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CONSPIRATORS TO BE EXECUTED

Death Sentences on Seven Terrorists at St. Petersburg Confirmed

ITALIAN'S FALSE PASSPORT

Premier Stolypin's Narrow Escape From Attack by Calvins

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—General Hazenkampf, chief of the general staff, overruling the plea of counsel for the defense, has confirmed the death sentences passed by a court martial on the seven terrorists, including the mysterious Italian, Calvino, who were convicted of complicity in the plot against the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch and M. Chtcheglovitoff, minister of justice.

A new trial for the condemned men had been asked on the ground that the verdict of the military court is invalid since the state of extraordinary insecurity ceased to exist in St. Petersburg on Jan. 15. The general statute establishing various classes of military law, promulgated in 1881, had expired in August, 1907.

In addition, delay in the execution of the sentence as it effected the Italian Calvino was originally sought for by the Italian ambassador, but today the ambassador dropped all his efforts in behalf of the man, having received confirmation of the previous reports that the Italian is not the person he represented himself to be. When he was arrested the police found on the man a passport apparently issued to Signor Calvino, the St. Petersburg correspondent of two Italian newspapers. The real Calvino is living in Italy, and the documents the terrorist had in his possession have been found to be forgeries.

General Hazenkampf has commuted the sentence passed upon Mlle. Yanchewskaya, a seventeen year old school girl, from fifteen years' imprisonment to ten years.

It was learned today that Premier Stolypin had a narrow escape when he delivered the ministerial statements to the duma on Nov. 24. The Italian who has been mentioned as Calvino was present at this session with a bomb in his pocket. He lay in wait for the premier in the restaurant, but fortunately for himself, the premier left the building early and did not run across the man.

ATTELL BEATS KELLY

Buffalo Newsboy Lasts for Seven Fast Rounds With Featherweight Champion

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Abe Attell, the American featherweight champion, tonight knocked out Eddie Kelly, the Buffalo newsboy, in the seventh round of a scheduled 20-round bout. The Californian floored Kelly four times in this round with wicked left cuts to the jaw, and the police stopped the fight. The men fought at a fast clip from the start until the end. Kelly at all times being willing to mix it. Kelly surprised the crowd by showing great cleverness during the fight, and there were several exciting mixups that brought the crowd to their feet.

General Otter's Offer.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Brigadier-General Otter has under consideration an offer from the imperial authorities of the command of the Fifth infantry brigade at Aldershot, but it is hardly thought by his friends that he would care to leave Canada, even to take up so important an appointment as the offer involved. Should he refuse the offer there is a possibility of his succeeding Colonel Vidal as inspector of the Canadian forces.

To Build Big Sawmill.

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—The Moresby Island Lumber company, an American corporation, will shortly begin construction work on a proposed $350,000 sawmill to be erected on Cumshaw inlet. A party of suveyors left here last night on the Amur, with instructions to lay out the site. The mill will be in operation next fall. The leading shareholders of the company recently inspected their 100 miles of timber limits on Moresby Island and Graham islands, of the Queen Charlotte group. They hail principally from Illinois and North Dakota.

Dominion Coal Co. Prosperous

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The financial statement of the Dominion Coal company shows that the total income for the year was $2,094,539, as compared with $1,137,370 for 1906. Interest on bonds, dividends on preferred and common stocks and other interest, amounted to $1,092,171, as compared with $505,555 for 1906, leaving a balance of $1,002,368, as compared with $631,815 for 1906. The surplus amounts to $2,828,308, as compared with $2,024,240 for 1906. Cash in banks and offices amounts to $864,755, as compared with $281,889 at the end of 1906.

Writing of Himself.

Some men on the road write letters to themselves before they get to the next town, so they will appear important when they register and ask for their mail, said a hotel clerk. "But that isn't always the reason. We soon catch on to them, because we see their handwriting on the register and on their mail; and I noticed it once in a man whom I finally got to know very well.

"He wasn't the kind of a fellow who cared anything about appearing 'important,' I found out, so I asked him why he did it. The explanation was very simple. He had a miserable memory, and when he was in another town and would think of something he had to do in Columbus he would write it on a slip of paper and mail it to himself. He didn't put the memorandum in his pocket, for fear he would forget about putting it there.—Columbus Dispatch.

