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### METHODIST CHURCH MISSION WORK

#### ANOTHER GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REQUIRED

#### The Grant to British Columbia—Viceregal Party at Winnipeg—Canadian Notes.

London, Oct. 9.—The Methodist board of missions this morning fixed \$850,000 as the minimum for mission work. This is a considerable advance over last year's grants. Of this amount, the British Columbia conference is to receive \$1,000,000. The expansion of work in the Northwest calls for the appointment of another general superintendent. This was decided on, the territory to be determined by the executive and the man selected.

Earl Grey's Visit. Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—S. Laroux of Birch, Minn., has a magnificent display of vegetables here, illustrating what this province can produce in this line. He has pumpkins weighing 80 pounds, and other vegetables in proportion. He grew 720 bushels to the acre of potatoes and 600 bushels of onions. All the vegetables show perfection of form and outline.

Got Fourteen Years. Brandon, Man., Oct. 9.—Ed. Murphy, a daring diamond thief, who burglarized a jewelry store here last August, was found guilty to-day and sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Accidentally Poisoned. Toronto, Oct. 9.—Michael Qualey, aged 37, is dead from taking carbolic acid, under circumstances so peculiar that the coroner has ordered an inquest. Mrs. Qualey says she and her husband on Saturday night went into a drug store and her husband ordered 10 cent carbolic acid. He said he had heard his friend had taken several doses. Her husband got up yesterday morning and took a dose out of the bottle. He immediately felt ill. A doctor was called, but could do nothing. The man died soon afterwards. Then it was found that the bottle was labeled "Carbolic acid—poison."

Body Found in Harbor. St. Catharines, Oct. 9.—The body of a man who registered at the Wellington House, Port Dalrymple, Saturday night as James Johnston, Toronto, was taken from the harbor there yesterday morning. It was floating. He was elderly, well dressed and had considerable money on his person Saturday, but when the body was found only 11 cents could be found in his pockets. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Hamilton Merchant Dead. Hamilton, Oct. 9.—St. Clair Balfour, head of the wholesale grocery firm of Balfour & Co., and one of Hamilton's best known and most esteemed business men, died last night, aged 55 years. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Private Railway Car. Toronto, Oct. 9.—The first Toronto merchant prince to own a private railway car is Timothy Eaton, who has just had one of the latest up-to-date cars constructed for his private use.

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

#### Directors' Report for Half Year—The New Transcontinental Line.

London, Eng., Oct. 9.—The Grand Trunk railway directors' report for the half year ending June 30th shows gross receipts of \$72,067, compared with \$7,559,316 in the corresponding period of last year. The net receipts were \$885,570, compared with \$98,747. With additions from other sources the net revenue is brought up to \$207,634; deducting the interest on debenture stocks and bonds, there remains a surplus of \$25,063, which is increased by the amount brought forward to \$231,652, from which the directors recommend the dividends already announced, leaving \$1,423 to be carried forward. The passengers carried were 4,363,765 for the last year, an increase of 35,961.

The Grand Trunk Western gross receipts for the half year amounted to \$212,930, against \$206,147 in 1904. The working expenses were \$420,438, against \$432,874, leaving net profits amounting to \$85,507, against \$72,771 for the half year. The net revenue balance at June 30th last year was \$27,296, against \$27,501 in 1904, so there was a net revenue deficiency of \$1,045, compared with \$19,383 for the corresponding period of last year.

In the report the Grand Trunk Pacific directors state that the work in connection with surveys is being energetically pressed forward. A considerable proportion of the line between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains, also the Lake Superior branch, has been definitely located. A contract on the part of the company has been let for the construction of the 150 miles from Portage to Touchwood hills. A contract will immediately be made for the construction of the Lake Superior branch.

#### TURNED DOWN.

Chicago City Council Defeats Mayor Dunne's Contract Plan For Municipal Ownership.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Mayor Edward F. Dunne placed his contract plan for municipal ownership before the city council to-night, and it was defeated, 45 to 18. The plan provides for the organization of a corporation with issuance of certificates under what is known as the Muller law.

