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Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P. C., G. C. M. G., Prime Minister of Canada, Heartily Welcomed

RECEPTION TENDERED HIM HUGE SUCCESS

Affair Given by Provincial Government the Most Brilliant In City's History — Arrangements for Today

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—as foremost citizen of the Dominion, and as a type of the true Canadian whose eyes glimpse the splendor of his country's future and whose faith in her destinies is absolute—last evening received at the hands of the government and the people of British Columbia a welcome and a reception unprecedented in all the history of the confederated provinces. Unique was the occasion in many diverse ways. Unusual is it to find a political knight, such as is Premier McBride, surpassing himself in courteous homage and hospitality to the chieftain of an opposing party. Unprecedented in brilliancy and completeness was the reception itself. The keynote of the situation was found within the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier came as a great Canadian, on a self-declared visit of non-political character, and the provincial first minister as such was glad to receive him and to pay him every mark of honor, two of the greatest statesmen of all fair Canada thus meeting, although of antagonistic party political creeds, upon common ground, each measuring no doubt and each appreciating the many-sided strength and talents of the other. That such a reception should have been offered, accepted and given—by a Conservative premier and government to a national leader, albeit of Liberal faith—must have a tonic effect upon the whole Dominion. It will, more over show to the people of eastern Canada, and more particularly those of the old province of Quebec, that British Columbians are just as ready, because of the constitutional position of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and of his greatness as a man and as a Canadian, to do him honor, as though British Columbia were in political faith Liberal instead of, as it is, Conservative. It will show to all of Canada that the people of this Pacific province are, first of all, Canadians, admirers of constitutional rights and privileges, and that nationalism in the west is haply as warm and strong as is or can be developed in the older Canadian states beyond the mountains and beyond the prairies. And—perchance—last evening's reception, viewed and shared in by representatives of many of the foremost public journals of almost all the provinces of Canada, may serve also to disabuse the east of some of its mistaken notions of the west, and link together the provinces in bonds of closer understanding and therefore more harmonious unity. It was the west greeting the east, and sending back a message which cannot be misunderstood in its western directness, cordiality and bigness.

THOUSAND THRONGED OFFICIAL BUILDINGS

It is estimated roughly that between ten and twelve thousand people were at the Provincial Parliament Buildings yesterday evening, either to enjoy the honor of being presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier or to at least catch a glimpse of this distinguished son of Canada as he passed from his motor car to the scene of the reception proper in the Assembly Chamber. And of these thousands it is safe to say that not one but was agreed with all the rest that in brilliance of effect, in artistic character, and in wholeheartedness the function was describeable only as setting the mark of functions of such character insofar at least as Western Canada is concerned.

Nothing approximating the grandeur of effect in illumination of last evening's display has heretofore been attempted in this capital city, the nearest approach being upon the memorable visit of our present gracious King, then Duke of York, when also Victoria last had the opportunity and the pleasure of meeting the federal premier in this city by the western sea.

Then, however, the scheme of illumination was infinitely less pretentious than last evening. Victoria has grown, British Columbia has grown; and the evidences of growth were cameo-sharp in the contrast between memory's picture of the scene almost a decade ago, and the brilliant picture of the buildings outlined in living light, as they appeared last evening, with solid phalanxes of massed humanity on the green lawns in front.

The picture to be complete included the entire sweep of James Bay from where the Post Office formed itself in electric outline, past the imposing Empress, daintily festooned in long concave steamers of red and white—over and across the mirror of the water on which dozens of pleasure craft floated, fairy-like, in their gorgeousness of lanterns.