BUSY MONTH FOR POLICE

February Almost Establishes Record for Number of Offenders Dealt With

February was one of the busiest months the police force has ever experienced. No less than 227 cases of all kinds were dealt with, 150 in the police court and the remaining 77 were held for safe keeping or pending investigation. Of this latter number many were taken in charge as a result of the daring hold-up at the Gorge hotel, but the majority of these were liberated in a short time. As usual, the drunks head the list, no less than 72 members of the community having been picked up by the force and put behind the bars for safekeeping. The number of vagrants shows a tendency to increase, while a trio of beggars, an offence not often mentioned on the police records, were gathered in. The returns show the following offenders: Drunk, 73; vagrancy, 10; fishery regulations, 1; fighting and creating a disturbance, 5; begging, 3; bicycle by-law, 23; keeper of bawdy house, 2; frequenter of bawdy house, 2; inmate of bawdy house, 10; assault, 1; fire by-law, 4; assaulting police officer, 1; possession of intoxicants, 1; stealing, 6; possession of stolen property, 8; liquor regulations, 1; street by-law, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 1; neglect of family, 1; obtaining money under false pretence, 1.

Three insane persons were sent to the New Westminster asylum. The patrol wagon had a total of 127 runs for the month.

PORTUGAL TO HAVE NEW PARLIAMENT

Restoration of Constitutional Regime—Inquiry Into Late Reign

Lisbon, Feb. 29.—King Manuel today issued a decree fixing March 5 as the date of the next general election, and another convoking the regular cortes for April 28. At the same time the decree issued by ex-Premier Franco for the reorganization of the house of peers, and giving the new chamber of deputies constitutional powers, are revoked. Franco's decree augmenting the civil list and liquidating the advances from the treasury to the royal house, also have been annulled by the King.

An official note appended to the decrees of the King declared that the cortes, according to the constitution, is charged with an investigation of the late reign upon the death of the ruler, and that it shall correct abuses if any are found.

The decrees have produced a good initial impression, but their ulterior effect upon the fortunes of the monarchy are doubtful.

While the leaders of the old "rotative parties," who now surround the youthful monarch, are confident that they can control the coming cortes, the republicans assert that an investigation of King Carlo's reign will afford them every opportunity to demonstrate the corruption of the monarchy and the necessity for a change of regime. The return of the monarchy to strictly constitutional methods, however, robs the republicans of an excuse to resort to violence.

WON SIX-DAY WALK

New York Man Breasts the Tape in Fast Time Against Field of Twenty

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 29.—At 7.30 o'clock tonight, at the end of the fifty-eighth hour, W. A. Hoagland, of Auburn, N. Y., had such a safe lead on his nearest competitor that nothing but an accident could prevent his winning the six day walking match at Convention Hall, which ended at 11 o'clock tonight.

The score at 7.30 o'clock was: Hoagland 262 miles, Slater 257 miles, Messler 255 miles, Player 252 miles, Hartley 240 miles, Blake 205 miles, Lloyd 157 miles. Of the twenty men who entered the race last Monday noon, only seven finished. The men who dropped out could not stand the strain of the contest and most of them succumbed to their weariness the first half of the week.

Tom Slater, of Syracuse, N. Y., and H. O. Messier, of Milwaukee, both made bids for second money and the outcome was in doubt until the race was finished. H. I. Player, of Kansas City, made a great showing against the professionals in the race. It was his first effort in fast company. One of the features of the race was the work of G. B. Blake, a Florida negro.

Used a Knife

Toronto, Feb. 29.—Amadeo Cannoli, an Italian laborer, 19 years old, last night stabbed his stepmother in the arm and back, and his father, Michel Cannoli, in the hand, and then tried to escape. He was captured by the police and lodged in the Agnes street station. His stepmother and father were taken to an hospital. Their wounds are not considered serious.

Rescued by Firemen

Toronto, Feb. 29.—The entire stock of the Sovereign Perfumes, Limited, Queen street, was destroyed or damaged by fire. Loss, $10,000, covered by insurance. So rapidly did the flames spread that W. D. Corson, manager, and Miss A. Ballantine, bookkeeper, were caught on the first flat and had to be rescued by the firemen. Seven girls working on the top flat got out by the fire escapes.

