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FIRST G. T. P. TRAIN REACHED CITY FRIDAY

Last Rail Laid on the Winnipeg-Edmonton Line at 10.35 a.m. Friday and First Train Crossed the Bridge—Several Hundred Spectators Watched Finish of the Work.

(Friday's Daily)
At exactly five minutes after ten o'clock this morning the last spike in the approach of the G. T. P. bridge was made, and a few minutes after an engine with the track-laying machine and a private car "Prince Rupert" made the passage across the bridge.

Several hundred people from Edmonton and the Clover Bar district were present at the eastern end of the bridge this morning in anticipation of the crossing being made. The construction gang and about two miles to lay when they began work shortly after daybreak and completed the home stretch in record time. The interested spectators lining both sides of the grade.

No sooner was the approach completed than the crowd clamored for an opportunity to be on the first train to traverse the bridge. As many as it was possible to get on were invited to board the engine, track-laying machine and private car and make the passage. After going clear across in fine style, the return was made in the same manner. After that the engine proceeded to direct as far as the packing plant to which point the G. T. P. tracks had previously been laid from the Peninsular river.

The G. T. P. line to the yards will cross the C. N. R. tracks at the packing plant on an overhead trestle work which has been in course of construction during the past month. This is now about completed and is ready for the rails. The track-laying machine was run up to this point this morning and will probably be used at once in placing the rails on this portion of the line. On the completion of this work will be continued on the grade west of Edmonton along the divider from here to the Peninsular river.

At the eastern end of the trestle work the G. T. P. line joins in junction with the Canadian Northern line running into the C. N. R. station on First street. With this line it is now possible to proceed by the new transcontinental line direct from Winnipeg to Edmonton.

Development Along the Line.

That the development of a country follows rapidly on the introduction of railway lines is shown in the settlement of that part of Eastern Alberta through which the G. T. P. passes. During the past six months three villages along the new route have applied for incorporation and are now registered as such in the office of the tax commissioner. These are Wainwright, Holden and Eyley. Eyley, the point where the G. T. P. branch line leaves for Calgary, has also made application, which will be granted as soon as the forms can be made out. Entwistle, a rising town on the G. T. P. grade west of Edmonton, has also been granted incorporation as a village.

Of the newly incorporated towns in the province the only one within the past few months is that of Irving, near Medicine Hat. Tofted, also on the G. T. P. east of Edmonton, has entered application for incorporation as a town and will soon discard its infant municipal clothes.

No fewer than fourteen local improvement districts have been formed during the past six months. With one or two exceptions these are all along the line of the G. T. P. and between the new transcontinental and the Canadian Northern.

(Thursday's Daily)
Several weeks ago the track-laying gang of the G.T.P. resumed operations near Viking, just west of the Battle river, where they had left off last fall. There then remained ninety miles of track to be constructed before an entrance could be made into Edmonton. Ever since the first spike was driven on the home stretch the progress of the construction gang has been watched with accelerating interest, and at the close of almost every day an inventory has been taken by Edmonton people of the extent of line still to be built. Travelers into the city from the scene of the construction camps have reported frequently here where the vanguard of the camp was located, so that a very close estimate could be made of how much longer it would take for the Transcontinental to complete the span between Winnipeg and this city.

When the construction gang encamped near Viking, the marching orders were to reach Edmonton with the possible exception of two shifts of men were called into action to take alternate periods of work and rest. In each shift there were one hundred and twenty men, and the work was done in nearly four hundred all told. With the two shifts it was possible to lay about five miles of track a day. The difficulties awaited the construction boss. The nearer the camp got to Edmonton the more uneasy the men became to again get a taste of city

MAMMOTH FLEET IN THE THAMES

Warships Ready for Battle Drop Anchor in Historic Strait to Pacify Popular Panic.

