

AMERICAN VICTORIOUS MYSTERIOUS BUY MORE TROOPS OF TIMBER SPAIN NOE ZES

E. & N. Railroad Sells 54,000 Acres in Cowichan Valley For \$1,500,000 to American Capitalists

MAY EXTEND RAILROAD LINE

Will Build From Bay to Lake to Handle Mill's Output—First Step in Opening the Cowichan

VANCOUVER, Sept. 23.—For a sum reported to be approximately \$1,500,000, the E. & N. Railroad Company sold today, to parties represented by A. B. Kurtz, president of the American Financial Securities company, of New York, 54,000 acres of timber land in Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island. On the land there are approximately 2,000,000,000 feet of the finest fir timber in British Columbia. Details of the transaction were closed yesterday by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R. In connection with the sale of this large tract of timber to American capital the E. & N. railway company will undertake the construction of a branch line of railway from Cowichan Bay on the east coast of Vancouver Island to the foot of Cowichan Lake. This railway will be used either in handling logs or timber from the foot of the lake to Cowichan Bay. The decision will be made when it is known whether the American capital will construct their large sawmill at the bay or at the lake.

This new extension of the E. & N. will be 22 miles in length. Besides rendering accessible all timber in the Cowichan Valley and the watershed of the lake the railway extension will pave the way for the opening up of the Nitinat Valley, a watershed of which empties on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The divide between Cowichan Lake and the watershed of the Nitinat valley is a high one and it is stated that it offers few difficulties to the construction of a railway. This being the case there is a probability that in time to come a short line of railway may be built from the head of Cowichan lake over the divide into the Nitinat Valley and the timber of the latter, amounting to some billions of feet of the finest quality of fir, will be brought over into the Cowichan Lake and thence taken out to Cowichan Bay.

The timber in the Nitinat is naturally tributary to the west coast of Vancouver Island, but owing to the impossibility of handling it in that direction because of the unprotected storms which visit the unprotected coast it will have to be taken over the divide into the Cowichan Valley. Next summer will witness the start of construction.

Three Autoists Killed SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—Three women were killed and three men and a woman seriously injured when an automobile containing eight people jumped off a trestle in Fourth and Walker streets, a short distance from the Union station here today.

Stole From Bedfellow BRANDON, Man., Sept. 23.—Frederick Smith was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Currie on a charge of stealing a check for \$48.45 from Fred. Chury. Chury slept in the same room with Smith Saturday night and on Sunday morning the cheque was missing. Since then Smith has tried to cash the cheque at the Grand Union hotel. He was brought before Magistrate James this afternoon and remanded until Saturday.

Southern France visited by storm and flood. Russian-prisoners killed by guards in attempt to escape. Religious rioting at Castra, Spain. Details of gulf coast storm. William L. Russell wanted at Toronto for fraud has surrendered at Cleveland. Man killed by train at Bramford, Ont. Winnipeg police quickly nab three thieves. Premier Laurier may visit Alberta. Roland Bourcier, of Manitou, Man., hurt in threshing machine. Chicago police inspector guilty of grafting. Berlin denies reports of massacre of Jews at Kief, Russia.

THE NEWS OF TODAY

Rockefeller's University Gifts. CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—John D. Rockefeller has contributed \$24,000,000 to the University of Chicago since its foundation, according to a statement made in the annual register of the University issued yesterday by the University of Chicago press. Mr. Rockefeller's original subscription of \$600,000 came in May, 1889, and he has been constantly increasing that sum and adding to the endowment fund. Alberta Harvest CALGARY, Sept. 22.—According to the latest crop report for the province, 99 per cent of the grain crop is harvested, and from all sections come reports of record yields. Gleichen reports that wheat will average 40 bushels to the acre. It is expected that 75 per cent of the grain in the province will be threshed by the end of this week. OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—Hon. G. P. Graham is confined to his room, suffering from a severe cold.