The Insurance Bill.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—It is expected that one more day's sitting of the Commons committee on banking and commerce will conclude the taking of evidence in relation to the government insurance bill. A sub-committee of nine members will then be selected from the banking and commerce committee to consider the evidence presented, and to agree upon such amendment to the bill as may seem to them desirable.

RUSHING WORK ON G. T. PACIFIC

Tracklaying Operations on the Prairie Section to Be Resumed

LARGE BALLASTING GANGS

Road Likely to Be Completed to Saskatoon Early in the Season

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—Track-laying on the G. T. P. railway between Portage la Prairie and Saskatoon, which was suspended on February 10, owing to weather conditions, is to be resumed next week and continued, if the weather permits, until the remaining 65 miles have been completed.

Ballasting will then be taken in hand, and the work rushed with all possible speed. Two gangs of 140 each are to be sent out, and to go east to the end of the track and the other from Portage to the end of the track west. About April 1, the force is to be increased to about 600, and later to 1,000 or 1,500, all of whom will be engaged in ballasting and surfacing.

Grain is now commencing to move again, and for the first time in the history of Canada the Northwest is receiving grain from the East. Yesterday 10,000 bushels of No. 2 white oats and a large shipment of seed wheat was sent west by the C. P. R. and C. N. R.

BUTTE MINES RESUME

Fires in Anaconda Smelter to Be Lighted Tomorrow and Miners to Start Work

Butte, Mont., Feb. 29.—John D. Ryan, managing director of the Amalgamated Copper company, who returned home from the east at noon today, announced that the mines of the company will resume on Monday, when fires will be lighted in the great Washoe smelter at Anaconda. The order means the employment of a full force in the various mines and at the smelters.

Ontario's Health.

Toronto, Feb. 29.—Returns received by the provincial health department for January show smallpox, scarlet fever and diphtheria to have been more prevalent than in the corresponding month a year ago. The mortality from diphtheria was much higher. The number of cases of measles, whooping cough and typhoid was much less.

SHIPMENTS FROM MINES OF INTERIOR

Production for the Past Week Makes High Record for Year to Date

Nelson, Feb. 29.—The total shipments from Boundary and Kootenay mines for the past week were 30,186 tons, the largest for the present year so far. The total for the year to date is 218,502 tons. The various districts produced as under:

District.	Week.	Year.
Boundary	22,960	146,398
Rossland	4,924	48,799
East of Columbia River	2,302	23,305

Receipts at the various smelters were as follows: Granby, week, 22,919; year, 145,967. Trail, week, 4,807; year, 45,428. Le Roi, week, 1,378; year, 14,790. Sullivan, week, 675; year, 5,730. Total, week, 29,779; year, 211,925.

MAY SUBMIT REPORT

Oak Bay Council May Hear of Committee Work on Waterworks Bill

The Oak Bay municipal council has few matters to consider at tomorrow evening's fortnightly session, other than the usual routine.

It is possible that Reeve Oliver will report to the council on the progress of the hearing on the Victoria waterworks bill which is being considered before the private bills committee of the legislature, as the committee stage is expected to be ended tomorrow. The question of the building of a school and hall on the property secured by the municipality on Oak Bay avenue will also probably be dealt with, and the committee appointed to consider plans for the building is expected to submit its report.

Little London Does Well.

London, Ont., Feb. 29.—The Daughters of the Empire have raised nearly $10,000 for a monument to the soldiers who fell in South Africa. They are now in correspondence with leading Canadian and English sculptors.

Not Afraid.

Montreal, Feb. 29.—Recorder Weir says he does not intend to travel with an armed bodyguard, notwithstanding the publication yesterday afternoon of a report that an Italian had sworn to kill him. Chief Detective Carpenter does not believe the story, and is making no effort to find the man said to have made the threat.

Stanstead Methodist College

Stanstead, Que., Feb. 29.—Geo. Trueman, principal of the Riverside consolidated school, in Albert county, N. B., an educationist of large experience, has been appointed successor to Principal Flanders of the Stanstead Methodist college, who resigns to resume pastoral work.

