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Unemployed Massed to Meet the Premier

Police Had to Clear the Way in Nanaimo--Hon. R. McBride Is in a Dilemma.

Nanaimo, March 26.—While Conservatives gathered in the Free Press hall last night to welcome Premier McBride, J. H. Hawthornthwaite addressed about 100 unemployed men who have not taken advantage of the government work in the district, as they will not sign the statutory declaration required by the government.

The unemployed passed a resolution condemning the declaration, claiming that in case any of the men who signed it returned to their English homes they would be disfranchised under the English law.

The committee of the unemployed followed by the entire gathering, tried to rush the Free Press hall to press the resolution on Mr. McBride. The premier was not in the hall at the time and the crowd would not take the assurances of the Conservatives that he was in his hotel and continued to press for an entrance. Finally the Conservatives called the police and cleared the hallways, driving the crowd into the street. There they learned the premier was in the Wilson hotel, and led by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, a committee waited on him. The premier stated that on his return to Victoria he would call a meeting of the executive to consider the point raised re disfranchisement in case of signing the declaration.

The Conservatives are much relieved that the premier's visit passed off without any outward demonstration against him as it was first thought would occur. A large number of men who have been idle are employed on government work.

It is now generally acknowledged that Premier McBride in his efforts to serve the ends of the Socialist leader, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, made a tactical blunder. It is also certain that the premier would gladly retrace his steps if he could as he has in his administration of the whole question antagonized the Conservatives of Nanaimo and has probably in his efforts to please the Socialist leader, failed even to satisfy the Socialists.

The system of employing men out of work in Nanaimo has become a joke in that city. Men with good bank accounts are known to have been given work. In the end the situation became scandalous that the government was forced to investigate. William Thompson, government agent at Port Alberni, who was formerly mayor of Nanaimo, was sent to the latter city to report upon the whole situation. He recommended as a means of overcoming some of the worst features that the men should make an affidavit that they had no money. This it was felt would shut out those who had means to live without the aid of the government work.

But the abuses in connection with the work are still many so that the premier is being harassed by the members of his party in Nanaimo for following the dictation of J. H. Hawthornthwaite rather than taking counsel with the party leaders in the city.

Mayor Planta, who is himself a very prominent Conservative, and looked upon as a probable seeker after parliamentary honors, expressed the opinion that the city could handle all cases of destitution. The E. & N. Railway Company was also seeking help at the time to engage in the work of construction but it is said that the Socialist leaders, for their own selfish ends, persuaded those who would otherwise have sought work in these camps to desist from it.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, it is alleged, made capital against Mayor Planta, in connection with the whole undertaking and Premier McBride has now been called upon to put himself right with the Conservative Association. Hence his visit to Nanaimo last night.

SAYS HE IS SON OF MULTI-MILLIONAIRE

Deserter, Awaiting Court Martial, Escapes From San Francisco Presedio.

San Francisco, March 26.—The obscurity enshrouding the career of Max Jagerhuber, jr., the alleged scion of a millionaire New Cork manufacturer, and relative to a United States Supreme justice, a United States senator and a New York judge, who was placed in jail on the eve of the San Francisco earthquake for passing a fraudulent cheque at the St. Francis hotel, has been uncovered, and he is again thrust into notoriety by the efforts of the United States army officials at the Presidio to apprehend him on a charge of deserting while awaiting sentence for court-martial.

Jagerhuber, who was serving in the army for nearly two years before being placed under arrest for alleged desertion under the alias of Charles Lacey, escaped from the Presidio on Tuesday, and was accompanied, it is said, by a sergeant. He is 22 years old. He is the son, according to his own statement to the police, of Max Jagerhuber, of 172 Fifth avenue, New York, who is reputed to be worth $20,000,000. He also, it is said, claimed relationship with the United States Supreme Justice Fuller and a United States senator.

ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Montreal, March 25.—After a strong charge in their favor by Justice Lavergne, Franciso Civiarri, Giovanni Manci and Maria Ardita, three Italians who have for almost a week been on trial at the court of King's bench on the charge of murdering Ernesto Cassiori last month, were acquitted by the jury. The Italians were immediately set at liberty. In his dying deposition Cassieri declared the Civavarri had shot him, and he accused Mancini and Maria Ardita of being accomplices. Judge Lavergne in his charge upheld the main contention of the defence that Cassieri had committed suicide in a moment of jealousy and despondency caused by loss of money and ill-health.