Decisive Battle Fought With Stubborn Bravery on Both Sides For Control of Mount Gurugua

SPANISH INFANTRY EXECUTE BRILLIANT FEINT

Losses of the Moors Estimated at Four Hundred Killed—Thrilling and Gallant Combat

MADRID, Sept. 22.—The Spanish forces in Morocco, according to the latest despatches received here, were eminently successful on September 20 and 21 in attaining their objective of the turning of Mount Gurugua and the surrounding of the ferocious Beni-Siar tribesmen. The government is today publishing broadcast accounts of many thrilling and gallant episodes of the fighting, and the war fever is at a high pitch. All the reports agree that the Moors showed fanatical courage, but they were met with a display of Spanish valor.

Near Takhir, four battalions of Spanish troops were employed over a front six miles long. They were charged suddenly by 200 Arab horsemen. Gen. Tovar, perceiving that the enemy threatened to break the line, sent out a strong detachment of Chechens and cavalrismen to check them. The two parties met with a terrific shock. At first the Moors broke but they returned to the attack several times before they were finally repulsed.

The Spanish infantry then formed a retreat, and the Moors, reinforced, swept down upon them. The Spanish line then about-faced and fired repeated volleys point blank into the enemy putting them to flight. The detachment of Chechens and cavalrismen left a hundred dead on the field. A total of 5,800 Moors, including 1,500 cavalrismen, took part in the fighting. The Moors lost 400 men. The Spanish troops under General Orcoza have occupied Agraz.

SLOW WORK Tardiness in Building Government Section Delaying Grand Trunk Pacific Route

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Dealing with the progress of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway and the government section as seen by Sir Charles Rivers, the Montreal Star says editorially: "Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson comes here in a friendly pleasure with progress made by the company building their section of the transcontinental from Winnipeg into the west, but mightily doubtful they have much to say about the difficult character of the country through which they are building. Though Sir Charles may reply from the head of the line to Superior Junction lies very near it. The Dominion government, however, recognizes the necessity of haste, as Canada is not building this road for fun.

Whether it is growing at a marvelous rate it has long been a question of whether the spout could carry off what is being dumped into the hopper. The line at Quebec may not be completed as soon as most of us would like; but that is no reason why it should not be completed as soon as possible. This is a case in which the government should strive to convince a cynical world that government can work as quickly and can repress the public quite as well as private corporations which are looking for private profit."

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley (retired) will preside as president of the Arctic Club of America under whose auspices the dinner is given. Other speakers will be Wm. E. Brewster of Yale, vice-president of the Arctic Club, Carl von Moltke, the Danish minister at Washington, who is here as the representative of his government at the Hudson-Fulton celebration and Charles Wake of the Explorers' Club, who attracted notice on the day of Dr. Cook's arrival by his opinion that Commander Peary was self-deluded in his belief that he reached the pole.

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Cook's Letter of Thanks to the Governor-General For Supplies Mystifies Ottawa and Raises Question

DID COOK TAKE BERNIER'S SUPPLIES?

The Worthy Captain May Have Cached Some Pie For His Own Use and Lost it to Cook

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 23.—The cause of Dr. Cook's telegram of thanks to the governor-general for having sent Capt. Bernier north with supplies is not yet officially known. The Marine department has had no notification except Tuesday's message that Cook and Bernier came into port. The records of the department show, however, that in July, 1908, a letter was received by the minister of Marine from Mrs. Cook asking that advantage should be taken of Bernier's voyage to send supplies to her husband, who was then convalescing from Berlin. The records do not show who, according to his own story, had by that time conquered the pole.

There was some correspondence, and eventually Mrs. Cook decided that she would send her supplies by some other route. Whether these were sent or not the department does not know but it presumes from Dr. Cook's message that in some way he came into contact with Bernier, or perhaps located one of Bernier's caches and that found means to enable him to continue his supplies to the pole.

Dr. Cook may have had news of Bernier since he left. Ousted harborer in September a year ago, but the department has had none and awaits with considerable interest what Dr. Cook may have to say as to receiving supplies from Bernier. Acting Deputy Minister Desarets is inclined to believe that in the course of his voyage Dr. Cook came across a cache labelled "Canada" or "Bernier" or "Canada" more likely—and that he thus takes credit for supplies which he has taken up from Bernier.

