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MISSION WORK IN ALL FIELDS

First of Series of Laymen's Missionary Conventions to Cover Dominion Opens Sessions in Vancouver

SEVEN HUNDRED DELEGATES PRESENT

Many Men of Note Included Among Those in Attendance—Letter of Regret from Premier McBride

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 18.—Having as its aim the education of the public to the need for active missionary work both in the home and foreign fields, and numbering among its delegates men of national and international fame, laymen and clergymen of all denominations, the Men's Missionary convention, the first of a series of conventions which is to be held in every province of the Dominion, opened this afternoon in the First Baptist church.

Nearly 700 delegates were present, including Sir Andrew Henderson Fraser, K. C., S. L. M. A., LL.D., former lieutenant-governor of Bengal; Mr. John R. Mott, LL.D., F. R. G. S., a life-long worker in the Y. M. C. A. field and known throughout the Dominion as the author of numerous works on missionary questions; Right Reverend A. U. DePeneler, bishop of Westminster; Mr. Justice Brown, member of the supreme court of Saskatchewan; Rev. A. A. McLeod, home on a vacation from India, where he labored in the famous Telugu missions, and men of note from all over British Columbia.

A telegram from Hamilton, Ont., was read by Mr. C. C. Michener of Victoria, the chairman, extending hearty greetings to those assembled at the gathering and lending their prayers for a mighty convention.

A communication was also read from Premier McBride in which he regretted his inability to be present to assist in welcoming Sir Andrew Fraser and the other visitors to the convention, and expressing his best wishes for a most successful gathering and appreciation of the good work being done by the assembly.

In the absence of the premier, who was to have delivered the address of welcome, Rev. Principal McKay, secretary of the committee and the friends who had worked in preparing for the convention.

Rev. W. T. Gunn, missionary secretary of the Congregational church in Canada, responded. He regretted the absence of the premier, as his presence, as the representative of the state, would have added weight to the proceedings of the assembly, but recognized that his inability to attend was unavoidable. He believed that the premier, he hoped that the dream of her citizens would be realized and that she would have 1,000,000 population before a great many years elapsed.

Mr. Justice Brown, member of the supreme court of Saskatchewan, spoke on "The Canada of Today and Tomorrow."

"We are being discovered and are discovering ourselves," the speaker said. "We are taking on the responsibility of nationhood; a new star has arisen on the horizon. I believe that star will yet become of the first magnitude. Where we are, what we are, and our natural resources are attracting the attention of the whole world. Immigrants are coming from the Pacific and the Atlantic, from the north and the south, from across the border, from China, Japan and Asia, from lands of oppression and intolerable social conditions. The Canada of today is a land of freedom, of thought and freedom of worship. We have sins, national sins, but on the whole, we have a right to be proud of our nation."

He referred to President Taft's condemnation of the administration of the criminal law in the United States as a disgrace amidst loud applause, and stated that such was not the case here.

MEXICAN STORM

West Coast Swept by Severe Gale, Which Caused Damage—No Loss of Life Reported

TUCSON, Ariz., Oct. 18.—Another terrific storm has swept the west coast of Mexico. One schooner is reported ashore at Mazatlan and the Frisco wharf is practically destroyed. The Southern Pacific in Mexico lost all wires at midnight. Up to that time the gale had been blowing for 12 hours. There is no report of any loss of life.

Reports received late today at the offices of the Southern Pacific in this city were that only one schooner went ashore instead of eight, as was feared just before the wires went down. Several washouts are reported on the Southern Pacific line south of Mazatlan. The storm, it seems, extended as far south as Tepic.

Wires are working direct into Culiacan, the capital of Sinaloa, and no damage is reported there, except the Frisco pier. There was no loss of life.

Guaymas was not affected by this storm.

Fowler Falls Again

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler failed today in his second attempt to start on a trans-continental trip. Fowler arose from the Wilshire field, circled about for a few minutes, and then landed. He came down rather hard, but nothing was broken. He said conditions were not good for a start, but that tomorrow he would be off.

CENSUS FIGURES ARE INACCURATE

Victorians Keenly Disappointed in Population Accredited to this City—Move for a New Count

Almost without an exception Victorians yesterday expressed their keen disappointment at the census returns as published in yesterday's Colonist in a dispatch from Ottawa. That the figures, 31,570, are wholly inaccurate and much below the actual total of population for the city was the unanimous opinion, an opinion based upon the known great increase in the various departments of activity in the past few years. When the census was in process of compilation it was no secret that the methods employed were not producing adequate results. Many households were missed altogether or, where the enumerator called and did not secure the needed information, he failed to put the second appearance. Even after the returns had been forwarded to Ottawa a list blank which lay for several days in the Colonist office to give those who had not been enumerated an opportunity of putting down their names, was largely signed and there is no doubt but that many more could have been enumerated had further effort been taken. As a matter of fact there was considerable indifference shown by Victorians in the matter of the census.