The parliamentary pile was, however, the great central figure of the new born fairyland, Messrs. Hawkins and Hayward, the local electrical engineers, had for weeks past been busy with their employees in making preparations for a display which should be complete and altogether satisfying in its radiant effulgence. Nearly five thousand incandescent lights and three tons of heavy wire had been utilized in the outlining of every contour and distinctive portion of the imposing architectural pile, and when current was turned on at the approach of darkness, the buildings sprang out in all their statelliness as through fringed with fire, each and all of the chief architectural lines being sharply accented. The lights being closer together and a greater number of lines being carried, probably two thousand more lamps were utilised than have ever before been requisitioned in the illumination of the buildings. The crowning figure of Captain George Vancouver, on the summit of the great dome had been itself lighted, an above the central entrance appeared in immense letters of green the one word, "Canada," surmounted by the Maple Leaf of the Dominion, also a moss of emerald. The fountain, which occupies the central position on the fronting lawn, appeared at its best, in a mystic shimmer of vari-colored lights.

Interior Decoration

The interior illumination was also on a much larger scale than upon any previous occasion of similar character Nature and science were effectively combined in the intermingling of the treasures of the hot house with a myriad of electric lights, the effect produced being indescribable save as that of a twentieth century fairyland. The decoration over Mr. Speaker's throne was composed of five radiating strands of light on either side, representing a gigantic butterfly, and concentrating its red, white and blue

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Sir Wilfrid to Motor Around the City — Receive Deputations and Address Liberal Gathering

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's time will be fully occupied today.

At 10 o'clock, accompanied by members of the executive of the Liberal association, he will make an automobile tour of the city and its environs. This outing has been arranged so that the premier may be given a thorough an insight into the beauties of Victoria and its surroundings as can be obtained in the course of an hour's whirl over the most charming of the adjacent drives.

Returning to the Empress hotel at 11 o'clock he will give an hour to the reception of delegations. One of the first will be that from the board of trade, which will draw to the attention of the statesman a number of important questions affecting the district. One of these, it is understood, will be that of the Songhees Indian reserve and the imperative necessity of its early settlement in the city's interests. Afterwards will come a deputation from the Fenian Raid veterans of Victoria, who seek a grant of land, according to report, as recognition of military service tendered their country. The last will be a memorial presented by the Trades and Labor council of Victoria which refers especially to the Asiatic question in its relation to the Canadian west.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be entertained to luncheon at Government House by Lieut. Governor Paterson and there will be a garden party on the adjoining grounds in the afternoon.

Mass Meeting Tonight

Dinner will be taken at the Empress hotel and shortly afterwards the premier and his party will be driven to the Agricultural association grounds. In the Horse Show building there a mass meeting will take place under the auspices of the Vancouver Island Liberals. They will present an address after which Sir Wilfrid will deliver an address, in which it is expected he will deal with the several questions of policy of special interest to the Canadians of the Pacific northwest.

His return will be timed to allow connection with the steamer Prince George on which he will journey to Prince Rupert and way ports.

DIES SUDDENLY

President of Chile Victim of Heart Disease—Shocked by Attack on Mayor Gaynor

BREMEN, Aug. 17.—The death of Senor Pedro Montt, president of Chile, in this city last night, was unexpected. He was preparing for bed when he was seized with cramps of the heart, dying almost instantly. His wife was with him.

President Montt had been invited to be the guest of Emperor William at the autumn review of the German army, where he was to have had luncheon with the Emperor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Acting Mayor Mitchell has conveyed to the wife of President Montt of Chile, who died in Bremen last night, the official sorrow and sympathy of the people of New York. A similar message has gone forward to Chile from Washington. "New York necessarily has a peculiar and unusual feeling regarding the death of President Montt," said the acting mayor, "for there is little doubt that the shock and excitement consequent upon the shooting down of Mayor Gaynor had a considerable effect on the President of Chile, who was standing nearby on the deck of the steamship. Suffering as he was from heart disease, it is no coincidence that one who was so near our mayor when he was shot down should have come to such a sudden end."

The First Citizen of Canada

THE RIGHT HON. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P. C., G. C. M. G., M. P.

WATERWORKS FOR MINE

Western Fuel Company to Have System for Operation of Machinery and Fire Fighting

NANAIMO, Aug. 17.—The Western Fuel Company has commenced operations on a waterworks system to supply the water for the machinery needed in operation of the local mines. In addition to this an auxiliary fire fighting system for the protection of pit heads and other buildings on the company's property is to be installed.

