

Wyer's Evidence

Jas. A. Baker Examined Today in the Rice Murder Trial.

Acted as Attorney Up to the Time of Millionaire's Death.

York, April 10.—The taking of evidence in the commitment proceedings in the case of Albert T. Patrick, accused of having caused the death of Wm. Rice, was resumed to-day before Judge Jerome.

Mr. Baker, in reply to questions by Assistant District Attorney Osborne, advised that Patrick had never acted as an attorney up to the time of his death in September last. The first news received of the death of the aged millionaire was in a telegram sent him on the 10th of September.

He immediately telegraphed to Mr. Rice to confer with Mr. S. Melvin to ascertain the status quo until he (Melvin) arrived in New York. He left this city on Thursday following the death of Mr. Rice. He went to the apartment house at once and met Patrick there. Mr. Rice was with him.

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Output Is Restricted

Crow's Nest Southern Bill Before Railway Committee of Dominion House.

Proposed Lines Would Reach New Markets for Coal and Coke.

Ottawa, April 11.—There was a crowded meeting at the railway committee to-day, as it was arranged for the Crow's Nest Southern bill to come up. Representatives of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. and the C. P. R. were present.

Mr. Lash, on behalf of the Crow's Nest Coal Co., explained the proposed lines. He stated that the company had an inexhaustible supply of coal, and that the demand for coal from that part of Canada was comparatively small, and the demand for coke was both small and variable.

Mr. Lash pointed out that the coal in the ground was valueless, but that when mined and manufactured it yielded a revenue for the country, no matter what the output.

Mr. Lash intimated everything in the report depended upon the railway company being incorporated.

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SONGHEES INDIANS TO BE REMOVED

Hon. Mr. Sifton Announces That a Basis of Settlement Has Been Reached With the Local Government.

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STEELE RAILS FOR GLASGOW.

Municipal Committee Recommends Purchasing Over Three Thousand Tons From U. S. Firms.

New York, April 11.—Private cable advices last night brought the news that the Glasgow, Scotland, municipal committee had recommended the awarding of a big contract to an American steel company for the supplying of 3,450 tons of rails and fish-plates for the municipal street railway of Glasgow.

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THE QUESTION OF TAXES

English Press Giving Matter More Attention as Budget Day Draws Near.

Chancellor of the Exchequer May Recommend Reform System of Taxation.

New York, April 11.—The attention of the English press is directed once more to the reform system of taxation, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer may find it expedient to recommend in the budget speech, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

The Daily Mail has been advocating a tariff virtually of the protective order for several months, and its protests against unlimited direct taxation have been even more strenuously reiterated since the return of Alfred Hamsworth from America.

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URGE APPEAL TO POWERS

Singapore Filipino Junta Protest Against Alleged Contemplated Torture of Aguinaldo.

Insurgent Appointed Governor of Iloilo—Native Troops Surrender to Macarthur.

London, April 11.—At a secret meeting of the Filipino Junta held here to-day, 36 representative Filipinos from Madrid, Barcelona, Paris and Brussels were present.

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WANT COMPETITIVE LINE.

Residents of Spallumcheen Instruct Price Ellison to Vote for Independent Road.

Armstrong, April 11.—A large and influential mass meeting of farmers and residents of the municipality of Spallumcheen was held in the town hall, last night, to discuss the proposed extension of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

After a lively discussion a resolution was put to leave the matter in the hands of Price Ellison. This was defeated by a large majority, and the following resolution then carried unanimously:

The residents of the municipality of Spallumcheen, in public meeting assembled, hereby endorse railway competition, and express the strongest sympathy with the struggle being made by our fellow citizens of Similkameen, Nicola, Kootenay and the Coast cities to secure the immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway by a company entirely independent of the Canadian Pacific railway, and we hereby request our member, Price Ellison, to vote for railway competition.

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A Clever Criminal

Police Officers Capture an Expert Counterfeiter Who Had Broken Jail.

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