Wants Civic Census

An indication of the disappointment felt by the citizens that a grave injustice has been done the city, Alderman Langley, at the request of a large number of residents, will submit the following resolution at Friday night's meeting of the city council:

"Whereas it is the opinion of this council based on information in the possession of the city officials and upon facts within the knowledge of all the citizens that the census returns just published for the city of Victoria show a population far short of the actual population of such city;

"Be it resolved that steps be taken to have a census taken of the city, by city, and that such census be deemed to be the official civic census of the said city.

"Anyone who is cognizant of the great development which has taken place within the past few years realizes that the increase in population of 10,804 credited to this city within the past ten years is not sufficient. Within the past five years the growth of the city has been so marked that there can be no doubt but that the census figures are too low," said Alderman Langley, yesterday.

Figures Prove Fallacy

If statistics prove anything they indicate that there has been a corresponding increase in population in relation to improvement in business and commercial affairs. Ten years ago the total value of buildings erected within the city limits was but \$370,000; this year to date they fall a few thousands short of the \$3,000,000 mark and that mark will be reached by the end of the present month. In 1901 the number of dwellings erected here was 80; this year to date 719 dwellings have been erected and in the last three years the increase in this class of structure has been steadily growing. This fact taken in conjunction with the fact that today it is difficult to find a vacant dwelling indicate fully that the population has kept pace with the growth in

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MUCH WORRIED OVER CENSUS

Ontario People Declare that Enumerators' Work was Defective and that Many Were Not Counted

WHOLE STREETS WERE NOT TAKEN

Next House of Commons to Have 232 Members—British Columbia to Increase to Twelve

TORONTO, Oct. 18.—There is great dissatisfaction throughout Ontario over the report of the census, and specific instances are given where whole streets were not taken. It is generally believed that the census men have missed hundreds of thousands of names throughout the Dominion.

London's Disappointment

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 18.—This city is disappointed over the census, as it blocks Sunday cars. A movement was started today to take in such suburbs as London Junction. Unless this is done there will be no Sunday cars here for some years, as the Ontario legislature has laid down a law that the population must be 50,000 before a vote can be taken on the question.

Affecting Parliament

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—Analysis of the census returns shows that the next house of commons will contain 232 members, an increase of 11, as compared with the present house. The unit of representation in the House of Commons is arrived at by dividing the population of Quebec by 65, the representation fixed for it by the B. N. A. Act is 30,730.

On this basis the representation of British Columbia in the house of commons will increase from seven to 12 members. Alberta will have 12, Saskatchewan from 10 to 15.

On the other hand, representation of Ontario will drop from 86 to 82, New Brunswick from 13 to 11, Nova Scotia from 15 to 15 and Prince Edward Island from four to three.

Rodgers at Dallas

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 18.—C. P. Rodgers, sea-to-sea aviator, landed in Texas state fair grounds here at 12:52 p. m. today, after having traveled from Fort Worth, 32 miles distant, at a rate of a mile a minute. At noon tomorrow he will head southwest to San Antonio.

PLAN MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS

Evil Intentions Credited to Extremely Fanatical Turks in Salonika by Refugees from that City

DRINKING WATER FOR ITALIAN TROOPS

ROME, via Frontier, Oct. 18.—A massacre of Christians is planned by the radical and extreme Turkish residents of Salonika, European Turkey, according to refugees from that place.

All the eastern ships of the Italian navy have been ordered made ready for the transportation of drinking water to points along the Tripolitan coast occupied by Italians. If such a course proves necessary as a result of the appearance of cholera among the soldiers.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—A despatch from Malta says that in spite of the refusal of the United States government to send the scout cruiser Chester, an escort to the yacht Utowana, Prof. Richard Norton, head of the American archaeological expedition, has determined to return to Cyrenaica this week. The Chester has been ordered to proceed for Trieste tomorrow.

Bride Dies Suddenly

TILSONBURG, Ont., Oct. 18.—Miss Sadie Nichols, practicing dentist here, was married last night to John Mahon of Cobalt and she died this morning.