The supply of water is to be obtained from Chase river, men already being engaged on the construction of a dam at a point in the river commonly known as the "canyons" about a mile below the city dams and distant about two and a half miles from No. 1 shaft.

Work on the system will be rushed to an early completion, and it is expected by the end of the year to have it installed and the company's works supplied with water from the new source.

Fatal Fight With Horse Thieves.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 17.—In a street battle between two alleged horse thieves and sheriff's officers here today, George Chilwood, one of the horse thieves, was killed, and Sheriff Jade Houpt was probably fatally wounded.

GOOD ORE FOUND IN ENGINEER MINE

Third Heavy Gold Brick Turned Out at Atlin Property — Large Ledge is Found to Hold Good Values

ATLIN, B. C., Aug. 17.—The third gold brick from the Engineer mine was brought in yesterday by Capt. Alexander. Its weight is twenty-one pounds five ounces. Twenty pounds of this is the result of five hours' run of rich telluride ore.

After the high grade ore had been selected the low grade averages $120 per ton. About eight tons of tailings and concentrates will be shipped later, which it is estimated will run eight hundred to one thousand dollars per ton.

A ledge one hundred feet wide at the upper end of the property is being investigated and is showing big values in free milling gold. A tunnel being driven to a depth of 280 feet on the two foot vein is showing very high values.

CHURCH UNION IS DISCUSSED

Dr. A. Carman Regards Movement as One of Most Important of Modern Times—Business Before Conference

The question of church union was in evidence at yesterday afternoon's session of the Methodist General conference. It arose in connection with a delegation acting on behalf of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada, which, waited on the conference to extend greetings. The delegation was composed of the Rev. J. Campbell, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay and Mr. Thornton Fell.

Dr. Campbell acted as spokesman and in the course of his welcoming remarks expressed the hope on behalf of the Presbyterian church that the union of Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists would be duly consummated as a result of the conference now in session. In the Evangelical movement Methodists were the pioneers of Christianity. He was proud to be able to extend to the assembled conference the greetings of a church which extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Methodists were to be congratulated on the fine man and splendid Christian whom they had as general superintendent. They were also to be congratulated on their secretary, a man who was largely identified with the work of the Lords Day alliance movement. In the conference itself he had noticed a large amount of eloquence and enthusiasm. He and the assembly which he represented extended extreme sympathy to the Methodist church in the loss which it had sustained in the death of Dr. J. Potts, a man of wide attainments, whose death was not alone a loss to the church but a national loss.

In moving a vote of thanks to the delegation Dr. D. Allison, D.D., president of Mount Allison university, New Brunswick, said that there was no movement like that of church union. It was a movement which nothing could stop.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Dr. S. G. Bland, D.D., of Wesley college, Winnipeg. The seconder stated that too much of the Presbyterians could not be seen. He was a strong advocate of church union as he believed that it would result in the building up of the purest type of Christian that the world had ever seen.

Presenting the thanks of the conference to the Presbyterian General assembly Dr. Carman, the general superintendent, said that the Presbyterian

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Divorcee Goes to Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—After a last vehement denial of a report that she will wed Ray Baker, Mrs. Margaret Emerson McKim left San Francisco yesterday on the Tenyo Maru for Japan. She is accompanied by her maid and the Baroness de C. Babaolon. Mrs. McKim effectionately threw kisses from the deck of the departing steamer to Mr. Baker, who stood on the pier and threw back others in return.

NOT RESIGNING

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—On his arrival here from Klamath Falls today Secretary of the Interior Ballinger said that he still was determined not to resign until requested to do so by President Taft.

He refused to discuss the result of the California primaries, and when asked for his opinion on the nomination of William Kent for congress from the second California district he merely smiled.

Accompanied by Chief Law Officer Finney, of the reclamation service, the secretary is inspecting the various government irrigation projects in the west. On Friday he will leave for the Yosemite Valley, where he will spend four days. He will return to Seattle before going to Washington.

