

TELLS OF PROGRESS OF FAR SIAM

Director of Railways in Oriental Kingdom Here en Route to His Home in Germany—Progress of Country

That the awakening in the Orient resulting from the outcome of the Russo-Japanese war and the arousing of the nations to national consciousness had little or no effect on the Siam...

The present king is a man of rare intelligence and much culture. He feels particularly well disposed towards the British people. Recently he has perfected his knowledge of English so that whereas he formerly always used an interpreter, he now converses fluently himself.

While the king wisely exercises diplomacy in the relations his country bears towards France and Great Britain, I have no doubt but that if it came to a preference he would favor the English. This, I think, results largely from the fact that English law, which he well knows, is the best method of dealing with foreign powers.

Speaking of the probabilities of trade between Canada and Siam, Mr. Weller said that the opportunity was being practically made to open up the Siam to the world...

Reverting to the personality of the king, Mr. Weller pointed out that he had not so easy to maintain his country as an independent state...

Ontario Bank Shareholders. TORONTO, April 18.—The Court of Appeals today dismissed the appeal of W. J. McFarland, representing the contributing shareholders of the Ontario Bank from the formal judgment of Mr. Justice Burton upholding the decision given by Official Referee Kapp...

COMMISSION CHOOSES LOCALITY BUT DOES NOT CHOOSE THE ACTUAL SITE OF UNIVERSITY.—ITS PROBABLE SESSIONS.

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DIXON BILL PLEASES LOCAL SEALERS

Would Be Willing to Accept Compromise Offer of 1897 for Their Ships and Gear and Other Effects.

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CLEVER CROOK IS ARRESTED ON THE ISLAND

Frank Orr, the Socialist Burglar, Who Broke Jail Here, is Captured by the Portland Police.

Frank Orr, known as the burglar of the socialist tendency, who on August 25, 1908, broke jail here while awaiting his trial on a charge of stealing the money from the Hinton Electric Company, has been arrested at Portland, Ore. The charge against him is that he was the burglar of the Hinton Electric Company, which he was arrested shortly afterwards in Tacoma, and sentenced to serve four years in the Walla Walla penitentiary. While being taken to the Hinton Electric Company, he was arrested at Portland on Monday.

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NATIONAL PARK DEPUTATIONS FROM NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, BOARD OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO WAIT ON GOVERNMENT.

It is probable that committees representing the Board of Trade, the Natural History Society, and the local branch of the Vancouver Island National Park League, will wait on the provincial government at an early date to request that something be done towards preserving a section of the island interior for a National Park.

For some weeks the proposal has been considered by the several bodies, but nothing definite has been done because of the fact that all the information wanted was not available. It is understood that the petition has now been drafted and that it may be presented to the authorities in an intelligent manner.

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KETTLE VALLEY ROAD'S PRESIDENT COMING

Understood That Work Upon the Road Will Be Actually Prosecuted in the Near Future.

Word has been received from Mr. James J. Warren, president of the Kettle River Valley Railway Co., that he is now on his way to British Columbia, and will probably make it convenient to visit Victoria in the near future. President Warren has been confident that an immediate commencement of construction contracts for the building of the Kettle River line being understood to have been let on Friday last, although no definite word has yet reached this city as to the agreement for its construction.

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COPPER COMPANY'S MEN ON STRIKE

General Regret That Acute Situation Has Arisen.—Men Believed to Have Acted Precipitately.

In the opinion of gentlemen closely in touch with conditions in the Greenwood camp the news given in a Colonist dispatch of yesterday that a strike had been declared by the B. C. Copper Co. employees of the B. C. Copper Co., operating the Mother Lode mine and smelter, is a most regrettable occurrence. It is believed that the action taken by the miners is likely to produce widespread consequences of injury to the general economy of the province. The issue between the B. C. Copper Co. and its men at Greenwood is neither one of desired higher wages nor yet shorter hours. It is a question of a question of union recognition, for practically all the workmen objected to by the body referred to in the strike are unionists, although not members of the Western Federation, now merging with the U. M. W. It is the latter body that has now taken the last recourse of dissatisfied labor, in order to compel recognition solely of the Federation as the governing body of the labor to be utilized in the camp.

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DOMINION TO SQUARE ACCOUNT

Vote Passed for Fisheries Fees Due the Province As Its Share Under the Old Arrangement.