JAPANESE CABINET.

Tokio, March 26.—The changes in the cabinet announced yesterday are regarded as a declaration that the constitutionalists will remain in power until after the general elections.

PULP TOO CHEAP IN ST. JOHN.

St. John, N. B., March 26.—Manager Spaulding, of the Miramichi Pulp & Paper Company, announces that the mills here will be closed down until the price of pulp advances.

DISCOUNT RATE UNCHANGED.

Weekly Statement Issued by "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

London, March 26.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 3 per cent.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease £327,000; circulation, increase £477,000; bullion, increase £150,283; other securities, increase $3,018,-000; other deposits, increase £2,339,000; public deposits, increase £274,000; notes reserve, decrease £302,000; government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liabilities this week is 48.64 per cent., compared with 51.26 per cent. last week.

SLOCAN OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

Nelson, March 25.—The success of the Granite-Poorman mine, situated on the Kootenay river about five miles below the city, has led to other properties in that vicinity starting work. Yesterday J. P. Swedburg made a small shipment from the Nevada. Work has been resumed recently on the Victoria, Eureka and Alman, and T. Brown is working some claims. This means six properties being opened up in that neighborhood. Altogether the mining outlook for the Slocan properties is much better to-day than it was at this time last year.

SAYS RAILWAYS ARE NOT PROSPEROUS

J. J. Hill Takes Gloomy Outlook on Immediate Future of Roads.

Washington, March 26.—Jas. J. Hill was in Washington yesterday, but he would not discuss the Minnesota railroad decision.

"The courts have said all there is to say on that head," he said. Referring to the statement issued by Franklin Lane, of the inter-state commerce commission, to the effect that the railways are prosperous despite reports to the contrary, Mr. Hil said: "Keep that article before you, then follow the accounts of railways affairs for the next three months, daily, and see how the facts and the optimist's views compare with each other.

"We railway people are in no position to do too much talking just now. We prefer to let the facts speak for themselves—and they will speak loud enough.

"The Pennsylvania would not lay off any of its men if it could possibly afford to keep them," continued Mr. Hill, "but it cannot afford it. It is not earning enough to do so. It is the same situation all over. It is too heavy a draught on optimism to see these affairs in the right light. The facts will make their own reply. It may take a little time, but the answer will come, sure."

REDISTRIBUTION MIX-UP.

Liberals Nominated in Huron Ridings (Ontario), Will Have to Stand Down.

Toronto, March 26.—The redistribution outlined by Premier Whitney makes new Liberal nominations necessary in Huron as the territory is greatly changed. Mr. Proudfoot was nominated in West Riding and Mr. Kerr in the east. The ridings are now north and centre and both men are residents in the new centre riding. There is a similar mix-up in Middlesex.

CLIFFORD SIFTON IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, March 26.—The Hon. Clifford Sifton, accompanied by Premier Walter Scott, came to the city last night from Ottawa. The former is here to see his father, the Hon. J. W. Sifton, who is seriously ill with sciatica.

CRIME CARNIVAL BY BOY THUGS

SEATTLE'S YOUTH SHOWS TERRIBLE PRECOCITY

Nine Little Desperadoes Engage in Assaults, Robberies and Burglaries.

Seattle, March 26.—A gang of nine youthful desperadoes ranging in age from 13 to 16 years has been operating in Seattle for the past few months, robbing helpless old men, holding up citizens on the water front, looting houses and committing all sorts of thefts. They were on their career of crime on Monday evening when, by the confession of Floyd Goodman, the leader of the gang, and Timmy Murray, they held up John Dunning, an aged rancher from Marysville, robbed and assaulted him, leaving him to be picked up in an unconscious condition by the police.

Goodman and Murray, who is only 13 years old, were arrested by Patrolman Sam Corbett and Truant Officer T. H. Ketchum. After a little questioning they both confessed to having assisted in the robbery of the old man, but said there were others whose names they refused to divulge.

Goodman, without apparent shame, told the police that the desperate nine worked in gangs of three. He told of holding up an old man two weeks ago in a Japanese restaurant and relieving him of his valuables. He also said that it was almost a nightly occurrence for at least one division of the criminal aggregation to go to the water front and take an unsuspecting sailor by surprise. Young Goodman said many of the crimes that had puzzled the police were perpetrated by the youngsters, and he unblushingly admitted that he was preparing himself for leadership of one of the worst gangs that ever operated in the west, when his career was halted by the police.

