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FIFTIETH YEAR

## CHILDREN'S REPETITION JUDGE TO SPEAK OF FERNIE SPEAK TO THE BOYS

Ben Lindsey, of Denver, Will  
Address Victoria Kiddies at  
City Hall Tomorrow in His  
Famous Style

NO USE PREACHING  
TO THE BOYS

What He Says of His Saturday  
Talks—Is "One of the Boys"  
Himself and Tries to Get  
Their Viewpoint

Judge Ben F. Lindsey, the famous  
children's judge of Denver, who is visit-  
ing the coast in connection with the  
prison workers' congress at Seattle,  
where he is one of the principal speak-  
ers, is in Vancouver today, informally  
inspecting the reformatory system of  
British Columbia and participating in  
a meeting arranged by Mr. Fred C.  
Wade to advance the project for the  
formation of a children's court for the  
Terminal City. Tomorrow the dis-  
tinguished jurist, philosopher and phil-  
anthropist comes to this city at the in-  
vitation of the local Children's Aid so-  
ciety, and in the evening will address a  
public meeting at the city hall on the  
reform work among the young—a work  
in which he has achieved success, giv-  
ing him an authoritative position in  
America. That the lecture, addressed to  
"little talkers," Judge Lindsey would  
in his marked simplicity describe it,  
will prove most interesting and highly  
instructive and well-conducted. It  
is to be hoped that the attendance will  
be proportionate to the importance of  
the subject.

Speaking briefly at Vancouver of his  
methods in work, and more particularly  
his Saturday court talk, Judge Lindsey  
said on Saturday:

"At the opening of the court I gener-  
ally proceed to deliver a short Saturday  
talk. I go to the boys and talk to  
the boys—I talk to them very much  
as if I were one of them. I discuss  
with them the various troubles in incu-  
lating a principle and all their various  
duties as little citizens are impressed  
upon them. They are often told they are  
among the best boys in Denver. (In  
Vancouver almost without exception and  
by him supposed to have the children  
of the best boys in Denver.) I have  
heard these boys are the only really kind words  
spoken by his worship."

"I think there is a general impression  
that all Vancouver boys are bad and  
that they frequently cause a great deal  
of trouble and commit many offences,  
but the blame is cast as much or more  
upon the boys as upon the parents. For  
the few exceptions we have the greatest  
pleasure and sorrow. Some of them  
have done things in the past that  
were almost beyond redemption. I told  
him the five American boys were worth more  
to the State of Colorado than the bicycles.  
He finally agreed with me. I had my  
way and all the boys are today doing  
well and are promising citizens. So we  
are there to help them, not to hurt  
them, to prove to the world they are  
good, bad or indifferent. We must help  
them prove our faith. We can help if we  
try. It is impossible for them to be bad  
unless they will be, and we know they  
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## THE NEWS OF TODAY

James and William Mortimore,  
two bachelor brothers of Vancouver,  
die within a few hours of one another  
of heart failure.

Forestry commission delayed at first  
session by absence of A. S. Goodvay,  
M.P.P.

Earthquakes continue on Mexican  
coast.

Many buildings burn at Fernie.

Social and moral reform committee  
of the C. E. U. will try to stop gam-  
bling at Exhibition races.

Fort William strikers will go back to  
work and submit to arbitration.

Canada and Australia are unanimous  
on question of Pacific defence.

Company of Polish soldiers charges  
Chicago mob and is repulsed.

Superintendent Robinson says there  
will be no extension of the holidays  
this summer.

Settler returns to Quenest with heart-  
rending story of desert and hopeless ec-  
cuvor.

Natural gas wrecked Cleveland build-  
ing and ten are killed.

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Fire Among Homeless—Fire  
Started By an Overturned  
Lamp and Spread Rapidly

Fernie, Aug. 16.—Fire broke out in  
the basement of the Coal Creek Club  
building yesterday evening at 6:30  
o'clock which spread rapidly to the  
adjacent buildings and destroyed  
until sixteen buildings, including  
the Trites Wood Store were  
consumed.

Seventeen families and all the  
boarders in the large boarding houses  
were rendered homeless.

The fire was discovered in the  
basement of the Club building and it  
is supposed to have started from an  
overturned lamp.

It was at once seen that the big  
store of Trites Wood was doomed as  
the flames leaped across the  
road and into the building.

The pressure of water was not suf-  
ficient to do much damage on the  
side of the road and some houses  
had to be torn down to stop the  
spread of the flames. The loss to the  
Trites Wood company on their stock  
will be about \$50,000, partially covered  
by insurance.

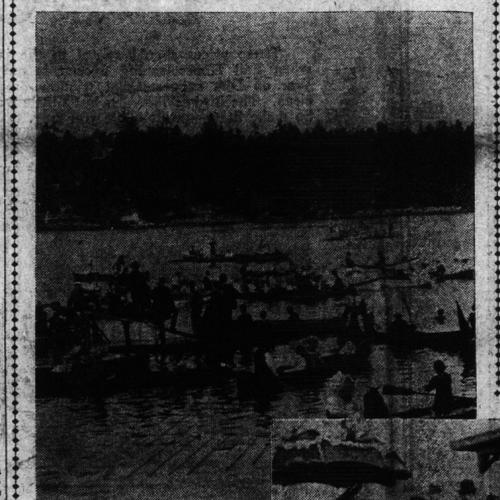
All the buildings belonged to the  
coal company and were insured for  
about sixty per cent. of their value.

