Sept. 12.—The supreme court has handed down a judgment that the 1909 statute, making insanity not a defense in criminal prosecutions, unconstitutional. This is one of the most important decisions of the high court this year. The point was decided in the case of the State vs. Martin Strauberg, charged in King County with assault in the first degree.

A Diplomatic Blunder

PANAMA, Sept. 12.—A cablegram from President Taft censuring the action of Charge D'Affaires Marsh in stating that the United States would interfere with the Panama government, unless a president known to be friendly to America was chosen at the election to have been held Friday, was made public today by Acting President Mendoza. The statement accredited to Marsh was given in a public way early this week and was the immediate cause of the postponement of the election for one week. The statement is regarded as a serious diplomatic blunder. Two-thirds of the assembly favored Lewis, who is known to be friendly to American. Marsh admitted today that he expected a re-call.

RAYMOND MADE A LARGE HAUL

Man Who Robbed Score of Residences in City and the Neighboring Districts Took All He Could Carry Away

Looking like the interior of a second hand shop the local detective office presents a curious sight with its litter of trunks, clothing, rifles, suit cases, etc., all property which, it is believed, Arthur Raymond, the self-confessed thief arrested on Tuesday, had stolen from a score of residences in the city and adjoining districts of Esquimalt and Victoria, yesterday. Raymond, or Edward Hunt, as he is believed to be his correct name, after pleading guilty to two charges—burglary against a firm in the police court, and against Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Husey, and Acting Chief Palmer, that a large quantity of stuff stolen by him from the home of his mother in Spring Ridge, two trunks, five grips and a quantity of other stuff were later secured by the police in Victoria, yesterday. Raymond also confessed to selling the greater part of the valuables he had stolen in his three months criminal career, having made frequent trips to Vancouver for that purpose.

QUEEN'S OWN VISIT

Detachment of Regiment Guests of King—Pre for Appearance

BALLATER, Scotland, Sept. 12.—A detachment of the Queen's Own Rifles arrived here this morning. Col. Pellatt and a number of officers proceeded direct to Balmoral Castle on the Kings wagonette, while the remainder of the troops were escorted to barracks.

Seattle Launch Lost

HOQUIAM, Sept. 12.—A gasoline launch from Seattle laden with supplies, was wrecked while entering Queets river, north of Grays Harbor. The launch will be a total loss, but, with the exception of 10 tons of sugar, the cargo will likely be saved. While entering the river the engine broke down and the craft was left at the mercy of the waves and swamped. No one was injured.

Roanoke is Ashore

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 12.—While entering the harbor after dusk today, the steamer Roanoke, of the North Pacific Steamship company got out of the channel and ran aground on the mud flats. All attempts to communicate with the boat by wireless have failed and so far the captain of the Roanoke has not signaled or asked for assistance. She is in still water and is being towed "down" at high tide, if not before.

CAMPAIGN ON TARIFF ISSUE

Federal Political Outlook Indicates a Resumption of Reciprocity Negotiations With United States

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—Cabinet meetings will resume tomorrow and continue at frequent intervals until the sessional programme shall have been arranged. The midsummer accumulation of arrears which, as it happens, has not been very serious this year, will be first cleared up, then the legislation programme to be laid before parliament will be considered.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Arrived—Steamers Fairbank, Portland; K. H. Steator, Grays Harbor; North Star, Astoria; bark Star of Chile, Nanticoke; steamer George E. Billings, Puget sound; Steamer, Siberian, Hongkong; City of Victoria, Bear, Postland; Maverick, Seattle.

MAKES ATTEMPT ON HER OWN LIFE

Domestic Employed at Oak Bay Swallowed Poison—Now at Hospital in Precarious Condition

In an attempt to end her own life yesterday morning a domestic named Mrs. James, employed by Mr. Frank Burrell, Oak Bay Avenue, swallowed a quantity of what is believed to be cyanide of potassium. She was found by her employer at about 10 o'clock, and immediately summoned to the hospital. The woman was found where she was, with a quantity of cyanide pills scattered about her. She had already swallowed several pills. She is now in a precarious condition at the hospital.

"CURE" IS EFFECTIVE

Titled German Colonial Tyrant Liberated from Seattle—Leaves for Argentina

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—Prince Prosper von Arenberg, probably the most notorious of German colonial tyrants, has been released from the sanitarium where he has spent the last three years, and is about to proceed to the Argentine where he has bought a ranch.

Forest Fires Near Bellingham

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 12.—Brush fires in logged-off land three miles north of the city last night burned the shingle mill of Frank Taylor, and driving nearby residents to their homes, which are now in hourly danger. The flames are now close to the mill of Peter & Johnson, an electrical and several ranches are threatened. In the city the fire department and a force of one hundred volunteers fought for four hours last night to control a brush fire sweeping down the side of Burke's addition. This blaze was finally smothered under control.

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FOR THE HONOR OF VICTORIA

B. C. Agricultural Association Working Night and Day to Make Provincial Fair a Record Breaker

"For the honor of 'Victoria' is the slogan of the B. C. Agricultural Association in connection with the jubilee anniversary of the Provincial Fair to be held here from September 27th to October 1st. The management is working day and night to make the exhibition a success, and the occasion of the anniversary of the half century's growth of the organization is likely to prove a memorable one. No expense has been spared to make the exhibition both instructive and entertaining. Every precaution has been taken to make it morally beyond criticism. It is a pleasure to the province as to the resources of the education of British Columbia, and the exhibition is intended to be a record breaker. The management is working day and night to make the exhibition a success, and the occasion of the anniversary of the half century's growth of the organization is likely to prove a memorable one.

STATE OF MAINE GOES DEMOCRATIC

Mr. F. W. Plaister is Elected Governor—Political Leaders in Both Parties Are Surprised

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12.—Maine went Democratic today. It elected Mr. Frederick W. Plaister, a Democrat, as governor, upset the hitherto solid Republican congressional delegation. In at least two of the districts, the Democrats are in a possibly three to the surprise of the political leaders. Democrats as well as Republicans, are reported to have indicated the possibility that in the next State Legislature will be Democratic. The Senate surely will have a Democratic majority. The House complexion is in doubt.

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WINNIPEG TEAM'S TOUR DOUBTFUL

Assistance From Nanaimo Essential to Make Up Guarantee—No Assurance of it Yet—Southern Trip

VANCOUVER, Sept. 14.—The Manitoba Rugby Union requires a guarantee of \$100 to make a tour to the coast, and the local authorities are now engaged in the task of seeing whether they can encourage such a tour. The present proposition is to play two games in Vancouver, one in Victoria and one in Nanaimo. The second of the games is to be played against a combined British Columbia team.

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EARL GREY'S TRIP TO FAR NORTH

Feasibility of the Hudson Bay Route is Discussed in Interesting Manner by Professor R. W. Brock

OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—The Secretary of State presented today, from Prof. R. W. Brock, who was with Earl Grey's party to the Far North an official mailed report giving a further account of the trip. More attention is paid to the route to be preserved by the navigation as an historical monument. Mr. George Grey, a cousin of His Excellency, who was with the party, injured his leg while struggling with a pile and was lame for the rest of the journey.

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