Murray lives at Twenty-sixth avenue and East Helen street and has been away from home since Friday. Goodman lives at Twenty-fourth avenue and Bay street, but he has not reported to his parents for a week. In order, it is said, to deceive the officers, the boys sell newspapers. They admitted that they did not belong to the Newsboys' Union.

ARMADA'S PLANS.

U. S. Vessels to Visit Both Sydney and Melbourne in Australia.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—When the United States battleship fleet reaches Australia, according to information given out at the navy department, a squadron will remain at Sydney and a second squadron, composed probably of the faster ships, will proceed to Melbourne. After the call at Melbourne is completed the ships going there will join those at Sydney and the onward voyage will be resumed. By this arrangement a considerable saving in time will be made.

FORTUNE FOR HEROISM AFTER MANY YEARS

Romance of Emigrant Wreck Ends in Legacy of $375,000.

Chicago, March 26.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Tacoma, says: To have saved the life of a fellow emigrant in a wreck in 1873 and 35 years later to have read in a newspaper plastered on the wall of a homestead shack an advertisement which led to his becoming the recipient of a fortune of $375,000, is the experience of Peter Anderson, a farmer near White Bluffs, Washington. Anderson yesterday received a cheque for $5,000 to enable him to go to New York to carry out the final legal formalities necessary in the transfer of the fortune.

His friend was Peter Knudsel, who made $1,000,000 in the glove business in New Jersey.

ARMORPLATES FOR CANADA'S NAVY

WHEN DOMINION HAS WARSHIPS OF HER OWN

Reason Why Soo Steel Industries Should Be Kept Alive.

Toronto, March 26.—"To Liberalism, Ontario is indebted for her prosperity," said Colonel Atkinson, in resuming the budget debate in the local legislature. He referred particularly to the keeping alive of the Soo steel industries, which, said the Colonel, "would, in the near future, not only be rolling steel rails, but also steel armorplates for the cruisers and warships of our navy; for twenty-five years from now Canada will have a navy of her own."

Hon. Dr. Pyne, presenting his education bills, stated: "In the future there will be continuation schools and fifth classes, the distinction being drawn between two grades of what were hitherto termed indiscriminately continuation classes. Continuation schools will be to all intents and purposes rural high schools which already number one hundred."

Condition of Britain's Premier

London, March 26.—Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman passed a restless night. The bulletin issued this morning again states that he is suffering from weakness but says that otherwise his condition is unchanged.

STABBED IN BACK.

Young American Charged With Attacking Foreman at Laggan.

Calgary, March 26.—An affray occurred on Monday night at Laggan, resulting in a very serious stabbing. On Monday night Mr. Ainsworth, the locomotive foreman at Laggan, went into the interior of the snowplough shed at that point, discovering four young men inside, evidently of the "ride the bumpers" order, waiting for the next train west. The quartet were building a fire at the time and Mr. Ainsworth objected. During the altercation he was stabbed in the back, near the right side.

The boy who is charged with the act is an American named Fraser. He is but 16 years of age. The weapon used was a big jacknife, with a big blade nearly four inches long. Mr. Ainsworth was taken to the sanatorium and his wounds attended to at once.

Added to Dynamite Death Roll

Kenora, March 26. — Three Italians at work at MacDougall's railway camp, No. 2, north of Dryden, on transcontinental work, were victims of a dynamite explosion which killed two. The third is dying in the hospital

BLACK HAND THREATS.

Death to the Lady Unless Payment Was Prompt—Italian Arrested.

Montreal, March 26.—For some time past Madame L. J. Forget, wife of Senator Forget, has been receiving letters suggesting that the "Black Hand" of Sicily required some $2,000, and that if prompt payment were not forthcoming her death would follow.

The would-be blackmailer aimed high and this resulted in his task of collection being all the more difficult.

The case was immediately placed in the hands of detectives, with the result that a man, who is known as Ive Edrado, an Italian, has been placed under arrest, and comes up for enquiry to-day.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE GUTTED.

Costly Fire at Covington, Ky., Sweeps Away Five Residences and a Saloon.

Covington, Ky., March 26.—The leaf tobacco warehouse of T. H. Hamilton & Co. at Fourth and Bakewell streets was destroyed by fire early to-day, entailing a loss etsimated at $150,000. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin. Five residences and a saloon were also destroyed.

INCREASE IN WAGES.

