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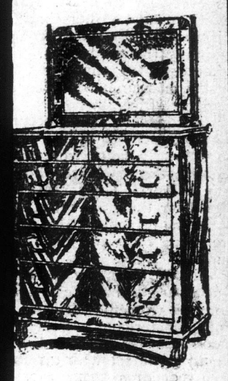

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ASK RAILWAY FOR THIS ISLAND

Meeting Held in Nanaimo Last Night Was Memorable Assembly in Vancouver Island History

ORGANIZED EFFORT FOR TRANSCONTINENTAL

Delegates to Vancouver Island Development League Rally Are in Harmony on Railway Policy

Nanaimo, May 6.—For several reasons the meeting of the Vancouver Island Development League held in Nanaimo last night was a memorable one, and should mark an historic epoch in the making of Vancouver Island.

It was the first meeting ever held on the Island attended by representatives from its various sections gathered to discuss the advancement of the Island as a whole. It also marks the first organized effort undertaken by the Island as a whole towards the bringing to Vancouver Island of a transcontinental railway. In no less degree was the meeting a noteworthy one as it saw the people of the northern and southern ends of the Island working on common ground.

Rightly or wrongly the impression has gained ground in Nanaimo and other sections that the people of Victoria could see no farther than the outskirts of their own city. Last night's meeting removed this feeling and found all sections of the great Island pulling together.

Among the delegates present were Messrs. H. G. Wilson, C. H. Lugrin, Shallcross, Leiser, McGaffey, Government Mineralogist Sutton, Victoria; Peterson, Duncans; Stewart and Wilson, Ladysmith; McKenny, Clayoquot; Mayor Hodgson, Capt. Yates, J. W. Coburn, J. A. Macdonald, Nanaimo, besides a couple of hundred citizens from Nanaimo. Mr. J. W. Coburn, president of the Nanaimo Citizens' League, welcomed the guests, and Col. Prior of Victoria occupied the chair, in his opening remarks paying a pretty compliment to Nanaimo, in which city he spent several years of his earlier life.

McGaffey Speaks

Mr. McGaffey, general secretary of the Island Development Association, was the first speaker, and in a brief but stirring address explained the object of the Association, taking occasion, as did all the other Victoria speakers, to say that the aim of the Victoria men associated with the League was not so much the advancement of Victoria alone as it was the general development of the whole Island, doing which not only Victoria, but every community on the Island would reap the advantages.

The most important item of business of the evening was the discussion of the railway policy of the league. The tenor of the several speakers on the subject was that Vancouver Island is entitled to transcontinental railway connection, that for long enough has she helped pay for railway subsidies to lines coming to British Columbia and yet having no direct mainland connection herself, that no railway policy of the provincial government would be satisfactory to the Islanders that does not bring a transcontinental railway to the island and that now is the psychological moment to move actively and in conjunction in the matter.

Mr. Lungrin, introducing the railway resolution originating from the Nanaimo branch of the league, said that the league did not wish to make a mere academic expression on the subject but wanted to place its views before the public as strongly as possible to induce definite action. He looked upon the meetings as the beginning of a movement that would not end until trains were running across the continent and on to Vancouver Island. Mayor Hodgson, of Nanaimo, took great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Island Versus Mainland.

Captain Yates, of Nanaimo, did not see why we should pay for roads to run to Vancouver all the time when the island had more commercial inducements to offer than the mainland. In Nanaimo alone the registered tonnage was 1,500,000 tons for last year, at Comox 696,000 tons, at Ladysmith nearly as much, at Chemainus 150,000 tons, being about 3,000,000 tons for the Nanaimo district. Take the matter of sick mariners' fees received in Canada for last year, which was a good way to arrive at the volume of shipping in a port. Halifax led the Dominion, with Nanaimo a close second.