Swedish Miner Killed. COBALT, Sept. 23.—E. E. Lindel, a Swedish miner, 23 years old, was killed yesterday by a bucket in the mine shaft falling on him.

Both Explorers Welcomed Home Cook and Peary Together on American Soil at Last—Nation Eager For Clearing Up of Dispute

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—No official representative of the nation or state will attend the big banquet given for Dr. Frederick A. Cook tonight at the Waldorf Astoria. The mayor of New York has also declined to sanction the Brooklyn explorer's claim to North Pole honors by attending this first public function in honor of Dr. Cook and Commander Peary.

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THE PREMIER GOES VISITING

Here is a little illustration of the out-of-door service in the First Minister's busy life, snapped during a recent tour of the Interior. Reading from left to right the party consists of Mr. E. Baker, Hon. Mr. Foster-Cochran, Mr. Parsons, M.P.E., Premier McBride, His Excellency Earl Grey and Mr. Laurence Macrae.

GAMBLING MOTION MAKES STORMY SESSION

Agricultural Association Has a Warm Meeting This Morning When Question of Racing at Fair Comes Up

A stormy meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association was held this morning at which Mayor Hall presided. The meeting was called for the heated discussion which occurred over a motion dealing with gambling and horse racing at the Fair. The subject was introduced by a motion which was moved by Wm. Grant, seconded by James Manton. The motion moved was "that this meeting declares itself to be distinctly opposed to having betting at any other time on the exhibition grounds." It developed during the debate that the members of the new element present were opposed to race track gambling, and their sentiment was expressed by Rev. Herman Carson, J. Coleman, W. M. Grant, R. L. Drury, A. B. Man, and others.

Mr. Patterson, after hearing the motion and listening to the remarks of the anti-gambling contingent, said that the gambling motion was adopted. The anti-gambling contingent took a decided stand on the subject, and said that the gambling was a disgrace to the fair. The motion was carried by a large majority. Officers Elected. The members then proceeded to elect directors of non-nominations were called for with the result that George Sangster, Dr. Ptolemy and J. H. Baker were declared nominees. Another motion was soon afterwards offered that the nominations be reopened, which was carried with the result that the name of R. L. Drury was added.

The vote resulted in Dr. Ptolemy and George Sangster being declared elected. The following vice-presidents were elected: H. G. Hallock, K. C. Drury, R. S. Ptolemy, W. E. Scott, A. D. Patterson, G. H. Hawkin, J. T. Maynard, R. J. Quick and H. C. Walls. Jubilee Year. It was pointed out that next year would be the jubilee year of the association and the following motion was offered dealing with the subject: "As this year's meeting of the association will be the fiftieth in its history it is resolved that the exhibition committee or a special committee take into consideration the most fitting way to celebrate the jubilee and report."

Omaha Strike Unchanged. OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 23.—After a night of wild rumors and some display of lawlessness in which a number of strikers were wounded, nearly a dozen imported men injured, one boy shot and a large number of arrests made, the street car strike situation shows no material change. Today cars are running on practically all of the lines but not in the usual numbers. It is understood a conference is to be held today with the three mayors: Dalman, of Omaha; Koutsky, of South Omaha; and Maloney, of Council Bluffs, to devise, if possible, some means of bringing about a settlement of the lines but in their presentment yesterday, the grand jury returned nine true bills against James Robertson, the central figure in a long list of crimes.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A London despatch to the Sun says that the Prime Minister, Alfred Balfour, the Conservative leader, definitely threw down the tariff reform gauntlet in a great speech at Birmingham yesterday. The budget, he says, with its danger-laden bottomless confusion of socialistic legislation, has raised the most important question of tariff reform or take the movement forward enter an appeal to the nation, though in no wise the last step, towards the downward track which leads to the bottomless confusion of socialistic legislation.

