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BIG BOY BOOK FOR PACIFIC COAST

Minister Declares Canada's Part in Imperial Defence May Necessitate Important Facilities at Esquimalt

FAVORS DOMINION BUILDING WARSHIPS Hon. Wm. Pugsley Addresses Board of Trade and Is Shown Over Inner Harbor on City of Nanaimo

"I am here to learn," declared Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, in the course of his address...

The great issue, that which stood prominently above others and which "Victorians" laid so much stress upon, was the immediate necessity, in view of Victoria's rapidly growing importance as a shipping port, of harbor improvement.

Immediate Redress. To all of these representations the Hon. Mr. Pugsley gave the most courteous and attentive response...

THE NEWS OF TODAY Home control urged for Canadian labor affairs. Rich gold strikes reported from Salmo district.

FATAL FIRE AT SPOKANE Spokane, July 26.—Three men were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Farmers' lodging house.

CONSTABLE'S COFFEE CASE

Constable Thompson, of Salmon Arm, Arrives on Coast to Face Trial for Unlawfully Releasing Prisoner

RESIDENTS PETITION ATTORNEY-GENERAL Aver That Unlucky Policeman Is Victim of Magisterial Mistakes and Indiscretion—Local Paper's Version.

A case that is probably without precedent in the courts of Western Canada, and which in its development, promises to prove more than passing interest, is shortly to be tried in this city.

ST. LOUIS ALL NIGHT IN THE AIR St. Louis, Mo., July 26.—The balloon pilot, Paul J. McCullough and John R. Thibault, started on their flight...

DREADNOUGHTS TO BE LAID AT ANCHOR Four Additional Ships of War to Be Laid Down in April for Completion in March of 1912

MOTHER WILL TESTIFY Annapolis, Md., July 26.—At the opening of the Sutton inquiry today Lieut. Edward A. Osterman testified...

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IMPERIAL CHINESE SCHOOL

The new Imperial Chinese School on Esquimalt, B.C., is being opened on Saturday.

Channel is Crossed by Flight Bleriot in His Diminutive Monoplane Wins Pioneer Honors and Captures the Grand Prize of London Daily Mail

HONORS MULTIPLY FOR THE AVIATOR Start Made at Daybreak and Trip Accomplished in Less Than One Hour—Slight Damages Sustained

London, July 26.—The English Channel has been crossed in an aeroplane, leaving Calais, France, early yesterday morning.

Later—Bleriot, who made history yesterday by flying across the English Channel, returned to Dover...

Machine Smallest of All Paris, July 26.—M. Louis Bleriot is one of the most successful and daring of the French aviators.

Honors for Aviators Paris, July 26.—Orville and Wilbur Wright and Henry Farman, the English aviators, were today decorated by the Legion of Honor...

Charged With Bribe-Taking Los Angeles, Cal., July 26.—C. C. Boardman, former chief of police, is on trial today, charged with accepting \$7000 per month bribe for protecting...

AT BISLEY TODAY

Canadians Again Well to the Fore Among the Prize Money Winners

Bisley, July 26.—In the Martin's Challenge Cup, a rapid shooting competition, Lt. Morris, in tenth place, won 25, Sgt. Mitchell in 23rd place won 23, Sgt. Stack, Sgt. Richardson, Sgt. Huggins, Major Jones, and Sgt. Smith in 41st, 50th, 56th, 101st, 102nd and 109th places, respectively.

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THE LION AT LUNCH TOO MODEST TO ROAR War Minister Haldane Promises the Conqueror of the Channel a "Place in History All By Himself"

London, July 26.—At a luncheon in honor of the French aviator, M. Bleriot, the British war minister, Mr. Haldane, was warmly congratulated by his compatriot.

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