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FIFTIETH YEAR

INDIANS OF THE SKEENA IN REBELLION--HAZELTON PREPARING FOR DEFENCE

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPS ON SKEENA RIVER BETWEEN INDIANS AND AUTHORITIES

Malcontented Kispiox Nation Attacks Government Road
Camp—Police Force of Fifty Make Ringleaders Prison-
ers—After Playing Brilliant Coup—Hazelton Menaced
and Trial Begun

THE LATEST FROM HAZELTON

Special to The Colonist.
HAZELTON, Nov. 8.—The trial of the Kispiox Indian ringleaders arrested in the morning's attack on the village of that name was opened this morning and remanded pending the arrival of Road Foreman McGully and other witnesses from the mountains to gather in the fighting men, and meetings are being held in all the villages. Serious trouble is anticipated.

On Thursday last the discontent that has been alternately smouldering and breaking into dangerous flame among the four thousand or more Indians of the related tribes of the upper Skeena culminated in a well organized attack upon the government road camp, seven miles north of Hazelton, this camp being in connection with the construction of a highway through the Kispiox valley. The little outfit of road-builders was rushed by the Siwash, all Kispiox men in heavy force, and the tools and entire camp paraphernalia seized. The Indians being partly lawless and partly lawless, possession of several cases of dynamite, together with a quantity of arms and ammunition, was a serious matter.

No actual injury was at that time done to any of the greatly outnumbered whites. However, James McGully and all the members of his gang were plainly told that unless they forthwith ceased work and quitted the valley permanently, their lives would be forfeit.

The day previous to this attack and victory for the Kispiox, McGully had been attacked by a smaller band of Indians who attempted to interfere with the removal of part of the camp outfit from the village. In the scuffle the whites were victorious, and the Indians being severely handled, while a third, who had attempted to attack the whites, was promptly kicked backwards into the cold Skeena, from which he was not seen to emerge.

The same day, Wednesday, Hugh Taylor, the government telegraph operator on the Yukon, and the two ranchers resident in the valley, had received a second warning to vacate their homes and to leave the country within a certain stipulated time or take the fatal consequences.

Immediately upon receiving word of these warnings and of the attack and capture of the government road outfit, Chief Constable E. H. Mattland-Douglas sent out two good men to investigate conditions, these scouts finding the Indians in a very nasty mood and preparing to take the war trail, with which report they returned in haste to Hazelton.

A council of war was held, Government Agent Allison and the chief constable being in agreement that drastic and immediate action was imperatively demanded, and a plan being given in cooperation with the emergency, by Superintendent Ruessey, who was accompanied with a party of fifty men, including a detachment of the greater part of the available male population of the district, were sworn in from Duncan Ross' construction camp, the majority of the others being the picked men of Hazelton, good shots and expert backwoodsmen, all of them.

Dividing his forces into small squads, Chief Constable Mattland-Douglas marched them in the dead of night through the forest, along the riverside trail to Kispiox. He previously dispatched a canoe up the Skeena with three men specially cautioned to move with every care not to attract attention, and these, with the canoe were found in readiness at an appointed place to ferry the police party across the river before the breaking of day.

The entire expedition crossed the river a little before 5 o'clock in the morning, day not yet having broken, and the party being strategically distributed with such skill and precision that not even a dog in the sleeping village was disturbed.

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The Train Without a Locomotive



Conductor John Oliver: "I've shouted 'All aboard--ra' till I'm hoarse. Aren't any of you folks coming?"
The laughing crowd: "Why, you aren't hitched on to anything yet to haul you anywhere!"

(The liberal policy as enunciated by the new leader provides that railway assistance by the Province shall take the form of only limited mileage, supplementing the established Dominion mileage subsidy. No railway companies or promoters have even remotely suggested that they could be induced to build under this plan.)

PLUNGED TO DEATH WHEN AUTO LEFT BRIDGE

Big Touring Car Jumps Into
River at Chicago Carrying
Men and Women—Two of
Party Seen to Drown

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 8.—A huge touring car plunged into the river at Jackson boulevard from the east approach of the bridge shortly after 10 o'clock last night while the bridge was turned. A man and a woman were seen to come to surface and float down the stream, the man endeavoring to save the woman by carrying her on his back. After drifting more than a block both sank with last despairing cries for help. That three others, perhaps four, went down with the automobile is the belief of the bridge tenders at Jackson boulevard and at Van Buren street and of other witnesses of the tragedy. The other victims, it is believed, are under the machine at the bottom of the river.

