

Will Explore Vancouver Island

General Supt. Marpole Outlines Plans of C. P. R. in British Columbia.

Considering Alternate Service to Victoria Via Nainaimo—The Hotel Contract.

The following additional particulars of Mr. Marpole's statement published yesterday's Colonist will prove interesting, and are taken from the Vancouver World:

As soon as the season is sufficiently advanced we shall send out exploration parties on the island," said Mr. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R.

"Over the northern end," asked the representative of the World.

"Towards Alberni, and, in fact, generally we shall send out exploration parties to be found there. We intend to exploit the island thoroughly, but until we have the reports from the surveyors we cannot say what we shall do."

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"What immediate use do you intend to make of the E. & N. railway in connection with the C. P. R. system?" Mr. Marpole was asked.

"Nothing has yet been definitely decided, but we are considering an alternate morning service to Victoria via Nainaimo. This will give intermediate points on the island railway much more speedy connection with Vancouver, as it will make it possible to return from Vancouver on the same day instead of staying overnight at Nainaimo or Victoria as at present."

"A conference of transportation officials was held when I was in Winnipeg relative to next summer's transcontinental train service. It has been practically decided to duplicate that of last year, which was found to be generally acceptable to our patrons. The Imperial Limited will be put out of business, and the exact dates of beginning the service have not yet been settled."

"We are looking forward to considerable tourist trade from the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland and the Dominion exhibition at New Westminster; the latter is sure to attract many people from the East, as well as the former. Manager Keary and his directors and assistants will have a busy time of it in getting everything ready for the opening; their experience and success in the past in respect of the provincial exhibitions will be of great advantage to them."

"The hotel foundations at the Capital will be completed in about three weeks, and immediately thereafter we hope to let the contract for the fine building. I have summoned our architect, Mr. Hattenbury, to meet me at Vancouver Thursday morning to discuss some further details in connection with this important project, and I shall then send him to Montreal, by instructions of our president, to finally decide on certain matters affecting the contract before it is closed."

"I have already decided not to renew the old section of the Hotel Vancouver, as always intended will be done, until we have finished the hotel in Victoria, so as not to discommode our patrons. It is to say, we want to take care of the overflow of guests by diverting them to Victoria, when they are rebuilding part of the Hotel Vancouver."

"At Revelstoke we shall build a fine brick station and make considerable improvements to the important railway and commercial centre."

WAITED FOR THE EXPERT. "Mamma, I'm so sleepy! Won't you take me a fairy story before I go to bed?" "No, my child, not now. Wait a little while and your father will come home and tell me both one."

FATED TO DEFEAT. Senate Committee Reports Adversely Upon the Earle Bill.

Despatches from Olympia, the Washington state capital, yesterday indicate that a majority of the Senate committee on fisheries, has advised the holding of the Earle bill to prohibit fishing for sockeyes during 1906 and 1908 in accordance with the agreement for joint action understood to have been come to with the federal government of Canada.

The minority of the committee submit a separate report favoring the passage of the bill, which was previously reported secure of a majority in the Senate.

The present view at Olympia is that the Earle bill will go down to defeat, the decision of the Dominion government as to a prohibition of fishing being made conditional (by the wording of the order-in-council) upon the state adopting a parallel course.

The passage of joint regulations for an annual close season is now regarded as the more practical course toward meeting the necessities of the situation.

McKay DISMISSED. Magistrate Hall Discharges the Information for Stealing Labels.

William McKay, representative of the United Garment Workers of America, who was charged with stealing thousands of labels from the factory of Turner, Bester, & Co., Limited, was dismissed by the police magistrate in the Police court yesterday afternoon on the ground that the act alleged to be committed was done under color of right.

Mr. F. B. Gregory, for the defence, argued that McKay, in taking the labels, did so believing it to be his right to use the labels until the schedule of prices which he had submitted for them to sign was delivered. Mr. McKay, for the prosecution, summed up the evidence, which showed that McKay had come during the noon hour on February 18 to the factory, which was closed, and had taken the labels of the firm. He argued that in so doing he was guilty of theft. The case arose out of the difficulty between McKay, as representative of the United Garment Workers of America, and the firm, the circumstances of which were told in these columns.

A GENERAL ENGAGEMENT. Movements of Japanese Indicate Probability of Pitched Battle.