Dead Amid Squall

MONTREAL, Oct. 18.—The police today found the dead body of Mrs. William Doolin in a squall like room on the third floor of No. 72, Inspector Street. His eyes bleary, his breath heavy, seated in the midst of whiskey and beer bottles, dead drunk, was the condition in which they found his hand, who sprawled on the floor at the foot of the bed. The woman evidently died on Saturday or Friday night. Every day since then the man went in and out of the room as though nothing had happened.

RECORDS INDICATE 40,000 POPULATION

Mr. S. J. Hall, manager of the Light and Power Department of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, Victoria, has sent The Colonist the following signed statement voluntarily:

"I very much doubt the accuracy of the census returns. From our records, I quite believe the population of Victoria City to be close upon 40,000. (Signed S. J. H.)"

IN HUDSON BAY

Government Steamer Minto Returns from Survey Work—False Report About Missionaries

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 18.—The government steamer Minto returned this morning after three months' survey work in Hudson Bay. The Minto went to Fort Churchill and Nelson River. The Hudson Bay was more open than usual, but was squally and uncomfortable all the time the steamer was there.

On the way home the Minto visited the "Land" where missionaries were reported to be starting. They found the report to be incorrect.

Sergeant Major Hayer, of the Canadian mounted police, who has been at Fort Churchill, says that the Minto and the Minto's Captain McPherson and all on board the Minto are in good health.

Tracks Washed Out

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 18.—Three miles of the Southern Pacific and Texas and Pacific railways were washed out by the Rio Grande flood near Faben, four miles east of this city tonight. No other damage was reported.

HARBOR PLANS FOR VANCOUVER

Representative Meeting Decides to Make Appeal to Dominion Government—Dock Extension Company's Work

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—Steps are to be taken to expedite the Dominion government with the needs of the harbors of Vancouver and district. This was decided upon at a meeting held this afternoon in the council chamber, at 2,000,000.

The announcement is made by C. F. Pretty, president of the Vancouver Harbor and Dock Extension Company Ltd., that this city will be the first port on the Pacific side of the Panama canal to take proper advantage of the wonderful commercial and industrial enterprise and the avenues of trade opened by the completion of this greatest of all waterways. Mr. Pretty says he has just secured the best available information for the establishment of a tremendous dock service which will give Vancouver along over 12 miles of deep sea dockage, entailing an expenditure of approximately \$20,000,000.

Veteran Sporting Writer Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Ben Benjamin, for twenty years sporting editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, and one of the best known sporting writers of the west, particularly as to turf matters, died today at a sanatorium in Oakland, after a long illness. He was 50 years of age.

Montreal Chinese Contribute

MONTREAL, Oct. 18.—Seventeen thousand dollars has been sent by Montreal Chinese through the Bank of Commerce to revolutionists in China. The order for payment is to be presented in Hong Kong. The collection of the money is directly due to the call made by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who is now in the United States. Mr. Charley King, of Montreal, presided over a meeting in Chinatown at which was decided to raise all money possible by bringing about a new order of things in China.

Many Passengers From Nome

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—The steamer Victoria arrived from Nome, Alaska, today with 441 passengers. The record for the season's southbound travel. Half of the gold was consigned to Seattle banks and the assay office here, and the remainder to San Francisco. E. Keppler, fourth mate of the Victoria, sustained three broken ribs when the vessel was caught in a terrific storm. October 12, Keppler was on duty on the bridge, and was hurled against the rail. The pier was crowded with friends of passengers and sightseers when the Victoria docked, and the scene resembled the gold rush days of 1897.

FIRST BATTLE IS INDECISIVE

Imperial Chinese Troops Withstand Assault by Revolutionists, Who Fall Back Upon Hankow Fortifications

LOSSES ARE HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES

Leadership of Rebels Said to Display Weakness—Yuan Shi Kai Exacts Hard Terms on Taking Office

The Imperial Chinese troops and the revolutionists have come to grips at Hankow. The battle as yet is indecisive. The government at Peking claiming a great victory and the government troops hold the trenches at Hankow, as well as the station, where reinforcements are hourly arriving. The rebels have fallen back on Wu Chang, which, it is said, they have succeeded in strongly fortifying in the last few days. The casualties on both sides in the engagement are reported to be large, for the fighting at times was at the bayonet point.

During the battle between the land forces the Chinese warships shelled the rebel position, but despatches from Hankow indicate that the return fire from the forts was much more effective, and that at least two of the Imperial gunboats were badly damaged.