Some of the people rendered home-  
less were sufferers from the big fire  
of last year and had moved to Coal  
Creek after that experience. Some 35  
children and five women were brought  
down to Fernie and furnished beds at  
the Napanee hotel by order of Mayor  
Herschman. Others were seen sitting  
about on piles of bedding and house-  
hold goods.

The total loss will be between \$50,  
000 and \$100,000. No damage was  
done to any of the mining plant and  
it will not be interfered with.

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ceived here from Coal Creek today  
state that the buildings were damag-  
ed by the big fire yesterday to the  
extent of \$200,000. Had the wind shifted,  
the reports say, the timber yard  
and outside plant would have been  
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delegation will take the fullest advan-  
tage of the chance to make Frey-  
dents Rivers-Wilson and Hays ac-  
quainted with the character of the  
western country and its people to  
bring to them a realization of Victoria's  
desire to secure better transportation  
facilities than at present, and to im-  
bue them with a stronger understand-  
ing of the importance of railways from  
the standpoint of the island, as they  
must, come before timber, mines, etc.  
can be developed.

## HEARTREN BY AGENT'S GUILF

Knuston of Baby-Buggy Fame  
Returns From the Nechaco  
With His Motherless Babies  
—Real Estate Agent's Wives

The pathos of a pioneer's life is  
strikingly illustrated in the story  
brought to Quenest by L. Knuston,  
whom residents of British Columbia  
last heard of at the time of his de-  
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The swimming tournament for boys  
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annual feature of the St. Clair's  
swimming club, was held Saturday  
afternoon at the Gorge. The youthful  
swimmers were out in force, and com-  
petition in the various events was  
keen.

## NO TROUBLE IN PITTSBURG TODAY

Pittsburg, Aug. 16.—No additional  
imported workmen were taken into the  
plant of the Pressed Steel Car Co. to-  
day. Although the strikers were do-  
ing picket duty and questioning stran-  
gers in the vicinity of the works, no  
trouble has occurred since yesterday  
when shots were fired at incoming  
workmen. The 100-man holding of the  
meeting at the Indian mound this  
morning. The commissary depart-  
ment is distributing bread donated to  
the families of the strikers.

## UNANIMOUS IN THEIR OPINION

Canada and Australia Stand  
Together at Defence Confer-  
ence in Insisting Pacific In-  
terests Be Better Protected

TORPEDOES TO ATLANTIC  
CRUISERS TO PACIFIC

Pugsley Speaks Well of Van-  
couver Island—Admits Re-  
commendation to Cabinet to  
Enlarge Esquimalt Drydock

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Private advices  
from the ministers in London go far  
to confirm the cable report today that  
Canada and Australia are as a unit  
in the determination that whatever  
steps be taken as regards the navy  
both states shall look after Pacific  
waters. The message from Japan,  
while naturally more of a factor in  
Australia than in Canada brought two  
sets of delegates together. They in-  
dicated their willingness to do a fair  
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It will come as a pleasant surprise  
to the people of British Columbia  
when they find how insistent Japan,  
and Borden have been in support of  
Pacific defence. They have converted  
the premier and his colleagues to the  
view of Australia that the most val-  
uable ports for the Pacific states  
are the Pacific and not the Atlantic  
between these and four million dollars a year  
for naval defence. It is to be done only  
on the condition that cruisers be placed  
in Pacific waters—the terrible  
deadlock between the admirals and  
the delegates from Canada and Aus-  
tralia.

The former wants Canadian cruisers  
on the Atlantic so that they will be  
able to cross to the North Sea if  
needed. Canada will provide a tor-  
pedo fleet for the Atlantic but insists  
that the cruisers must go to the Pacific.  
The cables are being kept hot with  
correspondence. Laurier is in touch  
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## THE REMNANT COUNTER

Did you ever think you had a beauty,  
and then—

Not everyone can own a yacht, but  
almost everyone can own a pair of  
trousers and be just as happy without  
the marine auxiliary.

Governor Dunsuirly is playing cro-  
quet at Vancouver today. Is not this  
too great a risk for the nation to per-  
mit?

A "boom" is described by an up-  
country contemporary as the flower of a  
rumor watered with ink.

The Ottawa strath is being success-  
ful in running along the ground and in  
hopping. The next tests will be in  
skipping and jumping. Baddeck seems  
to be something of an all-round athlete,  
but not yet ready for the trapeze.

Despite reports to the contrary, the  
name of Vernon has not been Pugsley-  
ized into Okanaganopolis, nor is Oyoos  
Lake transformed into the Lower-Lower  
Lower Okanagan Lake.

Hedley now has six hotels. This is too  
rough on the other nineteen.

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