Shenkung, Manchuria (via Mukden), Feb. 24.—It is reported here that the Japanese are closing in on the Russian east flank. As a result of this movement it is possible that there will be either a general engagement or at least a counter movement by the Russians along some part of the line, especially in the region of the difficult passes between the mountains.

The early advent of spring now makes possible operations in and from the mountainous districts.

Damage to Railroads. For the past three weeks the Russians have suffered no material disturbance in the exception of comparatively unimportant damage to the railroad and to a bridge near Tanchangas, as the result of Japanese raids, aided, it is alleged, by the Chinese.

Since the receipt of news of an unidentified force of unknown numbers behind the Russian right wing, the Russians have taken measures for the purpose of minimizing the opportunities for brigands in the belief that Chinese bandits are to some extent being organized and directed by the Japanese cavalry.

Activity at Vladivostok. Reports of activity at Vladivostok in anticipation of an attack on the place by the Japanese are confirmed; the town continues in its accustomed gait. The business continues in a normal state notwithstanding the strong patrol of the Japanese of the straits between the island of Sakhalin and the coast has completely interrupted the movements of shipping. Supplies are reported plentiful, though prices are high. The naval attaches of foreign governments are leaving Vladivostok by request of the Russian authorities and the number of refugees at Mukden has been greatly reduced because of the transfer of them to the government reservation of Kantzenburg.

INDIANS ON WAR PATH. Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 24.—A band of Cheyenne Indians from Seiling, western Oklahoma, marched down upon Balaga at noon today and threatened the move of all the inhabitants of the town. They finally were induced to return to their reservation by William Guthrie, Indian warden of Amos Chapman, an old Indian scout.

The cause of the Indians going on the war path was the killing of Fowler, an Indian of the tribe, by John Kimball, a deputy sheriff.

PASSING OF A SOCIETY GIRL. Former Leader of Young Set at Washington Dies in Poverty.

New York.—Betina Girard's body was Washington from Roosevelt hospital, where she died of acute pneumonia, and its interment was a history that is as remarkable as sad.

Once beautiful and reared in a wealthy and distinguished family, her early oration was followed by a descent to the workhouse and even the gutter. Some times she would rise, but her drug and drink-worn constitution could not withstand old habits for a great length of consecutive time and her returns to "her old set" were always followed by lapses.

Even scientists were perplexed by the woman's contrasts, and the belief that she had not been wholly responsible for a long time finds color in the fact that she had at frequent intervals been an inmate of sanitariums.

Washington society, where she was once a leader, has long since effaced her name from its list of acknowledged members. The R. M. Asquith, who was a vanderbilt contingency, has known "Betty" Girard for years, but it did not know her name as Elizabeth Witter, under which name she was taken on her card at East Forty-first street Saturday, nor as Orday of Washington, except when she was taken out of her career told who she really was.

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Norway Is Not a Party to the Modus Vivendi She Gets No Licence.

Flag Will Allow Sealing Without Regulations—Japs Buy Russian Cargoes.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Capt. Alex. McLean is preparing his schooner Carmencita for sea, and expects to leave on a sealing cruise about the middle of the coming week. The schooner now flies the Norwegian flag. The Mexican flag, which was down on the occasion of the arrival of the schooner at this port from the North Pacific, was withdrawn, it is said, at the instance of the United States government. Capt. McLean appeared before the Norwegian consul at San Francisco and secured a Norwegian flag for the vessel, under which flag the Carmencita will be registered in Norway. As the Norwegian government is not a party to the modus vivendi regarding sealing, the schooner will not be able to secure a license for sealing at Alaskan factories, and, according to the intention of the schooner's owner, the vessel will be liable to seizure if found sealing before the season begins in the United States revenue cutters in Behring's sea. However, as the Norwegian government is able, like the Japanese, to do a large trade in seal skins, it is a question as to the enforcement of the modus vivendi, and as the Norwegian government is able, like the Japanese, to do a large trade in seal skins, it is a question as to the enforcement of the modus vivendi, and as the Norwegian government is able, like the Japanese, to do a large trade in seal skins, it is a question as to the enforcement of the modus vivendi.

YMO ARRIVES. Japanese Liner Reached Port Yesterday After Stormy Passage.