The automobile was speeding twenty-five miles an hour and when it struck the water it dived into the mud at the bottom. The screams most clearly distinguished as the big car went over, are declared by the witnesses, to have been those of women and the conviction was reached by them that more than two of the occupants of the automobile were women. This limousine prevented the occupants being clearly discerned as the car dashed by.

Search Fruitless.
Search for the bodies of the occupants of the automobile which plunged into the Chicago river at the east approach of the Jackson Boulevard bridge last night was resumed today by divers and members of the police force and the city fire boats. The identity and number of the victims is still unknown. It was at first thought the automobile belonged to James K. Congrit of Salt Lake City, Utah, who left the Congress Hotel with party of friends a short time before the accident occurred on the way to Union station, but it was later learned that the Congress Hotel was safe and that the machine belonged to J. E. Scheffer. It is said to be one of two machines he has for hire and to have been in charge of Ernest Camp. Mr. Scheffer was unable to locate the car today.

King Manuel A-Visiting.
MADRID, Nov. 8.—King Manuel of Portugal, who is on his way to London to visit King Edward, arrived here today, accompanied by a large suite. His Majesty was received at the station by King Alfonso and escorted to the palace through double lines of troops. The programme for the reception of the young Portuguese monarch includes a review of the Spanish troops, a royal hunt and an excursion to Toledo, formerly the residence of the kings of Castile.

TWO MONTREAL FIREMEN KILLED

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—Firemen Mulloy and Holbrook, of No. 10 station, were killed and at least three other firemen were injured by the collapse of a wall at a fire in the Holland Mattress factory between Windsor and Cathedral streets about Saint Antoine street this morning. The building was a five-story structure.

British Warships.
London, Nov. 8.—The newest British Dreadnought cruiser Lion, and her sister ship for which contracts have just been let, according to high authority, will be remarkable for their formidable tonnage of 26,350 and speed of twenty-eight knots. These vessels will be 700 feet long only, sixty-two feet shorter than the Cunard line steamer Lusitania, and will carry eight twelve-inch guns. The big warships will cost over \$10,000,000 each. The latest battleship, the Orion, which is about to be laid down at Portsmouth will be 700 feet long only.

Restores Guarantees.
MADRID, Nov. 8.—The Spanish government today restored the constitutional guarantees in the Catalonian provinces of Barcelona and Gerona, which were suspended last July when the revolt broke out in those provinces.

LOCAL TRAVELLER STANDS ACCUSED OF THEFT

Charles Richards, Employed
For Two Years by Wilson
Bros., Arraigned Before Magistrate This Morning

Charged with stealing the sum of \$22, Charles Richards, traveller for the firm of Wilson Bros., appeared in the police court this morning. The money mentioned in the information was taken from a customer in Nanaimo and was not turned in at the local office. While this is all involved, as far as officially known up to now, it is authentically reported that a much greater shortage, a total aggregating some thousands, has been discovered. That the case is much more serious than would appear on the face is evinced by the fact that ball was not ad Stars and Canadian flags marched through a slight breeze to Massey hall, where 2,000 gathered.

Richards, who has been employed for Wilson Bros. for upwards of two years, was arrested at Nanaimo on Tuesday night by the provincial police and was brought to this city yesterday.

The hearing has been remanded for a week.

LABOR CONVENTION OPENS IN TORONTO

American Federation Begins Annual
Session With Gompers in Chair—
Big Street Demonstration.

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—Two thousand delegates and friends of labor assembled in Massey Hall today, where President Samuel Gompers, with a gavel declared the great 29th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened. Prior to this six hundred delegates and associates led by 100 musicians headed by the United States and Canadian flags marched through a slight breeze to Massey hall, where 2,000 gathered.

Gompers, nearly sixty years old, the smallest figure in the line and destined to imprisonment unless saved by a civil war, marched to the front. Hand-clapping and yells of applause greeted Gompers as he appeared on the platform. Addressing the Federation, Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works for Ontario, extended the fraternal greetings and remarked that the mayor had neglected to extend the freedom of the city.

"You have the same right to organize as we doctors have," declared the genial minister, who declared all geographical lines were obliterated by the picturesque French-Canadian twang in Dr. Reaume's speech delighted the 2,000 who listened and they bade him "Go on," when he prepared to close. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, minister of justice for the Dominion, added regrets and best wishes.