Out of the sale of these certificates the first thirty miles of street railways was to be constructed, paralleling existing lines. It is expected that the mayor will now abandon this plan and bring in its place his alternative or "city plan." This contemplates the acquisition by purchase or condemnation of all the lines of the existing street-car companies.

#### MISS H. PEABODY DEAD.

Was One of the Foremost Women Educators in America.

Hamilton, Ohio, Oct. 10.—A telegram received at Western college last night announced the death at Pasadena, Cal., of Miss Helen Peabody, the first president of the college and one of the foremost women educators in America.

### J. M. FINN'S BAND SCORED A SUCCESS

#### PLAYED AT OMAHA THROUGHOUT SUMMER

#### Two Victoria Musicians Back After Four Months' Engagement—Bandmaster Expected on Sunday.

During the past summer a twenty-five piece band, the pieces of which was composed of Victoria musicians, has been constantly employed giving entertainments at the drug park, Omaha. It was organized by J. M. Finn, formerly bandmaster of the Fifth Regiment, and the venture was made by the latter's aggregation in his memorable tour of the Eastern States securing Mr. Finn a season's engagement at Omaha for this year. When the complications which resulted in the latter's resignation occurred he immediately remembered the offer and decided to accept, taking with him members of the band willing to ally themselves with the new organization contemplated.

Early this spring, therefore, a small contingent of local musicians, with Mr. Finn at their head, left for Omaha. Their number was augmented en route, until the required twenty-five members had joined, every one of whom were first-class exponents of some musical instrument. With his capital energy and by dint of his faithful practice, Mr. Finn put the band at his disposal in the best possible shape. The opening concert proved quite satisfactory, and all the subsequent ones were given both afternoon and evening. Not infrequently as many as 20,000 people congregated to witness the Royal Canadian band, the same under which Mr. Finn's organization was known.

Altogether about five months were spent at the park mentioned, entertainments being given both afternoon and evening, a total of two hundred and eighty-two during the summer. That Mr. Finn was able to please the management for such a period is a testimony to the excellence of the music provided. For some time he was assisted by Christian Rodenkrohn, the celebrated New York cornetist. This musician will be remembered by the Victorians, as being the soloist in Wagner's band, Seattle, for several years. He wonderfully fine solo work added much to the attractiveness of the band.

Eventually, considered, the work, although most successful, not only from a musical, but from a financial standpoint. Mr. Finn is now in possession of a fine set of instruments and uniforms, and intends augmenting his band next year to some extent. The achievements of the Royal Canadian band must also have been a good advertisement for Victorians. Conductor Finn and the Victoria band, which he has led to let it be known that they hailed from the capital of British Columbia, and, in doing so, always took advantage of the opportunity to enumerate to his hearers the beauties of Vancouver Island.

Two local musicians who have spent the summer at Omaha with Mr. Finn have returned, namely, George Anderson, clarinet player, and Chas. Cooper, the well known cornetist. They arrived several days ago, and give a glowing account of their success upon the American side. The band, they say, more than made good, and could secure an engagement at almost any of the parks in that state without difficulty. The experience was pleasant, the work, although incessant, being comparatively light. In short, they had a most enjoyable time and are quite willing to again join Mr. Finn when he sets out on his third Eastern pilgrimage next year. Several of the Victoria boys, among whom are George Finn and E. J. Shepherd, obtained positions for the winter in Omaha, and will not return here until their band next year.

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As far as can be gathered he will increase the strength of his band to between forty and fifty members. At the present time it is not definitely decided whether it will play at King's park or in Pittsburg, Pa., next season.

### EXPORTERS ARE LOSING MONEY

#### GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO NEW YORK DELAYED

#### Railway Traffic Officials Will Do All in Their Power to Accommodate Customers.

New York, Oct. 10.—The Journal of Commerce says: "Grain and flour exporters of New York just now are experiencing one of the most severe experiences in their trade's history. They have bought largely in the west, contracted for delivery on the other side and have engaged berth room on outgoing steamships, yet on account of their own shortage or blockades at Buffalo vessels are sailing with little cargo and large losses are being suffered.