American warships have been ordered to Nanking, Shanghai and Tien Tsin. The Aberdeen, which is proceeding to Tien Tsin, is carrying a detachment to reinforce the American legation at Peking. The capital is strongly guarded and there seems little danger of disorder there.

The police agent has yielded to the demands of Yuan Shi Kai, who it is said, will raise his own division of troops, numbering 10,000, for the purpose of controlling the situation in the provinces of Hu Pei and Hunan. In addition, the new victory has been permitted to cash a personal grant of \$2,000,000.

Government Claims Victory

PEKING, Oct. 18.—The Chinese government claims to have won a great victory at Hankow, and announces that the troops hold the station where the troop trains are arriving rapidly. Although this appears to be an exaggeration, the feeling prevails.

CANCELS LEASE OF ORE LANDS

United States Steel Corporation Takes Steps in Connection with Great Northern Properties in Minnesota

OFFICIALS REFUSE TO GIVE REASON

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The United States Steel corporation will cancel its lease of the Great Northern iron ore properties, one of the largest leases of its kind which the corporation holds. The rumor, current in Wall street today, was confirmed after business hours from official sources.

When the lease will be terminated is undetermined. The contract stipulated that it should continue until all the ore is exhausted, unless on January 15, 1915, the lease should be abrogated under the option reserved by the lessee, and in case the lessee so determined two years' notice should be given.

The Great Northern properties are estimated to include deposits of 300,000,000 tons of iron ore. Officials of the steel corporation refused to state the reason for the cancellation.

No figures are available as to how much ore has been mined since the opening of the Great Northern properties. The lease provides that the corporation mine 750,000 tons more each successive year, and that the specified amount of ore must be paid for whether it is mined or not. Under this provision the corporation would be required to mine 3,750,000 tons during the present year, or at least pay for that amount, which would mean \$3,697,000.

The iron ore properties of the Great Northern railroad were in 1906 transferred to Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill and Walter J. Hill as trustees, the 1,500,000 shares of beneficial interest in the trust equal to the number of shares of stock held being issued December 2, 1905, to Great Northern stockholders.

DEATH SENTENCE

Japanese Found Guilty of Murdering Fellow Countryman to Be Executed at New Westminster

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 18.—Sentence of death was pronounced today by Justice Murphy on a Japanese named Ishi, found guilty of killing his countryman, Kobayashi, at the Balmoral cannery on the Skeena river on the night of June 11. Ishi received the sentence without a tremor and had nothing to say in extenuation of his crime.

Execution will take place December 5 at New Westminster. When asked whether there was anything he particularly wanted, the condemned man asked that he might be allowed to smoke. He told the interpreter to tell the police that he wanted neither Christian minister nor Buddhist priest to visit him.

A quarrel arose between the two Japanese at the cannery and when it ended Kobayashi was found in a pool of blood with four bullets in his head and body, which was further fearfully mangled with an axe.

No Trace of Dynamiter

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 18.—There were no new developments today in the alleged attempt at dynamiting the El Capitlan bridge over which President Taft's special train passed early Monday morning. The authorities admit that they have two men under surveillance, but deny that arrests are imminent. The theory of an expert coming to the bridge with high explosives seems to be in doubt, since the stamps on the dynamite found today is the same as on that used by the Southern Pacific workmen in blasting along this section.

FORTY MILES OF NEW ROAD

Westholme Lumber Company Awarded Contract for Grading Section of E. & N.'s East Coast Extension

The work of grading a section of the E. & N. railway's east coast extension for fully 40 miles, lying between McBride Junction, where the Albert line leaves the main road, and a point beyond Union Bay, has been awarded to the Westholme Lumber company, one of Victoria's most enterprising contracting firms.

The announcement was made last night, Mr. R. Marpole, vice president of the E. & N. company, having come to the city to confer with local officials regarding the matter on Tuesday. Arriving at a decision he returned to the mainland last night.

Camps will be established along the route of the right-of-way by the first of the month, according to the management of the Westholme Lumber company. It is the intention to use the utmost despatch in carrying through the undertaking. Five or six hundred men will be employed and as little time as possible will be lost in preparing the roadbed for the steel.

Having had a great deal of experience in this line of work in recent years, the Victoria firm which has succeeded in obtaining this contract expects to be able to finish it well within the period specified. The fact that the country along the East Coast presents few of the difficulties which have been encountered in running the line across the island to Alberni, in conjunction with the company's ability to apply its extensive facilities to the task, assures an early and a satisfactory completion. The same concern is just through with the construction of the Portland Canal short line, a road 20 miles in extent.