The coal tonnage from Nanaimo alone formed a considerable portion of the total exports of the entire Province. A railway was not only necessary to the Island, but it would be profitable to the company operating it. It offered a shorter route to the Orient, and as wheat was about to be shipped in large quantities from the coast, as had been predicted years ago, it could be brought by transcontinental railway to the Island, coming by way of the northern end of the Island and shipped at the Island seaports, where steamers could have the double advantage of

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LATEST NEWS OF ADANA HORROR

Rev. Stephen R. Trowbridge, American Missionary, Says Twenty-Three Thousand Are Dead

ONLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEFT

Government of Adana Province in League With Moslem Murderers — Plan to Wipe Out Armenians

Adana, April 28, via Constantinople, May 6.—The Rev. Stephen R. Trowbridge, a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions estimates the number of Armenians killed in the province of Adana since the outbreak of the Anti-Christian rioting as 23,000. Continuing the missionary said today:

"The surviving Armenians in the entire province are largely women and children. They amount to about 25,000 souls and are today without homes or anything. A most pitiable and wretched multitude is passing up and down the streets of Adana like a lost people. They throng the big factory yards, where a dole of flour is given out by the relief committee. Crowds of broken hearted women and children are coming in from the country to even greater misery in the city."

Internecine War.

Mr. Trowbridge has written a further account of the events at Adana in which he says:

"The Armenians did not die without resisting the fury of the Turks which increased in proportion as the Armenians succeeded in slaying Mohammedans. For two days preceding the outbreak there had been a bitter feud between Moslems and Christians.

"In one vineyard shooting was begun and hatred was aroused on April 13. An Armenian, who had been beaten, shot one of his opponents dead and wounded two others. This man escaped to Mersina and took passage on a vessel.

"The Turks in Adana then assumed a menacing attitude, which greatly alarmed the Armenians. The body of the Moslem killed in the vineyard was purposedly dragged to an open square and left there exposed by the Turks as a fanatical challenge.

"Subsequent events have shown clearly that the Adana government acquiesced; if it did not actually participate in the cruel and indiscriminate assaults which were thereupon made by fire, rifle and sword upon the entire Armenian community. Two Christian prisoners who escaped from Government headquarters report that horsemen came in at intervals from outlying towns and villages and reported to the military authorities as follows:

Government in League

"'Hamidieh is finished,' or 'Osminiyeh is finished,' meaning that the Armenian population of these places had been put to the sword. The military officers received this information as a matter of course."

Continuing, Mr. Trowbridge relates how he had reached the Governor of Adana by a dash across the city carrying a Turkish flag and accompanied by two Turks.

"The Governor was running about in dismay," Mr. Trowbridge says, and could scarcely give a coherent answer to my questions and demands. I told him of the murder of Henry Maurer and D. M. Rogers, American missionaries. His answer was, "We cannot be responsible." To this I replied, "You must be responsible. We have no other force to rely on except the Government. You have abandoned us through this crisis."

On his way back to the mission house Mr. Trowbridge observed that all the shops on the Central Square of Adana, both Christian and Moslem, had been looted. Armenians begging refuge at the Government headquarters were killed in the market place. Villagers who brought prisoners to the Government headquarters were asked:

"Why did you not finish these Giaours in the villages? Why have you brought them here?" It is Mr. Trowbridge's conviction that a plot had been arranged to destroy the 30,000 Armenians in Adana province.

CAPT. TATLOW HAD HEART-TO-HEART TALKS

Minister of Finance at Nanaimo and Alberni Was Well Received

Capt. Tatlow, minister of finance, returned today from a brief but pleasant trip to Nanaimo and Alberni. At the latter place he met and addressed an enthusiastic gathering of over 200 citizens, with whom he discussed the needs of the district.

Politics were tabooed, and the meeting resolved itself into a heart-to-heart conference between the minister and the people.

Premier McBride was unfortunately prevented from attending, through the death of his father, but his place was admirably filled by Dr. Young, the Minister of Education, whose many friends were glad to welcome him.