Traffic officials of the railroads constituting the Trunk Line Association at a meeting yesterday with the grain committee of the produce exchange made definite promises to at once relieve the grain freight blockade at Buffalo, which is so seriously affecting the export business here at New York. It was officially stated last evening that the grain men need such a strong case that the railroads decided on the spot that every available car should be withdrawn at once from all branch lines and the general movement of merchandise allowed to take care of the export grain business.

"After the close of the conference it was officially stated that the grain exporters of New York have every reason to be satisfied with the agreement entered into. The Trunk Line Association of railroads fully realize, it was said, that the present situation is unprecedented and accordingly are willing to sacrifice revenue in order to accommodate their customers at the terminal points.

The railroad men were informed that the accommodations on the regular line steamers and that this grain had already been purchased in the west in time to arrive here. Exports, however, found that as a result of the blockade they were unable to deliver the grain to the steamers and a loss of the freight charges, amounting to from three to six cents a bushel, was involved. This necessitated purchasing grain for spot delivery in the open market, and as local supplies are so limited the natural effect was a sudden increase in spot prices.

A specific instance is the export grade of corn (No. 2 mixed) which sold last week at 52 1/2 cents, while yesterday's quotation was 61 cents. There has not been a corresponding advance in the option prices of corn or wheat, so that exporters are able to sell their produce at a profit against the blocked stocks. The matter has special significance to the exporters of New York as the congestion is more particularly at the Buffalo gateway, and does not extend as acutely to New York's rival ports. The situation is one that has been particularly injurious to the export flour trade, as especially large flour contracts have been made by the millers for ocean accommodations via the port of New York, and millers have been compelled to send their flour all rail from Buffalo at the correspondingly higher rate for this class of transportation over lake and rail rates."

#### THE PEACE TREATY.

#### Will Become Effective Without Formal Exchange of Ratifications at Washington.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The treaty of peace between Russia and Japan will become effective upon its approval, without waiting the formal exchange of ratifications at Washington. This information was imparted at the Japanese legation today. This course has been decided upon, that the speediest possible termination of the war may be had.

The treaty, it is understood, has passed through the necessary preliminary stages of approval in each country, and is now before the respective Emperors of Japan and Russia for the royal signatures. As soon as it has been signed the fact will be communicated by cable to the state department at Washington. The Washington government has agreed to ratify the treaty as soon as it is received from the Japanese legation today. This course has been decided upon, that the speediest possible termination of the war may be had.

This formal exchange was accomplished by the drawing up and signing of a protocol or memorandum of exchange by special plenipotentiaries commissioned for the purpose. Besides signing the protocol, the copy of the treaty which the Emperor of Russia has signed will be delivered to the Japanese plenipotentiary for transmission to Japan, and the copy signed by the Emperor of Japan likewise will be delivered for transmission to St. Petersburg. This function, according to present intentions, will be devoid of formality. As yet the special plenipotentiaries have not been commissioned and no arrangements have been made for the exchange. The president is found for the telegraphic exchange of ratifications in the manner in which the late treaty between the United States and China was made operative.

#### WILL INCREASE OUTPUT.

Ladysmith Lumber Company's Plant Will Be Moved Near New Block of Timber.

Nasimio, Oct. 10.—Mayor Coburn, of Ladysmith, is in town to speak to the Ladysmith Lumber Co.'s mill, of which he is general manager, a small locality to be used in connection with a new plant. The mill is to be moved from Fiddicks three or four miles further south, and a siding is being put in the Kimberley connecting with the B. & N. New boilers, improved saws, and other machinery is to be used in addition, which will double the capacity of the mill, making it forty thousand feet a day. In the course of another month the new plant will be in operation. The reason for moving is to get closer to the new block of timber and improved shipping facilities.

President Howard, of the Western Fuel Co., left this morning for San Francisco.

#### NEW YORK MAYORALTY.

New York, Oct. 9.—Chas. E. Hughes, counsel for the insurance investigating committee, today declined the Republican nomination for mayor of New York city.

### A DAY'S TRAGEDIES IN MISSISSIPPI

#### TWO NEGROES MEET DEATH IN A DUEL

Near Woodburn, Sst Goodall and Jim Hodges, negroes, engaged in a duel over a negro woman and both were killed. F. F. Harvell and Frank Fuller, both white, had a difficulty in Rulleville, in which Fuller was shot through the heart and killed instantly.