Windsor, Ont., March 26.—The striking shield workers on the Windsor approaches to the Detroit river tunnel have returned to work. An increase of wages was granted, but not the full amount asked for.

EDMONTON CONSTITUENCY.

J. D. Hyndman Will Contest Seat With Hon. F. Oliver.

Edmonton, March 26.—James D. Hyndman, a barrister, was nominated at the Conservative convention yesterday to contest the Edmonton federal district in opposition to the Hon. F. Oliver., minister of the interior. Mr. Hyndman is a native of Prince Edward Island, and is married to Ethel, daughter of Sir Louis H. Davis, of the Supreme court bench, at Ottawa.

IMPERIAL INQUIRIES.

Winston Churchill's Statement About Deportation of Hindus From Vancouver.

London, March 26.—In the Commons, Winston Churchill stated, speaking of the deportation of Hindus from Vancouver that inquiries were proceeding regarding the reasons actuating the federal government.

SAYS CHINA IS FRIENDLY POWER

VISCOUNT HAYASHI REVIEWS SITUATION

Statements by Japanese Foreign Minister on Tatsu and Kaio Incidents.

Tokio, March 26.—Foreign Minister Hayashi made a statement to-day in the Diet in ference to the Tatsu incident. He related the history of the case as has already been published, and said that the record had not yet been received at the foreign office.

Mr. Stevens' death will result in a charge of murder being brought against both Chang, and Chun, his accomplice, who attacked Stevens as he alighted from his automobile at the ferry building. Chun, who was wounded by a wild shot from his companion's revolver, is at the Lane hospital, where it was last night said he was apparently on the road to recovery.

Dead Diplomat's Career.

Washington, March 26.—Durham White Stevens, who died at San Francisco last night, was returning here for a fortnight's vacation. Mr. Stevens had lived here with three sisters for many years. Mr. Stevens was in the United States diplomatic corps for ten years, and until 1883, serving as secretary of legation at Tokio. It was through his services there that the attention of Japanese officials was called to him. Then he served as confidential advisor and counsel for the Japanese legation in this city and enjoyed the confidence of Count Okuma. He was a prominent club man here and few men in the diplomatic corps were better known in this city. When the troubles arose in the Far East, Mr. Stevens was consulted frequently and was called to Tokio and hurried to Seoul to fill the post of confidential counsellor of the Japanese regime in the Hermit Kingdom. At this time the conflicts between Japan and Russia over the jurisdiction were acute and Japan began a virtual protectorate over the Korean country. It was the effectiveness of the work done by the Japanese authorities at Seoul under the direction of Mr. Stevens that made the diplomat an active mark for the Koreans' resentment. He naturally made many enemies among the active adherents of the Korean sovereignty both in that quarter of the world and among Koreans in America and other countries.

The appreciation which the Japanese government felt for the notable service Mr. Stevens had rendered was videnced by its bestowal on him of an honorarium of $10,000 annually and decorations of tht third class order of the Rising Sun and the order of Sacred Treasure.

IMMIGRATION APPOINTMENT.

Vancouver, March 26.—J. B. Harkin, secretary of the Hon. Frank Oliver, has been appointed to superintend the immigration stations between Emerson and Vancouver, with headquarters here.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR HAYTIEN WATERS

U. S. Orders Two Vessels to Republic on Receipt of Disquieting News.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Two additional war vessels have been ordered to Hayti, following a conference of officials of the state and navy departments. As the Des Moines already had been sent to the scene of the recent outbreak, which endangered the lives of foreigners on the island, the United States will be represented by three warships in Haytien waters.

The exact nature of the disquieting news from Hayti, the receipt of which brought about the precautionary step, was not disclosed by the state department.

DEAD BY HAND OF ASSASSIN

DIPLOMAT'S LIFE ENDED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Koreans Will Be Tried for Murder of D. W. Stevens.

San Francisco, March 26.—Durham White Stevens, the diplomat who was shot by I. Whan Chang, a young Korean on Monday, died at the hospital last night. Death was due to peritonitis. The operation disclosed that the assassin's bullet had perforated the intestines in six places. At the bedside when death came were C. O. Koike, Japanese consul-general in San Francisco.

Mr. Stevens regained consciousness only once after the operation, and then said he was in great pain. The attending physicians realized last night that death was certain in a short time, and operated in the faint hope of saving his life.

Consul-General Koike was greatly affected by the death of Mr. Stevens.