PHRENOLOGICAL SOCIAL

Large Attendance and Enjoyable Time Spent in Y. M. C. A. Rooms Last Night

There was a large attendance at the phrenological social last night in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The programme consisted of the following:

W. C. Kerr gave an address on the principles of phrenology and its scope and bearing upon character, and also ideas on how to judge character. J. W. Bolden called for volunteers from the audience for examination of their heads in the light of science, and decided their aptitude in certain phases of life. A. Johnston selected men and women from the audience and read and explained from a natural standpoint the character of the individual.

The Oakland juvenile troup, a band of boys and girls, delighted the audience with their rollicking choruses and songs, and Mr. Jones sang several comic songs. W. H. Pennock was chairman. Refreshments were served by the ladies and an enjoyable evening spent. The proceeds will go to the association.

Engineer Killed

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 29.—Leonard Coutts, a young Grand Trunk engineer, of London, was found lying dead on the track in the yard here yesterday morning. His body was horribly mangled. Coutts' engine broke down here and it is supposed that while he was working around it he was struck by a west bound passenger train, or by his own train while he was working under the engine.

SEIZURE OF VESSEL MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Japan Insists on Receiving an Apology and Reparation From China

Tokio, Feb. 29.—The Japanese government is maintaining a determined attitude concerning the seizure of the Tatsu maru, and demands both an apology and an indemnity from China.

The Chinese foreign office wants to submit the entire question to a mixed court. This is refused by the Japanese government unless the vessel has first been released and an apology made for the insult to the flag.

It appears that the Tatsu maru was regularly cleared from Kobe with a consignment of arms and ammunition for Macao. The Portuguese minister at Pekin supports the contention of Viscount Hayashi, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, that the vessel was seized in Portuguese waters. It is said by Japanese officials that no ultimatum has been issued, and that the sailing of the Japanese cruiser Idezumi for Hongkong is not intended as a threat.

It is evident, however, that the Japanese will resort to force unless her demands are conceded within a reasonable time.

Labor Organizations

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The year 1907 was a good one for the development of the trades union movement in Canada, being productive of greater organization than in any twelve months since 1893. The Labor Gazette for February contains an interesting article upon this point, from which it is gleaned that the total number of labor organizations formed in Canada during 1907 was 232, and of organizations dissolved 58, being a net increase during the year of 174 in the number of organizations in existence.

Settlers From the States.

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways have offered to the people of the United States very cheap settlers' rates to the Canadian northwest, and their action is expected to be followed by most of the lines east and south of St. Paul. Special excursions have been arranged for from St. Paul during March, April and May. Thousands of settlers from all parts of the United States will make their homes in Alberta and Saskatchewan this year.

C. P. R. Empress Train Derailed.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—A broken rail at Egansville Junction caused the derailment of the eastbound transcontinental express yesterday. The engine and one car got over the break, but the others went off the track. The sleeper, dining car and express car went down the embankment, while the mail car was placed crossways on the trestle. In the upsetting of the diner, Cook Cunworth, who was working at the range, was burned, but not seriously. All the passengers were shaken up, but no one was seriously injured.

Look For Coal and Oil

New Westminster, Feb. 29.—Coal and petroleum indications have been found in the vicinity of Burnaby and Deer lakes, lying between this city and Vancouver. A company of Vancouver citizens has been organized to thoroughly prospect the entire district, and has applied at the Mining Recorder's office in this city for licenses. The men who have signed the applications for licenses are Thomas Duke, Isaac B. Flater, Geo. McSpadden, J. N. Henderson, J. H. Henderson and G. H. French. Each is asking for a license to prospect on a piece of ground one mile square.

Alberta Seed Grain

Calgary, Feb. 29.—Alberta will supply all the seed grain which Alberta farmers need. That is the opinion offered by Hon. Mr. Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture yesterday. Mr. Harcourt was in the city making arrangements for the purchase of seed grain. Mr. Harcourt made arrangements with William Carson of this city, who will act as purchasing agent for this district. He also made arrangements that the grain should be cleaned at the three Calgary mills, the Calgary Milling Company mills, the Western Milling Company mill and Brackman-Ker's. Mr. Harcourt says that the best price will be paid for grain. Already 50,000 bushels of oats and 10,000 bushels of wheat have been purchased in the Calgary district.