London, July 16.—One hundred and forty-eight British warships will drop anchor in the Thames tonight, the array extending from the estuary at the south end of the river to Westminster bridge, in the heart of London. The total tonnage of this fleet is 750,000, its cost is 60,000,000 pounds sterling and it is considered as manned by 42,000 sons of the navy. More warships, 165, to be exact, assembled for the great review at Spithead in 1887, but at least 30 of these could neither steam nor fight and were there merely for show purposes. The fleet now on the Thames is without a single useless or obsolete unit. Every one of the 148 vessels could go into battle at a moment's notice and give a good account of itself. What is the object of this extended and super display of British fighting power? First it is an anti-panic show. The uneasiness prevalent in every quarter of Britain, especially in the higher circles as to the condition of the country's defence has been apprehension and pessimism throughout the body politic.

EX-CHANCELLOR NO CWARD

Von Buelow Claims He Resigned Because Conservatives Made a Bad Mistake.

Berlin, July 15.—In connection with the appointment of Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg as chancellor, Emperor William, arrived in Berlin yesterday on a special train from Kiel. He received Prince Von Buelow in the small garden of the palace and the two men could be seen, and were taken to the Spree as well as from the Burgstrasse. The emperor shook the prince warmly by the hand and the two walked up and down the garden for three-quarters of an hour in animated conversation. It was noted that his majesty's remarks were very complimentary to Prince Von Buelow by the emperor.

At about 11 o'clock Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg appeared in the garden, whereupon Prince Von Buelow bade farewell to his majesty and the emperor walked to and fro with the new premier. In the meantime the crowd on the bridge and the street had increased in number. Part of the garden is thickly set with shrubs and now and then the emperor and the new chancellor were seen to be a few minutes out of sight of the public, only to resume their promenade later. Both the retiring and the new chancellor were observed by the crowds outside the palace.

Following the conference with Dr. Von Bethmann-Holweg, Emperor William, granted audience to Herr Delbrueck of the Interior Department and Herr Wermuth, Under Secretary of State of the Interior.

In a conversation with a representative of a Hamburg newspaper, Prince Von Buelow, commenting on the fact that he had been approached with want of courage in not dissolving the Reichstag, explained that he had not taken that step because elections and the present state of public opinion would have resulted in increasing the forces of Socialists and the new house would not have passed the finance bills. The Conservatives had made the mistake, from which they and the country would suffer, of refusing the inheritance tax. They had made that resignation of property tax the issue going to the Reichstag, and he had not taken that step because elections and the present state of public opinion would have resulted in increasing the forces of Socialists and the new house would not have passed the finance bills.

Objects to Tax.

New York, July 16.—Basing his argument on the Federal court on the ground that "insurance is not commerce," Edwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, has written to Attorney-general Wickham at Washington protesting against the proposed corporation tax upon mutual life insurance companies. He declares the tax would fall chiefly upon the man of moderate income. "We are opposed to the tax in any form or amount and believe it is unfair, unjust and unjust," said Mr. Kingsley, who refers the attorney-general to the insurance laws of New York state, which he points out, already impose a heavy tax and otherwise tend to limit the returns to policy holders.

Accused of Perjury.

Brockville, Ont., July 16.—Mike Boro of St. Regis is summoned to answer a charge of perjury in the evidence he gave a few weeks ago on information against the proprietor of the Windsor hotel, who was fined for selling liquor after hours. He didn't show up and a warrant was issued.

Rubber Trust Boosts Price.

Toronto, July 16.—Rubber goods dealers say the increase in the price of rubber articles is due to a trust. Raw stuff has come up from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per pound during the last few days and is liable to take another shoot at any time. Motor car owners and users of rubber belting are the hardest hit.

Hail in Dakota.

Brandon, Man., July 17.—Passengers on the Great Northern train last night report hail storms in Dakota that swept districts thirty miles long and five miles wide, not a blade of grain left, while north of the boundary in Roseauville district little damage has been done by hail.

Fears Allayed.

Lima, Peru, July 16.—The Comercio in an editorial article, says today: "The Bolivian trouble has taken on a better aspect. Argentina has received and accepted full satisfaction from Bolivia."

TROOPS ORDERED TO SHOOT TO KILL

Pittsburg Saw Another Day of Turmoil and Disorder, With Occasional Open Battle.

Pittsburg, Penna., July 16.—This was another day of turmoil and disorder around the Pressed Steel Car Company's works at McKee's Rock. Fighting began early this morning and continued intermittently throughout the day. The troops were ordered to shoot to kill and there is little doubt they would have done so had they at any time been so hard pressed as last night when fifty troops were against a mob of 1,000.