I. Whan Chang, the Korean who shot the diplomat, when informed at the jail of his victim's death, received the news without surprise and with manifest delight. Since the day of the shooting Chang has been expressing the hope that Stevens might die. Last night when asked if he was sorry for what he had done, Chang said: "I am glad. He was no friend of Korea, and he is better dead."

OUTLOOK BETTER IN LADYSMITH

RESUMPTION OF MANY INDUSTRIES

Large Acreage Will Be Cleared in the Near Future.

Ladysmith, March 25.—Conditions are improving at Ladysmith. Last month was the slackest time there has been at the Extension mines for a period extending into years. With the total suspension of work at the smelter, the shingle mill and the logging camps, the short time at the mines rather aggravated the general dullness from which Ladysmith, in common with other mining and smelter cities in the province, has suffered the last few months.

However it happily proimses to be the low water mark of the trade depression locally. The mines have worked steadily all the month, averaging five days a week. The shingle mill has commenced running again and is expected to go regularly for a month or two. The smelter also will be opened out before the end of the week, and, although it may have to be stopped to allow the new arrangements to be completed, the stoppage, it is expected, will not be of long duration.

In addition to this quickening in the business of the staple industries other operations will be commenced. work is to be begun almost immediately on the new postoffice buildings. The contract, which runs into the near neighborhood of $30,000, was secured by a Victoria firm. A representative of the firm, accompanied by J. T. Brown, was in town to-day looking over the site and arranging to commence work Eli Rowland, a local man, has been appointed clerk of works, and he states that work will be commenced by the first week in April. The new buildings will have a handsome exterior and will form the outstanding architectural feature of the lower part of the town.

It is also reported that the contract for clearing 170 acres of land adjoining the city limits and fronting the E. & N. track has been let to a Duncan firm, and should the report be correct work will be begun right away and the town will benefit largely immediately, and even to a greater extent in the future from these clearing operations. Altogether, the summer promises to be the brightest and most prosperous the city has ever enjoyed.

INTEREST IN WELFARE OF COAL CITY

Mayor Nicholson of Ladysmith Has Interview With Hon. J. Dunsmuir.

Ladysmith, March 25.—Mayor Nicholson made a statement of great importance to the city at the weekly meeting of the city council. He stated that he had had an interview with Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir, and had put before him the projects they had in contemplation for the improvement of the city. He had sought out Mr. Dunsmuir because, as the founder of the town, he had assumed that the Lieutenant-Governor would take the liveliest interest in all that concerned its welfare and development.

Accordingly he had outlined to Mr. Dunsmuir the scheme they had in view for the lighting of the city, the vital principle of which was the public ownership of the plant. The difficulty was the floating of a loan, and he asked Mr. Dunsmuir if they could count upon him taking up some portion of the debentures.

Mr. Dunsmuir contented himself with commending the scheme. The city needed lights and he would like to see it get them. There was a big enough population to make the enterprise a profitable one, but he was not prepared to take up any stock in it.

Mayor Nicholson then reminded Mr. Dunsmuir that on a former occasion the Wellington Colliery Company had offered to supply coal for the city lighting purposes at $2 a ton. Did this offer still hold good, he asked?

The reply of the Lieutenant-Governor was in the negative. Since that time he had granted an increase in wages to his employees. He could not now reduce the rates on coal without touching his employees' earnings. This he did not want to do, and the city in the event of installing a lighting plant would have to pay the same rates for its coal as any other consumer.

Mayor Nicholson then brought up the question of a city sewer, and was assured that no objection would be raised by the Wellington Colliery Company to the city laying a pipe under their tracks, and that they were at liberty to find an outlet to the bay wherever they could on the company's land.

Twelve Thousand Men to Lay Steel Between Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

Edmonton, March 26.—A force of over 12,000 men will be employed this summer by the contracting firm of Foley, Welsh & Stewart in grading the right of way of the G. T. P. in Western Canada. By far the greater proportion of this force, and, after July, all the force, will be concentrated on that portion of the line between Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

CANADIAN FIRM WINS.

St. John Chronometer Accepted by British Admiralty—Hundred Competeitors.

St. John, N. B., March 26.—The Lords of Admiralty in England have notified A. B. Mallen & Son, watchmakers of this city, that they have accepted one of their chronometers. The instrument was accepted in competition with upwards of one hundred others, and it is said to be the first from a firm outside of the British islands to be accepted.

ARMY EMPLOYED ON TRANSCONTINENTAL