RUSSIA'S NAVY WAITS ON FUNDS

Extensive Programme Outlined Required Too Much Money

THE BOUNDARY TROUBLE

Assurances of Good Relations With Turkey Not Fully Accepted

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The project for the rebuilding of the Russian fleet has received a setback as a result of the attitude taken by the ministry of finance, which sees no possibility under the present circumstances of the country raising the funds needed for the construction of a great and powerful navy. The naval estimates submitted amounted to $100,000,000 for the ten years' construction. The minister of finance today said that this extended programme could not be considered now. The minister believes that the sums assigned annually for new construction will continue at about $15,500,000 for several years.

The statements coming from Constantinople that the Turkish troops have evacuated the disputed Persian territory in the vicinity of Urumiah can be authoritatively denied. These troops continue holding their positions. The negotiations between the Turkish and Persian resident representatives on the boundary commission have been completely broken off, but owing to the intervention of the British consul at Urumiah the Turkish commissioners, who proposed to leave that town tomorrow, have agreed to postpone their departure. The commissioners are awaiting fresh instructions from Constantinople and Teheran.

In spite of the official assurances issued by both the Russian and Turkish governments regarding the friendly nature of their mutual relations considerable agitation is remarked on both sides of the border, and within the last eight days parts of the ninth division of Russian army have been moved into Erivan.

Aldergrove Resident's Death

New Westminster, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Robert McCrimmon, a well known young woman of Aldergrove, died at the Royal Columbia hospital last night. The deceased was but 24 years old and leaves a husband and a three-months-old baby.

LADIES LOST BUT INTERMEDIATES WON

Vancouver Ladies Defeat Locals, While Victoria Rugby Team Wins

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—The ladies' hockey team were defeated yesterday afternoon in Vancouver after one of the best games that has been seen in this city this season. The score at the end of playing time was 2—0 in favor of the locals but the game was anybody's all the way through and it was not until the final whistle was blown that the victory was won.

The visitors gave some pretty exhibitions of combination play and were very fast on the forward line, their shooting was deadly but they failed to locate the net.

The home team excelled in defensive work and it was next to impossible for the visitors to get within striking distance. Both of the local's goals were scored after nice combination work.

The Victoria intermediate rugby football team secured a victory over the locals by the close score of 8—6, and the score about represents the play. The visiting team put up a surprisingly fast article of ball and kept the play in the territory of the locals much of the time. The following are the teams in both of the games:

The ladies hockeys teams lineup:

Victoria.		Vancouver.
Miss J. Vincent	Goal	Miss Lett
Miss Lowe	Fullbacks	Miss Babington
Miss Dalby		Miss Boult
Miss Grant	Halfbacks	Miss Bell-Irving
Miss Nason		Miss Burpee
Miss O. Vincent		Miss Dixon
Miss Hall	Forwards	Miss E. Burpee
Miss Nicholls		Miss Carter
Miss Raymond		Miss Allen
Miss Dabbe		Miss Granger
Miss Hiscock		Miss Barwick

This is the way the intermediate rugby teams lined up:

Vancouver.		Victoria.
Murray	Back	Johnston
McGillivary	Three-quarters	Erb
Clarkson		Winch
Smith		Brown
McKinnon		Morrison
Ellis	Halfbacks	W. Sweeney
Taylor		Nason
Pitts	Forwards	L. Sweeney
Simpson		Blackburn
Murray		Spencer
Dillabough		Robers
Smith		Campbell
Robertson		Spalding
Keanes		Arbuckle
Peacock		Morley

STANLEY CUP CHALLENGE

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 28.—The executive of the Maple Leaf Hockey club, champions of Manitoba, have asked the trustees of the Stanley Cup to fix dates for games to be played with the winners of the two eastern leagues for the cup. They suggest Thursday and Saturday, the 12th and 14th of March as most suitable dates.

"Yes, we will certainly go east after the Stanley Cup," said Manager Lee of the Maple Leaf Hockey club, which won the championship of the Manitoba league this week. The team expects to leave here at the end of next week. They are a strong, husky aggregation, and will, no doubt, be able to give a good account of themselves.

HOW ALL-MAINLAND WILL FACE ALL-ISLAND

Both Teams to Meet in Vancouver Saturday for B. C. Honors Complete

Both of the big teams to battle next Saturday in Vancouver in the All-Island-All Mainland match between teams selected from the best players in the senior series in the two big leagues have been chosen and will be in the pink of condition when they meet to decide whether the brand of football played on the island is superior to that played on the mainland or vice versa.