The fighting began at daybreak today when the troops and strikers, for three hours figuratively crouched in a trench, waiting for the other in a brief battle which ended in the rout of the strikers, many of them being seriously wounded.

Another engagement took place between several hundred strikers and a score of deputies over the attempted firing of 500 cots for the company's men. The crew of the steam-roller Schoenville refused to land their cargo, but the cots were finally landed under the protection of the troops. Intense excitement followed a report that the company intended bringing in strikebreakers. Hundreds of men and women pushed to the car track and held up the street cars. The cars were searched and every passenger who was unable to give a satisfactory excuse for his presence was sent back. Wives of strikers are packing their pitiful belongings following threats of eviction on the part of the company's officials. They have no lease on the miserable dwellings which are owned by the company and have been told that they will be thrown out at the end of the month. There were signs of a general riot this morning before Sheriff Gumbert succeeded in committing all 22 men charged with instigating a riot. A proposition for a conference between representatives of the strikers and the company officials was conveyed to the company through Sheriff Gumbert, was rejected by President Hoffert, who arrived in Pittsburg last evening. He said "Six hundred of the strikers, I should say rioters, can consider themselves discharged. The rest are to be kept in jail until they have come or will come for their money or not. They will never work for the Pressed Steel Car Company again. We have the names and identity of all these men and their photographs of many of them."

TAFT STRIKES FOR A LOWER TARIFF

Tells Congress He Will Send Back Any Bill That Does Not Reverse Downward—War Certain.

Washington, D.C., July 16.—President Taft today struck his promised blow for a downward revision of the tariff. In an official statement issued from the White House the president stated clearly for free raw materials, reiterated his conviction that the Republican party is committed to a revision downward of the tariff schedules and that he must reduce his pledges and the plain people of this country must meet with his views as to revision downward will be sent back to congress with a veto. Briefly that is the effect of the significant document which Secretary Carpenter handed to the newspaper men after 3 o'clock this morning. In making his statement he indicates clearly the belief of the president that the psychological moment has arrived when he will propose to congress and the country know just where he stands. It needs no argument to show that if revision downward was made the tariff would be lower. The crisis has been reached and this is the president's notification to the country that he will reduce his pledges and to the country that his pledged word is to be accepted at its face value. The statement puts the president in direct conflict with Senator Aldrich and the tariff bill which the latter has jammed through the senate. It means a more serious battle between congress and the president than was seen at any time during the stormy seven years of the Roosevelt administration.

Aldrich Says Nothing.

Washington, July 16.—Senator Aldrich declined to make any comment on the president's statement. He said it can be said, however, that his position is that the conferees in his reference to the president's wishes, will be a more serious battle between congress and the president than was seen at any time during the stormy seven years of the Roosevelt administration.

ANARCHY IN MOROCCO.

Spain Will Send an Army of 8,000 Men to Preserve Peace.

Madrid, July 15.—The Spanish government expects to send 8,000 troops into the Rif region. It is officially declared that Spain does not seek war, its sole purpose being to put its possessions in North Africa in a condition to retaliate and punish attack.

Tangier, July 15.—The rebel situation in Morocco occasioned the deepest apprehension. It is believed European intervention cannot be longer delayed, and the seizure of the city of Zennar, which has been proclaimed Sultan in Zennar, is advancing at the head of a large force on Mequinez.

Hill Foresees Prosperity.

Washington, July 15.—As James I. Hill, the railroad magnate, who yesterday was one of President Taft's callers, "this country will enjoy a prosperity which will equal, if it does not surpass, that which it knew under the McKinley administration. Last month I travelled extensively through the west and I never saw such activity among the farmers. Everywhere I made enquiries and learned and saw that the crops were abundant and that the farmers were satisfied. Signs of the financial depression of 1897 are fast falling. Freight cars will be at a premium within a few weeks. We of the railroad world, judge the prosperity of the nation is being run into the ground as anything else. All through the past year there have been thousands idle, but they will soon be rolling about the country filled with freight."