Entertaining the Visiting Editors From Australasia Yesterday

LINE OF AUTOS BEING FILLED WITH SIGHT-SEEING EDITORS

SOME LADIES OF THE PARTY

GEORGE HAM "BUZZING" THE LADIES

KERMESS IS OFF AND EXPERT LEAVES

Miss Stewart Who Came to Plan Society Charity Affair and Local Leaders Disagreed Over Plans

The proposed kermess that was to have enlivened the early part of the summer social season in Victoria is off, according to information The Evening Post obtained today, and Miss Lila Stewart, the kermess expert, who was to have arranged and organized the affair, is on her way East very much in a huff.

Miss Stewart came here by request, she said, from Portland, about a week ago and opened negotiations with some prominent social leaders with the object of organising a kermess in Victoria for the benefit of charity. Miss Stewart had had notable successes elsewhere and came here with a reputation. Her plan was to interest the society people of the city in her project, have them decide upon what charity was most deserving, and then, she would organize them and rehearse for the costume dances. In Portland, authentic reports show, Miss Stewart's kermess cleared several thousand dollars. In that city society took hold of the thing with a will and it was an immense success.

For Local Benefit.

When Miss Stewart came here last week and began holding conferences with local social leaders the idea was to have the affair for the benefit of the local branch of the Tuberculosis League. Everything went swimmingly for several days and the affair was as good as planned. Then, according to a report which cannot be confirmed, there arose trouble over the question of costumes. Miss Stewart wanted new gowns and such fixings to make the kermess a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The local ladies couldn't see it that way at all and the upshot of the lively discussion was that Miss Stewart and her sister departed from Victoria by last evening's boat after vouchsafing to certain friends opinions which, while they were quite lady-like, were not altogether complimentary.

STRIKERS ARE MET WITH VOLLEY OF SHOTS

Crew of Steamer at Buffalo Defend It Against Attack of Strikers

Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—Strikers who rushed on board the steamer Charles W. Kotcher at the export elevator dock here last night to take off the crew were met with a volley of shots by the special watchmen on board.

The strikers stuck to the boat until the police reserves arrived. They then scattered. No one was hit by the revolver shots. A number of the crew of the Badger State were badly beaten on the dock just before the steamer sailed last night.

Five Years' Imprisonment

Stratford, Ont., May 6.—Aloyius Guerin, found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Alex. Sutherland of West Zorra, who was found dead in the rear of the Guerin residence last February, was sentenced this morning to five years in penitentiary.

NO MORE SUNDAY GAMES OF BALL

North Vancouver Decides to Enforce Lord's Day Act and Will Prosecute Umpire, Managers and Players

Vancouver, May 6.—By the casting vote of Mayor May of North Vancouver today, the police commissioners of that city decided to enforce the Lord's Day Act and prevent any further baseball games being played on Sunday. The umpire, managers and players of last Sunday's game will be prosecuted in the city police court.

Critic Criticised.

London, May 6.—Referring to the attack of C. L. Owens, M. P. for East Northumberland, on British shoddy, in the Canadian Commons, the Financier says it is regrettable that a man competent to be a member of the Dominion Parliament should indulge in such lurid talk against commercial opponents.

PUGSLEY WAS NOT PRESENT

Ottawa, May 6.—O. S. Crocket, Conservative member for York, N. B., resumed the debate in the Pugsley case in the Commons this morning. Mr. Pugsley was not in his place in the House, as he said last night that he would withdraw from the chamber, preferring to leave the House untrammeled in doing what it might deem fit.

FRENCH POSTMEN CONSIDERING STRIKE

French Unions of Postal Employees in Sympathy With Parisian Strikers But Hesitate Going Out

Paris, May 6.—The unions in the province of the postal employees continue to declare their sympathy with their Parisian colleagues, and the strike committees have re-established. Nevertheless the state employees are manifesting a disposition to hesitate before declaring in favor of a general strike which would stop the machinery of the Government and the industries of the country.