The representative team of the Vancouver district football league was selected last night at a special meeting of the club executive in Vancouver. At the previous meeting of the league it was decided to select two teams to play a test game next Thursday but this was found to be out of the question as the players could not get away from business for the midweek game and the Vancouver people thought it was just as difficult to pick two trial teams as one representative one.

The team that will represent the Mainland is slightly different from the one that triumphed over the Northwestern league team at Seattle. The eleven contains six Thistle players, three Shamrocks, one Westminster and one Westham Island representative. The choice of the team is conditional upon the condition of the men picked.

This is the way the big teams will face each other next Saturday:

Mainland team—

Goal—E. Rogers, Thistle.

Right fullback—H. Strange, Thistle.

Left fullback—J. Trim, Westham Island.

Right halfback—D. Main, Thistle.

Centre halfback—F. Graham, Shamrock.

Left halfback—R. Forest, Thistle, (captain.)

Forwards—D. Spence, Thistle; F. Lock, Westminster; W. Mitchell, Thistle; J. Hurren, Shamrock; A. Jones, Shamrock; Guzan, Thistle; McKenzie, Celtic; J. Warburton, Thistle; R. Jones, National.

All-Island team—

Goal—Bradshaw, Nanaimo.

Backs—Hewlee, Nanaimo; Lorimer, J. B. A. A.

Halves—Harley, Nanaimo; Johnson, Y. M. C. A.; McKinley, Ladysmith.

Forwards—Blundell, Nanaimo; Cruickshanks, Nanaimo; Adams, Ladysmith; Williams, Esquimalt.

Reserves—Backs, O'Connell, Ladysmith; Thackeray, Y. M. C. A.; forward, Grainger, Ladysmith.

NEW GOLD FIELD

Question of Routes—Northern Country Will Need Many Pack Horses

Bella Coola, Feb. 18.—The reported find of gold on the Finlay river has caused no excitement here. It has always been known to white traders and trappers, and also Indians, that all the streams in these northern wilds carried gravel containing gold. Some fifteen years ago pieces of the size of wheat, which assayed as pure gold, were found in a tributary to the Bella Coola rivers, and at that time it was also known that both the Kisilinca and Osilinca rivers, tributary to the Omineca, and some fifty miles south of Fort Graham, had gold-bearing sand in them. Gold lake, about seventy-five miles north of Fort Fraser, receives its name from the very fact that gold was discovered on the sides of this lake and in that neighborhood, and all the streams and smaller lakes tributary to the Nation river, it is claimed, show signs of gold.

Prospectors in that country and around Hazelton are going to the new discoveries, but these would not be many, as there are at present very few people in the country. There will, of course, be quite a rush in from coast points whenever conditions permit. It will be some time yet before navigation opens in the Skeena river, and, owing to the considerable snowfall in this northern interior, high water may be expected, which, as is well known, renders navigation on this river dangerous, if not impossible, for a time. Should warm weather set in, the spring travel through the Kitimaat valley would also be difficult. The snow, as a rule, toward spring, will be very soft, and will not carry. It has happened that mail carriers for Hazelton were unable to connect.

The mail carrier between Bella Coola and Anahan Lake postoffice, some hundred miles inland, reports very little snow on this route, and it is expected that traffic through Bella Coola to the interior will open this year very early.

In former years pack trains of horses from Anahan Lake and surrounding country came through here at the end of March or first of April, and it is claimed that with good horses the Finlay river district can be reached both earlier and at less expense through Bella Coola than over any other existing route today. Besides that, provisions and outfits can be obtained at this point at city prices, which is an item worth considering by intending gold-seekers.

Though a great many pack horses are brought to Bella Coola in the summer from Chilcoten and the interior, horses will have to be shipped in this year, as the demand is greater than the supply, and especially now that so many settlers are going into the Ootsa lake and Francois lake district. This horse question will also apply to other points, Hazelton included.

A necktie party was held in the Sir Alexander Mackenzie schoolhouse for the benefit of an organ for the school. Mesdames B. Brynildsen and S. S. West, as committee on refreshments and programme, acquitted themselves creditably, and some seventy-five dollars was netted from the sale of ties An enjoyable evening was spent.