ANOTHER FLIGHT ACROSS CHANNEL

Juan Moissant, Spanish-American Aviator, Reaches Deal on Aerial Journey From Paris to London

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Juan Moissant, flying from Paris to London, landed at Tillmanstone, near Deal, after having crossed the English Channel. Moissant was so numb with the cold when his airship landed that he was unable to leave the machine and had to be assisted from the saddle. He said that he was forced to descend because of the frightful cold in the upper air.

Moissant left Calais at 7 o'clock this morning, but was compelled to descend on French soil to await the passing of a gale.

Hubert Latham started from Paris with Moissant. Latham abandoned the race owing to the pleadings of his mother, who became alarmed because of an accident to Latham's machine just before the start. She telegraphed Latham that a continuance of the flight would kill her.

Latham started to fly back to Paris, and on the way his biplane struck a tree and was badly damaged. The aviator, however, escaped injury.

Moissant reached Tillmanstone at 11:27 a. m. He flew from Calais to Tillmanstone in 42 minutes. During the Channel flight a tug steamed at top speed from Calais to Dover to offer assistance in case of accident.

According to a dispatch received here from Deal, Juan Moissant, the aviator who today flew across the Channel with a passenger on his flight from Paris to London is an American citizen. He was born, according to this dispatch, in Chicago.

DEAL, Eng., Aug. 17.—After a long wait Moissant decided to make no attempt to continue his journey to London today. He will start for London about 5 a. m. tomorrow.

DEAL, Eng., Aug. 18.—Moisant resumed his flight to London at 4:55 a. m.

Betrayed by Alarm Clock

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A woman named Charlotte Berdulil was arrested this week outside a shop on the Place de la Bastille, and charged by one of the shop's private detectives with stealing some cheap jewelry. She denied the theft indignantly, and refused even more indignantly to allow herself to be searched. "I am the wife of a magistrate," she declared, "and will have you punished for the indignity to which I am being subjected." Unfortunately for her, an alarm clock which she had stolen went off at this moment. Berdulil was searched, and three alarm clocks of small size, two watches and eight brooches of small value were found in a specially made pocket inside her skirt.

SOUTHERN ROAD TRAIN WRECKED

All Cars Except Sleepers Overturned — Fifteen Injured Taken From Wreckage But None Reported Killed

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 17.—According to meagre information just received here the Southern limited, No. 30, was wrecked near Rockton, a small flag station at 10:30 o'clock tonight. It is rumored that every car left the track and that the wreck is now burning. Because of the remoteness of the scene it will be some time before more definite information is received.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 17.—Fifteen injured have been taken out of the wreck at Rockton. So far no dead have been found. All the cars except the sleepers were overturned. The cars overturned were the mail, express and combination cars, and two passenger coaches.

According to a statement given out by the Southern railway tonight, none were killed and none seriously injured.

GAME LAW VIOLATION

Resident of South Wellington Accuses Men of Killing Grouse and Young Deer

NANAIMO, Aug. 17.—According to a resident of South Wellington, in a communication to the morning paper, the game laws in that district in respect to the killing of game out of season are being violated by certain parties in that locality. The case will no doubt be investigated by the district game warden. It is said that the men who are in the habit of killing birds and deer out of season and openly boast of their deeds are men of prominence in the community and old time residents of the district. The communication with respect to the violation of the act is as follows:

To whom it may concern:—

South Wellington, Aug. 14, 1910.—Allow me space enough to call the attention of the game wardens to the slaughtering of grouse and young fawns around this locality, It is pretty hard on those who endeavor to live up to the law, giving the breeding and fattening of the game all they are entitled to, to see so much going on unnecessarily. I have read in the local press at times where the game wardens have boarded trains, etc., in search of any poachers, but is it likely that they will be found either in town or on trains? I will deem it an act of courtesy, if you will kindly insert this as a warning, and should it continue I shall lay information against those parties without fear or favor. Yours sincerely,—"Fair Play."