A vote of \$54,137 contained in the current estimates of the Dominion for the provision for a share of the claim of British Columbia for a share of the Dominion fishery license collected by the Dominion from 1901 to 1909, was passed by the Dominion House of Commons on April 18, 1910. This agreement permitted the Dominion to continue to exercise complete jurisdiction over the fisheries matters, for the avoidance of friction, although the judgment of the privy council has affirmed the provincial jurisdiction in certain features of the industry. It was arranged that a division of receipts should follow—arbitration being resorted to in relative proportions as to the Dominion and the province in such fishery revenues. Durice and tea wood between the two countries.

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WILL BOULD LINE TO DEVELOP WINES

Canadian Northern Railway Officials en Route North to Construct Portland Canal Road—Material Ordered

Two orders to proceed to Portland Canada and to build a railroad to develop the mines and the about all there is to it," declared W. H. Grant, superintendent of construction for the Canadian Northern railway, who reached Victoria from the East, en route North, last evening. He said that he had his instructions direct from D. D. Mann, that he was going to leave for Stewart in a few days, and that operations would be hurried. "Docks will be the first necessary," explained Mr. Grant. He stated that these would be constructed at Stewart and that the immediate use would be the reception of supplies for the projected road. In order that the material be handled readily they would have to be undertaken promptly and completed as soon as practicable.

VICTORIA DOGS OFF TO TACOMA

Large Number of Blooded Canines to Take Part in Competition Under Major Taylor. A number of Victoria dog fanciers, with blooded canines left for Tacoma Monday night, for the annual Tacoma Kennel Club's show, which opens today and will be continued until Saturday afternoon. The string which will represent the city is strong and is expected to make a sweep of the plume offered in at least a few of the classes.

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CURIOUS AS TO TITANA MEASURE

Amendments to Canada Temperance Act to Apply Solely to British Columbia Projected by Dominion House

Considerable curiosity is expressed, both in Victoria and at Vancouver, in respect to the origin and intention of the bill which Hon. Charles Murphy has just introduced in the Federal house in the form of amendments to the Canada Temperance act, more generally known as the Scott act. It is explained in a despatch from Ottawa, that the amendments will apply solely to the province of British Columbia, the object being to meet the new definition of "public places" recently made by the Provincial legislature, and to remove anomalies in the wording of the present act, in so far as any district in British Columbia wishes to apply the Scott act, the present wording would not cause confusion.

TITAN STARTS ON VOYAGE TO LIVERPOOL

Steamer Titan, of the Blue Funnel Line, Capt. Day, sailed from the Outer Wharf, Victoria, this morning, with a cargo of 10,000 tons of general cargo, and 17 Chinese stevedore passengers. The Titan had in her cargo a shipment of 1300 tons of flour for London and Liverpool. The lower freight offered because of the general sickness, enabled the shipper to make a profit on the cargo. The steamer Titan, a similar ship, was made a year ago. The cargo in general merchandise. On the liner's deck was a shipment of poles for use as masts in British yachts. The passengers included seven Chinese.

GEORGIA LEAVES FOR MEXICAN PORTS

Canadian-Mexican Liner Took Grain Cargo—Knight of St. George Arrives for Southern Republic. Steamer Georgia, of the Canadian line, left for Mexico yesterday, loaded with grain. The Londale is being heavy weather, being due from Salina Cruz on Monday, and she will be rushed south with another cargo of grain. The Knight of St. George also sailed yesterday, taking a full cargo of grain. She took four passengers among them being Capt. E. J. Locke, brother of the captain of the Armut, who is bound to Manzanillo with two engineers, to bring the tug Colima north.

TEES LEAVES FOR WEST COAST PORTS

Took Surveying Party to Kyuquot for Local Fire—Full Complement of Passengers on Vessel

Steamer Tees, Captain Gilliam, left for the West Coast last night bound for Quatano and West Coast ports. The vessel has a good cargo and a full complement of passengers. Included among the passengers is a party of 20 bound to Kyuquot to engage in surveying for Gore and McGregor's claims. Other passengers were C. Dolley, Mrs. E. Hillier, R. S. Gallop, and Miss E. Fregon.

POINT GREY IS TO HAVE STREET LIGHTS

A white woman giving Mrs. Chose On as her name, and asserting that she is the mermaid wife of a Chinaman with whom she is travelling, was arrested in a Chinese house at Kamloops Monday night, and held without warrant. Her movements and heard her remarks of the street, she was taken before Mayor Robinson on Tuesday and remanded.

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