The country's condition, he said, is not now, and never again can be, what it was in the halcyon days of British industrial supremacy. There is nothing, unhappily, more certain than that in many of the greatest industries Great Britain was no longer first among her equals, was not even second among her equals, and he pointed to the fact that she had to rejoice in holding third place. While America was building up the growth of her own industries, Germany, with unexampled, almost staggering success had promoted the growth of her own industries, and through the partial, unequal working of the "most favored nation clause" had become the most powerful competitor of Great Britain, especially in the field of the cotton industry. It was amazing, even contemptible, that the people of this country should sit with folded arms, hiding themselves behind the antiquated free trade forms, and watch other nations going to capture Great Britain's colonies from her sphere of commercial influence.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The investigation of the circumstantial and sensational reports circulated for the past few days that there had been fatal anti-Jewish rioting at Kief, Russia, last week in which hundreds of persons were killed or wounded, shows that the rumors not only lack any confirmation whatever, but are given specific denial by several reliable persons on the spot. The Jewish benevolent societies of Berlin have communicated with their Kief agents, who have assured them that not a Hebrew in Kief has been hurt, and that the story of this fatal rioting is entirely untrue. It is interestingly evident that the story of this fatal rioting, which occurred during the exhibition of the local Jews. Order was quickly restored and no one was injured.

WINNIPEG POLICE QUICKLY NAB THIEVES

Thugs Who Held Up and Robbed Three Men in Park Traced and Arrested Same Night. WINNIPEG, Sept. 23.—With daggers pointed at their heads and threatened with instant death if they resisted, Dominic Toraro, Mike Walogonski and John Cudrak were held up in St. John's Park last night by three men who had met them in a restaurant on Main street and had conversed with them in the Italian language. They had been asked to accompany the three men, which they did. When they reached St. John's Park in a dark alleyway, the three men were held up by the men they met in the restaurant and robbed of their watches and over \$10 in cash. The robbery was reported to the police and a description of the robbers, the police obtained a clue and traced the men to 211 1/2, which after two hours' search, they were arrested and taken to the police station. The prisoners were detained in custody and will appear before the magistrate today.

FLOODS ABROAD

Southern France and Parts of Syria Suffer From Heavy Rains and Many Lives Are Lost. PARIS, Sept. 23.—Southern France, especially Provence, has been visited by heavy storms accompanied by earth shocks. Considerable damage has been done and railroad communication has been partially interrupted by the floods. Home Sufferers Too. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 23.—Torrential rains have caused the loss of 100 lives and the destruction of 500 houses at Homs, a town of Northern Syria.

Killed by Train. SEANANUPOL, Ont., Sept. 23.—Clarance Bridge, car inspector on the Grand Trunk, was run down by a yard engine yesterday and received injuries which caused his death three hours later. Mrs. Robinson Found Guilty. SUBURRY, Ont., Sept. 23.—After a whole day of testimony yesterday on the second charge of murdering the infant son of her daughter, Mrs. James Robinson was declared guilty today. Counsel for the crown and the prisoner did not address the jury and the charge of Judge Magee was to bring in a verdict of guilty, which after two hours' deliberation was brought in with a strong recommendation for mercy. In their presentment yesterday, the grand jury returned nine true bills against James Robertson, the central figure in a long list of crimes.

INDUSTRIAL SUCCESSFUL LEAD HAS GONE TENDERED NAMED

Ex-Premier Balfour in Stirring Speech at Birmingham Declares Budget Raises Question of Imperial Decadence. GREAT BRITAIN HAS LOST SUPREMACY OR VANCOUVER

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The contract for the extension of the Alberni branch of the E. & N. railway from the present end of the line about half way between Nanaimo and Alberni, will be awarded immediately, according to an announcement made this morning by R. Marpole, vice-president of the E. & N. Yesterday Sir Thomas Shaughnessy looked over the various tenders with Mr. Marpole and the decision was reached to lose no time in starting the work. The successful tenderer has not yet been determined, but the names of the two lowest tenders were secured today and it is understood that the contract lies between them, one being the Vancouver firm and the other having its headquarters in Calgary. Before the contract is awarded the lowest tenderer will get the contract on certain stipulations and, provided this is done to the satisfaction of both parties concerned, the lowest tenderer will be awarded the contract. If the lowest tenderer is unable to reach an agreement with the railway, the next lowest bidder will be called on. It is expected that the contract will be let early next week. The lowest tender was put in by the Calgary firm of J. A. McDowell & Co. The next lowest tender was that submitted by McDowell, Gowski & Co., Vancouver.