M. Pauron, one of the most active agitators in favor of a strike, has been suspended for failure to appear for duty. Pauron is a postmaster. On account of his indisposition, Premier Clemenceau was not able today to receive the delegation of postmen who came to demand the fulfillment of the promises which they claim the Government has not kept in connection with the settlement of the late strike.

CAVE-IN MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

Nelson Jury Finds This in Inquest on Wallace E. Milldren

Nelson, B.C., May 6.—The inquest on the body of Wallace E. Milldren, killed in a cave-in of a side trench in which he was working resulted in the following verdict: "That the deceased came to his death on Ward street, in the city of Nelson, at midday on Tuesday, May 4, from suffocation caused by a cave-in of the tunnel in which he was working and that in our opinion the said cave-in could have been prevented by proper timbering or shoring up of the sides of the said excavation."

A TIDAL WAVE ON LAKE ERIE

Dwellers by Big Inland Sea Startled by Strange Behavior of the Water Today

RISES AND FALLS IN NOVEL MANNER

Mariners at a Loss to Explain Weird Phenomenon, and Local Forecaster Has Found a Hard Problem

Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—Lake Erie has been exhibiting a weird behavior since midnight and has risen and fallen several times in a manner that old mariners along the waterfront say has never before been duplicated within their memory.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning, the lookouts at the life-saving station noticed that the water was rising rapidly.

At 4 o'clock it had risen from four to five feet, according to their estimates, a condition that has never been known to exist unless a gale was blowing.

Between 4 and 4.30 this morning the water began going out of the harbor with a rush. It went down so rapidly that the boats in the Blackwall canal and along the river tugged at their moorings and were banged hard against their docks.

The steamer Iron Queen, lying at the old salt docks on the Blackwell, pulled up the piles to which she was moored and was carried down with the rise of the water to the outer harbor, where she was caught by the police boat, before she had sustained any damage.

What caused the rise of the water no one seems to know. Mariners are at a loss to account for the phenomenon, but refer to it as a tidal wave. Forecaster Cuthbertson reported that the wind was blowing only 36 miles an hour at 5 o'clock this morning and in a direction opposite to what would have caused the rise in water. He was unable to account for the phenomenon.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL WAS BURNED TODAY

New Fifty Thousand Dollar Building Will Be Put Up

Cranbrook, B.C., May 5.—At three o'clock this morning the public school here was burned to the ground. The fire had too much of a hold before the alarm was given for the efforts of the fire department to be of any avail. The origin of the fire is absolutely unknown.

The janitor says that there was no fire in the building at 6.30 yesterday evening. There is no insurance. The contractor is on the ground and the new $50,000 school will be rushed with all despatch.

WEALTHY MINING MAN IN STREET ROW

John Berkin, of Butte, Defends Woman And Assault on Son-in-Law Follows

Butte, Mont., May 6.—John Berkin, a prominent mining man, alighted from his auto in the heart of the business district last night to slap the face of a young man who had applied a vile epithet to a woman member of Berkin's party. A mob gathered and the police arrested Walter Malloy, Bert Malloy and Berkin and took all three to jail. Later W. G. Weston, a son-in-law of Berkin, was coming out of a newspaper office when he was felled by a blow on the head. He may die.

PERILOUS TIMES BY LAND AND SEA

Hon. Carter-Cotton, Shipwrecked, Returns, But Council Members Still Quake

The Hon. Carter-Cotton's strenuous adventures by land and sea during the past week, led to grave fears that the scheduled meeting of the executive council would not take place today. Even the arrival of the shipwrecked president of the council did not totally allay the fears of the timid members and if the meeting does eventually take place no matter of importance will be discussed.

The question of the privilege of building a private road in the vicinity of Vernon will be the chief subject of debate next to the congratulations, the sympathy and the condolences which Mr. Carter-Cotton will certainly receive.