FIGHT MYSTERY SOLVED

Private Citizen's Likeness to Acting Mayor of New York Cause of Much Commotion

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—M. A. Leuscher, just a plain citizen, mistaken for John P. Mitchell, the acting-mayor, caused all the mystery surrounding the stoppage of the Lang-Kaufmann fight at the Fairmount Athletic club last night.

With a friend he went to witness the bout and learning in advance that the police would interfere, he hired a room adjoining the club's quarters to watch proceedings. As he left he was hailed as being the acting-mayor, and the rumor spread that Mr. Mitchell had personally spied on the club before ordering the bout called off.

Mr. Mitchell, while admitting that he had instructed the police to stop the bout, indignantly denied today that he was there in person, so Leuscher, the innocent cause of the mystery, sent a letter to the acting-mayor explaining how it all occurred.

SPEAKER CANNON TO BE RETIRED

Reported That Decision Has Been Reached in Republican Party Councils to Throw "Uncle Joe" Overboard

STATEMENT PREPARED IN EXPLANATION

President Taft and Vice-President Sherman Talk Over Situation in New York State Politics.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 17.—For nearly three hours this afternoon President Taft and Vice-President Sherman talked over the defeat of Colonel Roosevelt by the New York State Republican committee yesterday and the selection of Mr. Sherman over Mr. Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention.

Mr. Sherman said he had no intention of withdrawing in favor of Mr. Roosevelt, and he treated lightly the stories that there might be a fight in the convention to repudiate the action of the state committee.

The vice-president also talked with the president regarding the congressional campaign. He wants the fight to be waged along the old lines.

While the fight apparently is to be directed along the lines of the past, it can be stated authoritatively that the feature of the party re-organization plan which calls for the retirement of Speaker Cannon will be strictly adhered to. It is said that Vice-President Sherman, one of the staunchest supporters the speaker ever had, has become reconciled to the decision that Mr. Cannon must go. A statement is being prepared in quarters close to the administration in which the attitude recently taken by Mr. Cannon in public interviews will be deplored, and in which it will be made plain that there is no thought on the part of many of his former supporters again to name Mr. Cannon for speaker.

Million Dollar Fire

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Fire in the warehouse district of Jersey City tonight caused damage estimated at $1,000,000. Fire engines from New York were hurried across the Hudson to aid the Jersey City firemen, and dynamite was used frequently.

Boiler Explosion Investigation

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—While no evidence on the point was brought out during the investigation today, it is the opinion of the United States steamboat inspector Bulger that the explosion on the steam schooner Phoenix which wrecked the vessel last Saturday off Point Arena and resulted in four deaths was caused by low water in the boilers. The only man who might be able to say was killed when the boiler blew up, According to the members of the engine crew examined today the vessel's mechanical equipment was in good shape and was not subjected to any unusual strain. The decision of the inspector will be handed down in a few days.

FIRES CONSUME MORE OF FOREST

Flames Spreading Over Large Part of Clearwater Reserve in Idaho—No Loss of Life Known

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—Late reports indicate that the forest fires in the Clearwater forests in Idaho are gaining headway.

Bert Ferris and Grove Barton, of Lewiston, who, with others, have been camping on the south fork of the Clearwater river, 60 miles inland, from Kooskin, were compelled to cut their trip short on account of the intense heat and spreading fires. They walked to Kooskin.

Ferris states that the fires are extending 30 miles long and over ten miles wide, and at the time of their departure on Monday morning were spreading in all directions.

Reports concerning loss of life have been exaggerated, not one person being known to have perished.

MAYOR GAYNOR

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Officially nothing but good news came from St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken today and tonight concerning the condition of Mayor Gaynor.

According to his physicians, this was his best day since being shot in the neck last Tuesday. This statement was contained in a bulletin, both positive and optimistic, issued at 9:15 o'clock tonight instead of at 9:30, as heretofore.

This bulletin says: "Today has been the best day the mayor has experienced since his injury, and this evening he is stronger than at any time previous. There is no foundation for the alarming rumors in circulation. If conditions continue as satisfactory as they are now, only two bulletins a day will be issued hereafter."