Later in the day the young son of Harvell had occasion to go to Rulleville when C. Z. Bennett, who was a friend of the dead Fuller, accompanied him, and without a word of warning emptied both barrels of a shotgun into young Harvell, killing him instantly.

#### HOUSE WRECKED.

#### Miner in Jail Charged With Having Attempted to Murder Entire Family.

Seattle, Oct. 9.—Charged with attempting to murder an entire family by blowing up their house with dynamite, Frank Hadevis, a French miner, was brought to the city from Ravensdale, by Deputy Sheriff Nat Starvich at midnight last night and lodged in the county jail.

The crime with which Hadevis is charged is the blowing up of the house in which George Alfreds, his wife and three children lived. Alfreds is the foreman of the Northwest Improvement Company's coal mine at Ravensdale, and some time ago Alfreds and Hadevis, a Frenchman, who it is alleged, threatened vengeance. Hadevis left the town and went to work in the Taylor mines, a short distance away, the explosion was returned to Ravensdale, and again repeated his threats to get even with Alfreds.

That night at 1 o'clock a terrific explosion of the building, and although none was seriously injured, all were badly bruised. Deputy Sheriff Starvich, who lives next door, was the first man on the scene, and rescued the family before the fire had seriously injured them. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Starvich said: "I was awakened at 1 o'clock by a terrific explosion that shook the entire house. Rushing out, I saw George Alfreds' house a ruined pile of boards, and a few tongues of flame creeping up through the crevices. I hastily put out the fire and rushed into the house, and children from the wreck. The thick mattress was all that saved Alfreds and his wife. They were blown to the ceiling, but the frame is not found. The mattress, which also saved them when they fell. The charge of dynamite, which is estimated at about 20 sticks, was blown directly beneath Alfreds' bedroom. Hadevis had made many threats to kill Alfreds for discharging him, and as Hadevis has an extremely unsavory reputation, I had no doubt that he had carried out his threats when the explosion occurred. As soon as the family were safe I found Hadevis and cuffed him under arrest."

Sheriff Lou Smith left yesterday for Ravensdale to investigate.

Jefferson P. Phipps, once a wealthy New York banker and business associate of Jay Gould, Commodore Vanderbilt and John P. Blair, was sent to the poorhouse at New York on Monday.

### NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENT

#### APT. CASEY OF THE STANLEY DOLLAR HERE

#### Exonerated From Blame For Loss of Ship By Naval Court of Inquiry.

Captain D. Casey, of the steamship Stanley Dollar, of this port, which was recently wrecked on the Asiatic coast while carrying a cargo of barley to Kobe from San Francisco arrived here Tuesday morning on the steamship Kanagawa Maru, en route to the Golden Gate. The news of the disaster which overtook the steamer has been given in cable messages heretofore published, and Capt. Casey has little to add to that already told other than that the court of inquiry which investigated into the circumstances surrounding the loss of the vessel have completely exonerated him from all blame. The Stanley Dollar, he reports, is a complete wreck, and inasmuch as she was registered at Victoria the finding of the court referred to will be of considerable interest. It is as follows:

The casualty of the Stanley Dollar was caused by that vessel striking at 10:45 a. m. Sept. 6th, 1903, on an isolated sandbar, rock at a distance of about, but not less than, 2 1/2 miles S. E. from Heshiman-Saki Kotsari, Chilia prefecture. She was got off immediately, but being found by the crew on Sept. 12th. The evidence does not fix the position of the rock with absolute precision, but it is clearly shown on recent Japanese charts. The United States chart, corrected to June 2nd, 1893, used by the masters does not indicate danger and accordingly are willing to accept the British Admiralty sailing directions for Japan, etc., 1904, compiled by this court.