Steamer Iyo Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line reached port yesterday noon, after a stormy passage from the Orient via Seattle. The vessel was in charge of Captain W. P. C. Thompson, who is a well-known visitor to Victoria. The Iyo Maru is one of the Japanese government's fleet, and before being released by the Japanese government, it was used as a transport vessel for the Japanese army in Manchuria. The Iyo Maru is one of the Japanese government's fleet, and before being released by the Japanese government, it was used as a transport vessel for the Japanese army in Manchuria.

The cargo of the steamer Iyo Maru is now reported to have been sold to the Japanese. Instead of discharging her cargo of contraband, said to have been originally destined for Vladivostok for the Russians, the Iyo Maru was to have sailed from the Sound early in January, but a break in her engine obliged her to put back. The voyage was cancelled. Now it is announced that the Japanese have bought the cargo and that the Iyo Maru will sail for Yokohama in a few days.

The steamer Brinkburn, now at San Francisco, has also had her orders cancelled, and instead of trying to make the Barkley port, will take a fair passage to Seattle. The steamer Glenartney, at San Francisco, also to have taken supplies for the Russians, will instead, it is claimed, go to Yokohama, the Japs having bought the cargo.

DOCTORS SAID THAT Lumps and External Swellings Would Turn to Running Sores.

Mrs. Jacob Kaehler, Zurich, Ont., says that Burdock Blood Bitters Saved Her from Many Years of Suffering.

She writes:—"Now imagine how joyous and great was my surprise when a friend of mine told me that Burdock Blood Bitters would cure me, so that the lumps and external swellings, which the doctors old me would turn to running sores, could disappear. I took her advice, and an say that I have no doubt but that Burdock Blood Bitters has saved me from years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Burdock Blood Bitters has done so much for me, and you are at perfect liberty to use this for the benefit of others similarly afflicted."

LIKE OTHELLO. Blockade-Runners Find Their Occupation is Gone.

Steamer Ras Elba, another tramp, has been captured by the British. The steamer was captured by the British in the Red Sea, and its cargo of contraband was seized. The British government has announced that the steamer Ras Elba is to be used as a transport vessel for the British army in the East.

London, Feb. 1.—The failure of an extraordinary effort to establish communication with the Japanese government, is frankly recorded in the current issue of the Journal of the Psychological Research Society.

The late Mr. Frederick Meyers some years before his death handed a sealed envelope to Sir Oliver Lodge with the intention of communicating the contents to Sir Oliver, from beyond the grave. Sir Oliver Lodge placed this envelope in a bank and awaited events.

Some time after the death of Mr. Meyers, a woman developed the gift of "automatic writing," and alleged that she had received a communication from the dead man, giving the contents of the envelope.

Sir Oliver Lodge then decided to open the envelope, and this week the members of the council were called. The "automatic writer" first recorded the message she had received from Mr. Meyers. The envelope was then opened, and it was found that there was no resemblance between its actual contents and what was alleged by the "spirit's message" to be contained in it.

Local shipping men are doubtful as to whether the attempt will be made now owing to the great change which has taken place in the situation in the Far East since the outbreak of the war. It is probable that the craft will load with hay, grain and other foodstuffs for ports in Japan and China, and will attempt at blockade running be attempted.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The building contractors and union bricklayers have adjusted their differences and signed agreements until March 1, 1906. The bricklayers will receive the wage scale in effect last year.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. The main headline is "The Cause of Colds". Below it, it lists symptoms: "Pneumonia, La Grippe and Consumption, and a Reminder of the Phenomenal and Continued Success of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine." It then lists various ailments: "Croup, Whooping Cough, Severe Chest Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, La Grippe, Throat Irritation, Tickling in the Throat, Soreness and Dryness in the Throat, Irritation and Inflammation of the Bronchial Tubes and Lungs." The advertisement describes the benefits of the syrup, stating it is a "value of turpentine as a medicine" and "the healing and soothing properties of linseed or flaxseed as it is most commonly called." It claims to be a "treatment which is at the same time pleasant to the taste and of most exceptional curative power." The advertisement is signed "Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine" and includes the text "25 cents a bottle; family size, three times as much, 60 cents, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food fortifies the system against disease by forming new, rich blood and revitalizing the wasted nerves."