Another work on which the Westholme Lumber company is engaged is the building of the provincial wharf at Prince Rupert. In this there are being used reinforced concrete piles 90 feet long. In this connection, for the first time in the history of the Pacific Northwest, the Mohun system is being employed. The new wharf at Coquiltam, the sea wall at Ross Bay, the St. Margaret's school, corner of First and Fern streets, the overhauling of the old Russ House, which is converted into a modern hotel, and the reconstruction of the Hanna block, Yates street, with extensions to that structure, are some of the other enterprises in which the same Victoria firm is engaged.

Down With Manchus

HONG KONG, Oct. 18.—The anniversary of the birth of Confucius was celebrated as a general holiday today. The Imperial flag was not seen. It was raised over a few shops in the morning, but the crowds yelled "Down with the Manchus," until the flags were lowered.

Mrs Ford Acquitted

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Caroline E. Ford, who shot and killed her husband, A. E. Ford, president of the Merchants Fire Dispatch, at a breakfast quarrel last June, was found not guilty of murder by a jury in the superior court today. The judge trusted the jury to find the verdict of not guilty on the ground of insanity. But in spite of that, the jurors who had heard testimony to the effect that the woman, who was considerably younger than her husband, had been reviled by him, found a verdict of self defense.

APPROVAL FROM CONSTITUENTS

New Ministers Leaving Capital to be in Their Several Districts on Nomination Day, 27th Inst.

CHOICE OF SEATS FOR HON. MR. WHITE

Hon. Frank Cochrane to be Elected in Nipissing—Confirmation of Report that Victoria Island Was Sold

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—George Gordon, M. P. for Nipissing, will vacate his seat for the purpose of making way for Hon. Frank Cochrane. He will be given some nominal office so as to create the vacancy at once. Mr. Gordon's statement is that he has held all along that New Ontario should be represented in the cabinet, and that his resignation will open the way.

The situation with regard to Mr. White's seat is clearing up. At present three constituencies are possible, East, Middlesex, whose member, Mr. Eaton, has left for home; South Simcoe, for which Mr. Houghton Lennox is member, and Halton, now represented by Mr. David Henderson. Mr. Lennox's elevation to the bench is likely, and Mr. Henderson was in town today and saw Mr. Borden.

There was a cabinet council this morning and several matters of routine were disposed of. In a few days the capital will be almost deserted by the ministers, who will go to their constituencies for nomination day, October 27. Hon. Mr. Rogers goes west tomorrow night, as does Martin Burrell. Dr. Roche is already in his riding. There is no indication of any of the ministers being opposed.

An effort is being made in the Liberal and semi-Liberal press to represent the Conservative party as disposed to give Mr. Graham an election by acclamation in South Renfrew should the sitting member, Mr. Low, resign. There is no foundation for the story, the Conservative headquarters being unable to see that Mr. Graham is entitled to treatment which, under the circumstances, would be quixotic.

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Confirmation of the announcement that Hon. William Pugsley sold 14 acres of Victoria Island at the Chats Falls, Ottawa river, after the election, in contained in the registration of the deed of sale here. The deed gives the date of sale as October 2, and is signed by Thomas Mulvey, under secretary of state, and J. B. Hunter, deputy minister of public works. The exact area disposed of is 14.71 acres, and the price paid is \$14,711.

A commission will be appointed by the government to make a thorough investigation of the business transactions of its predecessors. The Liberals were in power for fifteen years, and records of all its dealings are now in the hands of the Conservatives. The investigation will include all departments of the government, and will require about two years.

TOBACCO COMPANIES

Independents Decide Not to Intervene in Proposed Plan of Re-organization of American Consortium

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—There will be no intervention by the so-called independents in the American Tobacco company's proposed reorganization. The United States circuit court handed down a memorandum so stating today, after the filing of a petition by counsel for three associations stalling the opposition. The independents, however, will be given an opportunity to present their objections at a public hearing on October 30.

The petition of the independents was filed in the name of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco association, the Cigar Manufacturers' Association of America and the Independent Tobacco Salesmen's Organization of America. Opposition was based on the following allegations:

That the petitions were vitally interested in the dissolution of the tobacco trust.

That the plan is fundamentally defective in that it fails to conform to the decrees of the supreme court.

That adoption of the plan would not restore free competitive conditions in the tobacco industry or remove the dominance of the so-called tobacco combination.

Vancouver's new examining warehouse, to cost \$320,000, will be erected forthwith by the new government of B. C.