Our federation would not if it could and it could not if it would take out of your labor people here their loyalty to Canada," declared Mr. Gompers in reply. "We believe there is one common future for English speaking people to fight out the destiny of this country, which he declared to be 'There is greater percentage of Canadians as officers of international unions than there is in the United States. Canada also contributes more per capita than we do to such movements. We are not going to be driven into revolution. We will work our own emancipation by evolution. Whoever discards the labor movement must always be right.'"

URGES DANGER OF MONOPOLISTIC CONTROL

National Conservation Association
Warns People of U. S. Against
Danger Regarding Resources.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Dr. Charles A. Elliott, as president of the National Conservation Association, today issued a statement on the danger of the monopolistic control of the sources of power in this country, which he declared to be urgent. The statement is in the form of an appeal to the American people and deals particularly with the much discussed question of the coal fields of Alaska and sheds new light on that situation.

It says "The National Conservation Association is convinced of the urgent need of immediate measures to prevent the control of the great sources of heat and mechanical power in the United States from being seized by monopolistic organizations and to secure the best development of these sources in the interest of the whole people. These sources are waterfalls and coal. Under the existing laws the wisest development is practically impossible."

FATAL RIOT AT LIMA, PERU

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 8.—Several persons were killed and many wounded here in a small riot at the side of the bull pen when a scheduled fight broke out between a lion and a bull turned out a fiasco. The police charged the riot and a meeting opposition fired into the crowd.

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UNWORTHY METHOD ADOPTED BY LIBERALS

Premier McBride May Perforce
Abandon His Tour in Con-
sequence of Petty Trick—
Late Nominations

The Financial world plays no political parties, it is not a newspaper and sound administration that makes a country's credit. When the present Conservative government assumed office in British Columbia, the affairs of that province were such chaotic condition that investors "steered clear" of this resourceful province. British Columbia's 3 per cent, the standard securities of the province, were in 1907 quoted on the London Exchange at from 83 to 83½. Today they are at 85½ to 87. Enough said.

The lengths to which a political party will go in the effort to embarrass opponents and prevent the electors from hearing the leaders of "the other side" discuss the country's position and their own stewardship finds most significant illustration in the action that has been taken in bringing forward just at this particular time the long-shelved libel action of Green vs. the Vancouver Daily World, in which a re-trial has been secured by the defendant newspaper.

No effort has been made to bring the action to trial in all the months intervening since the last general election. But as soon as the present campaign history was announced, steps were taken to re-introduce the almost forgotten litigation, the being set for trial on Monday this week. Hon. Mr. McBride was summoned to attend as a witness.

Dr. E. J. Kelly, K. C., emphatically protested to the court that this was merely a base expedient to interfere with the prime minister's arrangements in the country's business. Hon. Mr. Justice Clement has ruled that the law does not give him the other alternative than to enforce obedience to the subpoena, although it has been shown that the premier is not in a position to give material evidence. Unless some unexpected method presents itself which alters his position, he will be compelled to appear.

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POST-MARKS

Turn Around.
If when you drive your motor, A girl in the tonneau,
You strike a hole which bumps your soul,
'Tis just as well to know
If the fair passenger so sweet
Is still rejoicing in her seat,
—Toronto News.

But what if while you're turning your motor hits a bump, you see you were taking this wretched stuff?
Patient—"Well, it was my misis, sir, she says. It'll dose you with this, and doctor he'll fix his stuff, and well see which'll cure you first!"—Punch.

Stung!
"Rejected," said the bright young man, For tears he scarce could see.
The Main Guy of a Magazine Had bumped his poetry.

The United States is entering upon a tariff war with France, the producer of the cold bottle. Boom for Yankee hard cider.
New Bride—Yes, we have heard of men who were so lazy they would rather pay rent than move!
Necessity is the mother of invention all right! An eastern man had a cookless fire so he invented a fireless cooker!
If you want to know just what you're friends think of you, run for office!

It's all up! the suffragettes have planted "a black flag" on Pike's Peak. Clear case of piracy on the high hills!
The Helpful Bloch.
Thus do the wealthy help the poor! Ho, Andy! Under the book-worm
While old John D. just recently, Has sworn to alicy the hookworm!

Report from East Africa says in connection with reported death of T. R.; "No substantiation of grave rumors." In which sense is "grave" used?

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