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#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

#### English Association Players Have a Poor Opinion of Game as Played in America.

New York, Oct. 10.—Sir Charles Kirkpatrick and his team of English Amateur Association football players arrived here last night. The Britishers, who are travelling under the name of "Pilgrims," arrived at Montreal on September 2nd. Since that time they have played 13 games, winning ten, losing two and drawing one. Their mission is to demonstrate to the American public advantages of Association football as a sport over the game played by the college teams. The members of the team have witnessed several college football games, and emphatically declare that the game is not football at all, but a test of brute strength with very little science.

Capt. Milnes voiced the sentiment of the members of his team yesterday, when he said: "I cannot see much merit in the football game as played by the American colleges. It is involved, unscientific and puts a premium on brute strength. The game we play is skillful, scientific and easy to understand."

The visitors will remain in the city until Friday, when they will leave for Fall River, where they will play on Saturday. Returning to New York the following day they will begin practice for the match for all New York on Saturday, October 22nd.

Invitations have been sent to several presidents and members of faculties of eastern colleges to witness the game.

#### MURDERER ESCAPED.

Hothenthal, Who Killed Procurator-General of Finland, Gains His Liberty.

Helsingford, Oct. 10.—Hothenthal, the murderer of Sasonen Solminen, the procurator-general of Finland, escaped during the night from the prison here where he was undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for life.

Karl Lonari Hothenthal was formerly a student in the imperial Alexander University at Helsingfors. He wounded a son of the murdered man and was wounded himself in a fight which followed the murder. Hothenthal was acquitted by the widespread condemnation of Solminen's failure as procurator-general to guard the ancient laws of Finland.

#### STAGE COACH HELD UP.

Express Messenger Wounded, But Driver Succeeded in Saving Speed.

Redding, Cal., Oct. 10.—A handit held up the Redding & Delmar stage which carried money to pay off the employees of the Bully Hill mine yesterday. The express messenger was shot and was shot but he may recover. When the driver whipped up the horses two more highwaymen appeared, and there was a running fight for 200 yards, the stage escaping.

### GERMAN PROFESSOR ENTERS PROTEST

#### AGAINST TREATMENT BY AMERICAN OFFICIAL

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Dr. Theodore Zincke, professor of chemistry in the University of Marburg, Germany, who passed through Chicago yesterday on his way to New York, declared that although he had travelled all over Asia and Africa, he never before received such discourteous treatment as was given him when he entered the United States. He asserted that on his way to Seattle last week he was treated like a Chinaman, and forced to pay a fee of \$2 before he was allowed to cross the boundary line.

Prof. Zincke was a classmate of Ira Remsen, one of the authorities on chemistry in the United States. His visit to Chicago was to renew his friendship with two of his former pupils, Max Henius and Dr. Robt. Wahl. To them he asserted that on his arrival in Germany he will lay the matter before the bureau of foreign affairs. He is accustomed to spend three months of every year in travel, and this year he came to America to view the grand canon of the Colorado and to visit Alaska.

On his return from the Klondike he took a steamer from Vancouver to Seattle, and it was while on board this boat that an unknown official "treated him like a Chinaman."

After he had answered "numberless interrogations" he was told that he was an alien and was compelled to pay \$2 as a fee for being allowed to land.

#### SHOT OVER MOTHER'S BODY.

#### Man Wounded Sister and Brother and His Brother-in-Law.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 10.—As the result of a long-continued family quarrel, John Budenik Sunday shot his sister, Frances, aged 22, his brother Jacob, aged 52, and his brother-in-law, Peter Smeal, the last two will die. Miss Budenik is not seriously injured.

The shooting took place at the Smeal home in a room where Budenik's mother lay dead. He had not been permitted to see his mother during her illness. Learning of her death, he broke into the house and made his way to the chamber where the undertakers were preparing the body for burial. He found the entire family there. His sister Frances spoke to him. He answered with a blow and then began to shoot, firing over his mother's body. He was arrested.

#### HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT

#### Has Been Prorogued Until the Fifth of December.

Buda Pest, Oct. 10.—Parliament was prorogued by royal rescript until December 5th. Acting Premier Baron Fejervary and his colleagues did not attend the brief sitting of parliament. The Baron merely sent the president of the Lower house the receipt signed by the King Emperor, Francis Joseph, proroguing parliament and explaining that the step was necessitated by the fact that no successor had been attained in forming a new cabinet on a basis which would secure parliament against disorder.