Judge Hannington Dead

St. John, N. B., May 6.—Judge Daniel L. Hannington of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, died suddenly this morning at his home in Dorchester. He was taken ill some months ago, but death was not looked for, as he had rallied and apparently had passed the dangerous point. General disability was the cause of death. He was prominent in New Brunswick political life before his appointment to the bench.

JOURNALISTS ON THEIR WAY

Australasian Delegates to Imperial Press Conference in London Took Boat for Vancouver This Afternoon

PAY HIGH TRIBUTE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

In Valedictory at Parting, Visiting Editors Speak in High Terms of Canada, Her People and Her Institutions

After having had their introduction to the Dominion through the gateway of Victoria the Australian and New Zealand delegates to the Imperial Press Conference in London left for Vancouver at two o'clock this afternoon and began another stage of their journey across the continent.

One of them, just prior to leaving, spoke for the party in expressing the keenest pleasure at the reception they had been accorded in this city. "Not only have we been enabled to form the most kindly impression of Canada at first sight," said the spokesman, "but we will always cherish warm regard in our breasts for our colonial brothers, the Canadians."

The delegates spent this morning informally. Many of them had packing to do, while others busied themselves about town, looking over the shops and strolling through the residential districts. Shortly before luncheon hour some of the visitors formed a small party which visited the Provincial Museum. They were impressed with the excellent collection of fur-bearing animals and not a mammals were carefully noted in few of British Columbia's fuzzy-coated pocket diaries.

A Valedictory

Edward S. Cunningham, editor of the Melbourne Argus, gave the valedictory for the party, before leaving for Vancouver. He said:

"The delegates from Australasia who have had the happiness to be in Victoria for a couple of days are leaving with the liveliest sense of pleasure, not only at having seen your very fine city, but in having met a number of the representative citizens, who have shown them an unexpected and almost overwhelming hospitality.

"Australians who take thought of the great questions arising from the imperial feeling are deeply interested in the progress of Canada, and they find themselves on reaching your shores for the first time on a footing of imperial brotherhood. We are apt in our own country to imagine that we have a monopoly of fervor for the grandeur of the Empire, but have to confess that coming here we find men in leading positions quite outdoing us in enthusiasm.

"It is impossible to convey what all this means to us. We feel that we have a great destiny in the Southern Pacific, and the fast-growing power of the Canadian Dominion in the Northern Pacific appeals to us as a promise of what the British people must ultimately attain to in their overlordship of the ocean which divides us.

"The spirit with which the British Columbians are animated inspires us with a confident hope that we must come nearer to each other in maintaining the prestige of the British name and the institutions of the Motherland, which we have so steadily adhered to and developed under conditions such as mark the opening up of new countries, which conditions present difficulties in the way of establishing old world principles and practices. We in Australia claim to have succeeded to a considerable extent in this most difficult work and we are urged on to even greater achievements by the knowledge that we have of how Canada has not only met but overcome obstacles to the development of Imperial unity.

A Tribute to B. C.

"We admire the system of Provincial Government that you have here, which preserves to your own people the fullest opportunity for the development of their territory in accordance with their own ideas and necessities, while at the same time you contribute so magnificently to the general development of the Dominion. In our system of federation, we deliberately adopted a form of government which is the opposite of the Canadian model. This is to say, we delegate to the Federal Legislature certain specific functions, leaving all the others to the respective states, and the world now will have an opportunity of judging as between these two forms of federation. So it will be a great triumph for the British people the world over if both Canada and Australia are able to show that they can make use of the instruments of government which are so different from each other in such a way as not only to build up and consolidate their respective countries, but concurrently enhance the prestige of the British people."

Favor Imperial Press Bureau.

Strong refutation was given the notion that the Australian press representatives oppose the idea of an imperial press bureau as outlined by Sir Sanford Fleming, by T. Temperley, proprietor of the Richmond River Times, of Ballina, N. S. W., and representative of the Daily Argus and the

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