G. T. to Build Cut-Off.

Toronto, Ont., July 16.—A survey has been made by the Grand Trunk for a new line running into North Toronto from the east, which when completed and connected with the tracks east of the city, will be used as the main line.

C. P. R. TO BUILD A SECOND LINE

Will Continue Nelson-Midway Road to Vancouver Along South Shore of the Fraser

Vancouver, July 15.—The most portentous move yet made in a big railway war is shaping up between the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific railways in British Columbia, came today in an official announcement of the first line on the north side of the river. It has a second complete line across British Columbia at the same time occupying both banks of the precipitous canyon of the Fraser river. The company intends to complete its line now in operation from Nelson to Midway to the coast. There are two ways of coming, one over the heavy grade of the Hope mountains, which is extremely unlikely and the other through the Similkameen, Spence's bridge, and then down through the Fraser canyon on the south side of the river. Surveys have been completed and very light grades along the existing will be obtained. It is declared officially to be an impossibility to build another line on the east side of the river, and to overcome the difficulty the C. P. R. under an old charter will occupy both sides. The Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific are both heading for the same bank. There is room for only one and a lively fight for supremacy is in prospect. Apparently the builders of this railway are sanguine of securing the necessary authority to build through the canyon on the east side of the river, owing to the fact that the Canadian Northern route map filed with the minister has been in force since April, was approved in June, and is now being fought by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The Grand Trunk Pacific has been fighting the Canadian Northern at Ottawa for choice of routes into Vancouver. In the meantime the Canadian Pacific has been fighting the Canadian Northern at Ottawa for choice of routes into Vancouver. In the meantime the Canadian Pacific has been fighting the Canadian Northern at Ottawa for choice of routes into Vancouver.

Brandon Crops Good.

Brandon, July 17.—Crop reports receive here are of the most satisfactory nature and despite the late spring conditions are such that the growing grain is further advanced than last year. Samples of wheat, barley and oats from the east side of the river, are as good as J. E. Burney, Massey-Harris agent at Reston, here for the exhibition says crops in his locality have never been better than they are just now. The outlook is much better than last year. At the experimental farm here there are crops of spring rye standing fully four feet six inches tall. A crop of this kind ever produced in the country.

Lethbridge Man Had Two.

Lethbridge, July 16.—James E. McGregor, gardener, former city steno-grapher here, will have to face a charge of bigamy if caught, having married Miss F. Nina Burk, of Winnipeg, who was dressmaker for the Hudson Bay Company here, while he had a wife and child in Southport, England. The wife here was warned by the Chief of Police G. J. Roy. They were missing when the Winnipeg police went after them. His first wife landed here from England on Tuesday and went to Winnipeg.

St. To Investigate Alleged Drowning.

Ottawa, July 16.—Because of mystery surrounding the death of Henri Bastien, a farmer, who lived in Hanks Township, Quebec, fifteen miles east of Kitchissippi, and whose body was found some time ago, Sheriff Wright, of Hull, leaves tomorrow morning to investigate the matter. Bastien disappeared recently and nothing was known of his whereabouts until his body was found at Front Lake last week. Coroner Fontaine, of that district, gave his consent for the burial of the body, but so great are the suspicions and rumors foul play that a brother of the deceased notified the sheriff of the occurrence and the latter promised immediate investigation.

Milkman Declared an Assassin.

Montreal, July 16.—"You are an assassin, that's what you are," declared Recorder Dupuis, addressing Kalmus, a Longue Point milk dealer, on his fourth conviction for selling diluted milk unfit for consumption. The recorder read a severe lecture to a number of other milkmen who were arrested on a similar charge.

Hail at Reston.

Reston, Sask., July 17.—Hail fell at Reston about one this morning but the storm was light and fortunately no wind accompanied it. So far as can be learned the damage was trifling though the halibuts were very large. Crops are in splendid condition and harvest should be on about middle of August.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Ill., July 16.—Hogs attained a top of \$8.45 today, and generally there was an advance of 10 to 20c, practically nothing of recent grass-fed cattle will be on the market and supplies will be at a maximum. It must be said for the leading packing houses that they are seeking to establish a steady market for live cattle and hogs. Prices are unchanged from the list of quotations a week ago.

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