#### SURRENDERED TO SHERIFF.

#### Former President Locked Up in Jail at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 10.—Newton C. Dougherty, former bank president and defuncting school superintendent, against whom indictments for forgery and embezzlement were returned yesterday, drove to the jail last night and surrendered himself to the sheriff and was locked up.

### BARKENTINE POST—ONE OF HER CREW

#### WAS DROWNED WHEN VESSEL WAS AT SHANGHAI

#### Fight Took Place in Small Boat and Ch'ien Went Overboard—Trotbe Between Mates.

Port Townsend, Oct. 10.—Capt. Dierick, of the American barkentine Kohala, arriving this morning from Shanghai, reports losing a man while lying in the Changhai river. The unfortunate was a Chinese named Lois Alveres. At the time of the drowning he with two other men were in a boat alongside the vessel. A fight ensued and Lois went overboard and was drowned.

The first and second mates of the Kohala had trouble on the voyage to this port, and the two wore a choice assortment of blackeyes and battered faces upon arrival this morning.

#### CURE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

#### Wealthy New Yorker Offers \$50,000 Towards Fund If Prof. Behring Will Announce Treatment.

New York, Oct. 10.—The Herald to-day says: "Prof. Behring's announcement to the International Tuberculosis Congress in Paris of a cure for consumption has aroused widespread interest in America. One of New York's wealthiest and best known citizens, whose name is withheld for the present, has authorized the Herald to announce that he will contribute \$50,000 to a fund to present to Prof. Behring if he will at once announce to the world his treatment and not withhold it for a year. The only qualification to this offer is that the treatment must first be pronounced successful by a competent committee of physicians. The donor's physician, one of the wisest of practitioners in America, is to be a member."

#### SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

#### Forty-eight Non-Unionists Forced to Spend Night in Box Cars.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—A weary, hungry lot of non-union switchmen spent last night in box cars on a siding of the Grand Trunk freight yards at Elsdon. They did not take the lodgings for choice, but because the residents of Elsdon, out of sympathy for the strikers, had driven every non-union man from abetted in the suburb. Every hotel, lodging quarters and boarding house and private residence in Elsdon joined in the "boycott," even the saloons refusing admittance to the unwelcome strangers. Yardmaster Conroy, of the Grand Trunk, offered them some empty box cars on the siding.

The saloons were procured by the union men went supperless to bed. The railroad officials said that arrangements would be made to house the men in barracks.

#### COAST CITIES SAFE.

#### United States Secretary of War on Defences on the Atlantic and Pacific.

New York, Oct. 10.—"No foreign power should successfully assail our seaboard cities. With the safety of our forts rendered impregnable by the fire control system, sweeping a zone that would bring annihilation to any fleet within range of the batteries of big guns, the seaboard cities are safe from foreign invasion," said Secretary of War William H. Taft. He returned Saturday enthusiastic from his visit to Fort Hamilton and Sandy Hook.

"To be sure a squadron could approach under the cloak of fog into San Francisco, for particularly where fogs and dense weather prevail the situation would offer more advantage to an attacking force. With the development of the torpedo and submarine systems, however, which has been satisfactory, and will continue in keeping with appropriations for the purpose, Pacific Coast cities will be safe even should the elements favor the approach of an enemy. There are plenty of guns on the Atlantic seaboard to defend it, but there must be no diminution of artillery or change made in the plans to increase its strength."

Secretary Taft said he would start about the first of November on his trip to Panama. "I do not expect to spend more than three days on the Isthmus this time," he said. "The President asked me to go and I feel it is necessary. The work we are doing is approval in a great many ways, but there is one phase of it which we believe could be improved and must be improved at once. That is in providing quarters for the men we are sending down there and in making these men comfortable. Mr. Wallace's idea was that our first work should be to find out how they get through one-hour day in the tropics with its tendency to dehydrate a man they shall have somewhere to go for amusement—have something to read, and want to be induced to take brandy and soda. I shall examine very carefully the quarters that have been built already and push this work along. I shall also see how the money has been spent down there."