The work contemplated under the contract now to be awarded covers the last and most difficult section of the new Alberni extension of the E. & N. railway, involving the cutting down of several high gradients and very considerable rockwork, as the island divide. It is expected that the work will entail an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000. The practical head of the Calgary firm which occupies the favorable position as lowest tenderer for the work is "Big Jim" McDowell, known throughout the American West as one of its most successful railway contractors. It is understood that he is also a member of the firm held as an alternative, and in second place among the tenderers.

NO BREACH OF FAITH

Local Racing Men Say Vancouver Broke Word—Decide About the Race Today. That it will not be a breach of faith with the Vancouver race track promoters if the present race meeting at the new race track here in connection with the exhibition is extended for three weeks is the sentiment of the local sportsmen by the Vancouverites at the time the Vancouver meeting was begun. The dates there would not conflict with the local fair races. No such provision was made in the original contract, and therefore they are not bound in any way to consider the rights of the Vancouver racing men.

The question will be threshed out at a meeting at the fair grounds this afternoon beginning at four o'clock and it is likely that a decision will be reached. Enthusiastic Meeting. The meeting was enthusiastic. Everything was done to emphasize his constituency. Joseph Chamberlain's position as the pioneer of tariff reform. His son, the Right Honorable J. A. Chamberlain, who occupied the chair, read a letter from his father appealing to the democracy of Birmingham to aid in getting the present contract referred to the people. In the course of his letter, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I hope the House of Lords will see the way to force a general election and I have no doubt of what the country's answer will be." The letter was tremendously cheered. Mr. Chamberlain, in his home at Highbury, near Birmingham, listened to Mr. Balfour through an electrophone. The meeting, through an electrophone, adopted a resolution which pledged the Unionist party's loyalty to Mr. Balfour's leadership and announced among other things, that "recognizing that the financial proposals of the government are intended to postpone indefinitely the policy of tariff reform, this meeting declares its determined adherence to that policy as a necessary means of an increase in employment at home and of strengthening the Empire at large. Unionist Press Pleased. LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Unionist press expresses delight with what is generally regarded as the great fighting speech of Mr. Balfour. The Daily Mail says it marks the turning point in the tariff reform. "Upon Balfour has descended the mantle of Chamberlain," it concludes.

Laurier May Visit Alberta. OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—Premier Rutherford, of Alberta, hopes to persuade Premier Laurier to go to Strathcona next summer to lay the cornerstone of the University of Alberta. He left for home today in order to attend the laying of the foundation of the stone of the Alberta legislative building by Earl Grey on October 1.

Russell Surrenders to Justice. TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 23.—William Lockhart Russell, wanted in connection with the charges of fraud in connection with the flotation of the stock of the Highland Mary, Bluebell and Lucky Boy mines, surrendered himself yesterday afternoon to a U. S. marshal at Cleveland and was released on \$5,000 bail. He will be given a hearing before the extradition commissioner today.

THE REMNANT COUNTER. Those Rhode Island religio-manics who are deserting their homes in the world are scheduled for tomorrow, show little faith in Providence. Manly's smokers are agitated over a threatened rise in the price of good cigars. As they are already half a century old, it is likely that the world is scheduled for tomorrow, show little faith in Providence.

When the husband of one of the ladies of the high society and Peary have been moving in lately takes it into his head to stay out all night, the wife has no difficulty in getting a divorce on the score of desertion. Professor Euser of Spokane intimates that his finding of that petrified ginkgo leaf demonstrates the very, very great age of the American continent. Let us see, was it ginkgo leaves that Madame Eve's modiste made use of?

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