S. Grant was up from Rivers Inlet looking over the timber proposition with the idea of erecting a sawmill here in the near future, and will leave by the first steamer for Victoria to meet his company for the purpose of making further arrangements.

New Westminster, Feb. 29.—A movement was started to form a citizens' league to bring about local option in New Westminster, at an after meeting held at the close of Miss Ada Murcutt's W. C. T. U. lecture last night. The preliminary arrangements were made, and another meeting will be held in a short time.

AGREEMENT WITH RAILWAY COMPANY

Terms Upon Which Construction Will Begin Before June First

THE REVERSIONARY RIGHT

Will Buy All Supplies Possible in British Columbia—Fair Wage Clause

All the differences between the provincial government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company have at length been settled. The terms of the settlement were made public yesterday, when Hon. Richard McBride introduced a bill brought down by a special message ratifying the agreement. By it the railway agrees to begin actual construction before June 1 of this year.

The province disposes of its reversionary rights to the 14,118 acres bought from the Indians of Metlakatla by the railway company at the rate of $2.50 an acre. One-quarter of the lots and blocks into which this land may be subdivided by the company is to be reconveyed to the province, the chief commissioner to select one lot first and the railway company three until the entire one-quarter is reconveyed. The province pays one-quarter of the cost of the survey and subdivision.

A free grant of a right-of-way not exceeding 100 feet in width through from the coast to the eastern boundary of the province is made to the company. Through the lands on Kaien island and the Tsimpsean reserve the right-of-way is to be but 60 feet in width and the plans must be approved by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

The province grants lands necessary for sidings, stations, etc., to the railway company, the area of such grants to be subject to the approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

The railway company agrees to purchase all material and supplies required if the terms are similar to those upon which the said supplies may be obtained elsewhere, within the province.

A fair wage clause is included in the act.

The railway is granted exemption from taxation until December 31, 1921, according to the terms of the railway assessment act.

Premier Brings Down Bill.

Upon the opening of the afternoon session Hon. Mr. McBride brought down the bill respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and when the house went into committee made the following explanatory statement:

Some time ago the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company acquired from the Dominion government all rights in the 32,000 acres which are generally known as the Tsimpsian reserve, and subsequently the company approached the provincial government with the view of adjusting any claim that might be advanced on the part of the province with respect to this section of land. The government met the company in a friendly spirit, but firmly insisted that the rights of the province must be upheld, and that before it would be competent for the Grand Trunk Pacific company to take possession and enter into occupation of these lands it was absolutely essential that a crown grant should be issued by hte government of the province of British Columbia. (Hear, hear.) The company protested that at Ottawa it was held that it was fully within the competency of the federal authorities to alienate this property, and they supplemented their statements under this head by the production of a paper under the great seal of Canada, which paper purported to convey to the company, without reservation, these particular lands.

Province Persists.

The provincial government, however, persisted in its contention that the rights of British Columbia must be fully respected, and could not be infringed upon in any way whatever, and could only be dealt with through the conditions of a crown grant issued in the usual way, under the great seal of the province. We then entered upon negotiations with the officials of the company, with the view of adjusting the matter in dispute, and the result of these negotiations is contained in this act, which sets out that the province of British Columbia conveys to this company the interest of the province in these lands insofar as three-quarters of the property is concerned, while the company, on its part, pays to the province of British Columbia the sum of $2.50 an acre for each acre of these lands. The company further agrees to subdivide these lands, and in the work of subdivision to cooperate with the province of British Columbia, three-quarters of the cost of subdivision being borne by the company and one-quarter of it by the province. (Hear, hear.)

The company also agrees to procure all its supplies that will be required during the construction of the road from the local markets whenever circumstances will permit. The company also agrees to commence the actual construction of the road not later than the first day of June next, and to proceed steadily with the work until the road is completed in this province. I might, in addition, state that all through these negotiations the officials of the company have impressed upon the government the fact that unless this matter was adjusted at an early date the work of construction would not be begun during the present year, and that it was absolutely essential to the conclusion of the company's other arrangements that antecedent to the work of construction in this province the terminal facilities must be definitely settled upon.

Terms of the Bill.

Now, sir, to revert to the terms of the bill: In addition to this undertaking, providing for the almost immediate construction of the road the company in a letter which has been

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